



Newsletter

November 2023

Dates and Events (events are free unless noted)

Thurs. Nov. 9, 12-1pm. "Getting Started with Native Plants" virtual lunch and learn. Register on Camden County Extension website, www.caes.uga.edu/extension/camden

Wild Amelia Wild Nite – Tues. Nov. 14, 7 pm – "What is a Pest?". Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina.

Announcements

Fig Leaf – We are collecting items for Camden House and Helping Hands food pantry. Personal care items for women and children, nonperishable food items, and disposable diapers. Bring to December 12 meeting.

Thurs. Nov. 16 10 AM -- Amaryllis potting party with residents of Senior Care Center, 805 Dilworth St, St. Marys

Garden to-dos for November

Plant annuals like pansies, petunias, snapdragons, dianthus, alyssum for winter color, winter- and spring-flowering shrubs, bare-root fruit trees, citrus. Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants). Repot cacti and succulents, if needed, once they have finished blooming. Plant winter-blooming perennials, bare-root roses, bare root trees, shrubs, vines. Prune deciduous trees, fall and winter-flowering shrubs and vines just after bloom. Sow seeds and plant seedlings of cool-season or winter vegetables like beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, bulbing onions, radishes. Repair or plant lawns, rake lawns to remove debris. Towards the end of the month, begin mulching sensitive plants for winter.

The Garden Maven's Advice to the "Floralorn"

Dear Garden Maven,

My annuals have done very well this year, and are still blooming. How do I save some seeds for next year?

Frugal Gardener

Dear Frugal,

Annuals, especially open-pollinated varieties, are in general easy to start from saved seed. Marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, calendula, morning glory, sunflowers, and tithonia can save a lot of money for you next season if you save the seeds now. The seeds are ready to harvest about a month after the blooms fade, when the seed heads turn brown. Let them fully dry on the plant. On a sunny day when the dew has had time to dry from the plants, cut the seed heads off the plant and put them in a brown paper bag. Sometimes shaking the bag is enough to separate the seeds from the pods and stems. Spread seeds on paper in a darkened room and dry for about a week. Then store in small jars or in envelopes. Don't forget to label them!

The Maven

Plant Hero of the Month: Confederate rose is in full bloom, the sleeping hibiscus is beginning its seasonal show, and the roses are deepening their colors and enjoying the cooler weather!