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FROM KATHY...

Happy fall, y'all! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the cooler temperatures. Although there is still plenty to enjoy in our gardens, it is time to ready them for winter. I, for one, enjoy the cooler temperatures and all that they bring. Hopefully fall weather will last a while this year instead of diving right from summer to winter.

I've been reading through my copy of the Master Gardener's "Gardening Almanac for the Plateau." It contains good gardening advice for every month of the year. I'd like to share with you a few tips for the month of October.

- Reminder that the first frost date on average is around October 15th
- After planting daffodils or other bulbs fertilize with a slow release bulb booster product (9-9-6 or 18-6-12)
- Perennials can use fertilizing now to help root systems
- Plant reseeding annuals such as pansies and violas
- Now is a good time to plant new shrubs or trees
- Continue to water garden areas, especially new plantings. Water slowly and deeply.

I also found this interesting... there is a "once in a blue moon" experience happening in October this year. October 1st is the Harvest Moon and October 31st will be the Hunter's Moon. Although typically the moon rises 50 minutes later each day, things are different for the Harvest Moon and Hunter's Moon. Both of these moons usually rise 30 minutes later on each successive night which means that sunset and moonrise are not far apart. This means there are prolonged periods of light during this time of the year which is the reason why these moons have traditionally been used by hunters and farmers to finish their work. Isn't nature fascinating???

Now for a little bit of business... the FG Garden Club Leader Board has made the official decision to not meet for the remainder of the year. I know we all miss getting together, but we feel we must put safety first and follow what the FG Community Church (where we meet) is doing. There is a group of Leader Board members who are working on ideas for virtual meetings if we are still unable to meet in the new year. We will keep you updated as things develop and/or change. Stay safe and well!

FG GARDEN CLUB WILL BE AT THE UPCOMING EVENTS – COME AND SAY HI!

- Hit the Trails Festival – Saturday, October 3rd – 10:00am – 2:00pm at the 4 corners in FG
 - Get Involved Expo – Thursday, October 15th – 10:00am – 1:00pm at the 4 corners in FG
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