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“Autumn writes her own poetry. We are merely observers.” – Terri Guillemets

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

From Sue Niebuhr

Thanks to all of you who attended the New Members Reception. It was enjoyable to get a chance to talk to you all, get to know you a little bit, and have you get to know the club a little bit. We really appreciated the discussions and your input. Hopefully, you'll feel more comfortable continuing to share your thoughts with us.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 16

Just a reminder . . . there will be no members' meeting at the Community Church in October. Instead, there will be a Members' Only event at Jake's Barn, Oaklawn Farms. This meeting will be open only to those of you who have signed up. Look for an email with more details about that day.

LOST AND FOUND

A sweater was left behind at the September members' meeting. To claim it, call Sue Niebuhr, 440-376-4110, uwesue1@gmail.com.

CLASSES

Landscape Solutions will be offering some classes in October on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. If you'd like to attend, contact Erin at landscapesolutions@frontiernet.net.

- October 6th, \$15. “**Hits from the Nursery**”. Dr. Bachman will discuss his favorite plants from around the nursery. Take a tour with him for a fun and informative gardening experience. Everyone will go home with one of Dr. Bachman's “must haves.”
- October 13th, \$15. “**Yard Smart**”. Learn what it means to be TN Yard Smart with Garden Club member. Master Gardener Linda Glenn will teach how smart garden practices can lead to benefits for your home, community, environment, and how to get certified. Everyone will go home with a native, pollinator-attracting plant.
- October 20th, \$15. “**Birding 101**”. Chris Jurkovic will be teaching birding basics. Chris has a wealth of knowledge in caring for and feeding our local birds. Learn which seeds will attract what birds and bring the joy of birding to your own yard. Everyone will go home with a special treat to get started.
- October 27th, \$15. “**Decoupage Pumpkins**”. This hands-on craft is a showstopper! Landscape Solutions supplies the pumpkins, Mother Nature supplies the art supplies and inspiration.

SMART YARDS

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From Suzanne Wade

If you haven't already, remember to go online [HERE](#) and complete the Smart Yards Survey. In the comment section at the end, if you want help with a related issue, include your contact information.

LOOK WHAT WE DUG UP!!



By Kathy Spancake and Nathy

It is a question many gardeners ask each and every fall. Is it possible to recycle the soil in my hanging baskets so that I can use it again next year?

3 SIMPLE WAYS TO RECYCLE HANGING BASKET SOIL & PLANTS

Since it's a time when many hanging basket plants (and container plants too) begin to reach their end, knowing how much they spent on potting soil just a few months earlier, gardeners hate to just throw it all away. One thing is for sure, potting soil is expensive, why not recycle and recharge it so you can use it again? Not only can it save big on the gardening budget, it's actually quite easy to do! Although the soil inside of baskets and containers might be depleted of nutrients by the end of the growing season, it still has plenty of value, as does the failing foliage from the plants that grew from the soil below. Creating a soil recharging bin is one of the best ways of all to recycle your plants and soil over the winter. A soil recharging bin can be made from an old tub, a drum barrel, or an existing compost bin.



#1) Create a "Soil Recharging Bin"

If using a tub or barrel, always poke a few holes in the bottom to help drain away any excess moisture. Dump in all the old soil from your pots and baskets. Chop up all the foliage from the plants as small as possible and toss in as well. Add in some additional composting materials that can quickly break down and recharge the soil. This includes green grass clippings, shredded leaves, coffee grounds and chopped vegetable peels. Place these materials in as available until mid to late fall. As for how much to add of new materials, a good rule of thumb is double the size of the soil mass.

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#2) Traditional Composting

If a dedicated soil recharging bin is not an option, a traditional compost pile is the next best choice! What makes the spent container soil and foliage so valuable for a compost pile is that it adds instant substance. The old soil mixes easily into a pile and quickly break down leaves, twigs and many of the other additions to a fall compost pile.



#3) Trench Composting

Start by digging a small hole or trench into the soil of your garden or flowerbeds. You can dig the trench or hole near existing plants as long as you don't disturb the roots of nearby plants. Next, break up the root ball and foliage of the plants to be recycled with a sharp shovel and scatter into the hole. Cover with a bit of existing soil, and just like that, you have helped to improve the soil for next year's flowers or crops!

Hopefully this will inspire you to recycle your old hanging baskets and potted plants and save some money in the spring on potting soil. To read the entire article just follow this link:

https://thisismyarden.com/2021/09/recycle-hanging-basket-soil/?fbclid=IwAR3p0HIMTMX8UiL0pQUk4t2iJzM4tm_whSUC2hSncVXaWsodZXYGvkYWIOU

Each month Nathy and Kathy plan to publish a hopefully, somewhat unique, gardening tip. If anyone has a tip they would like to share, please email Kathy at kathy.spancake@gmail.com.

Attachment: September 2022 FG GC Members Minutes

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