

St Marys Garden Club Newsletter

November 2015

Dates and Events (events are free unless noted)

Nassau Extension Plant Clinics (10am): Nov. 2 and Nov. 16 (Monday), Yulee County Bldg. (86026 Pages Dairy Rd.)
Bring your sick plants in a bag for diagnosis.

Weds. Nov. 4 – 10-11:30am – *“Holiday Mailbox Decoration”*, Yulee County Bldg. (86026 Pages Dairy Rd., Yulee)

Wild Amelia Wild Nite – Tues. Nov. 10, 7 pm – *“The Invasive Lionfish”*, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

Announcements

Critter Workshop – Thursday, November 12, 10 am – 4 pm at Judy’s house. Bring clippers, tweezers, acorns, and glue guns if you have them. We will be making critters for the display at the Welcome Center. This year it is the Grinch, so we will be making lots of “Who’s”, some reindeer, and maybe a possum or raccoon and a sleighful of stolen Who-presents. Also, some Who-houses, which will somewhat resemble round roof fairy houses. It should be fun. There will be cake. Come for an hour or bring a lunch and stay all day.

Fig Leaf – Bring to November meeting: personal care items and underwear, sweatpants, t-shirts, nonskid socks or slippers for Christmas distribution at the local senior care facilities. Larger sizes are needed, unused greeting cards welcome.

Garden to-dos for November

Plant winter vegetables like beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, bulbing onions, radishes. Plant flowers like pansies, petunias, snapdragons, dianthus, alyssum, and plant sweet pea seeds for bloom in spring. Plant perennials like Mexican bush sage, pineapple sage, firespike, Philippine violet, and cuphea (cigar flower). Put out suet feeders to attract woodpeckers. Towards the end of the month, begin mulching sensitive plants for winter.

The Garden Maven’s Advice to the “Floralorn”

No questions this month – in the spirit of Thanksgiving, here are a few things one Camden County gardener is thankful for.

Butterflies in January.

No Japanese beetles.

Not much poison ivy.

When was the last time you saw a dandelion?

Year round gardening.

Lots of bushes that bloom again and again year round.

Wild critters in my yard.

Camellias, camellias, camellias.

Free mulch that grows on trees.

Beautiful sunny weather most of the time.

And most of all, garden club friends to share plants, information, and happy hours working on our projects!

Happy Thanksgiving to all my garden club friends!

The Maven

Plant Hero of the Month: Confederate roses are in full bloom. They root easily from cuttings in the spring.