



St Marys Garden Club Newsletter November 2022

Dates and Events (events are free unless noted)

Wild Amelia Wild Nite – Tues. Nov. 8, 7 pm – “Amelia Sea Turtle Update” . Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina.

Thurs. Nov. 10, noon. “Sago Palms”, virtual lunch and learn. Register on Camden County Extension website.

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 meeting.

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,

I have a lemon tree that I got at the plant sale around 5 years ago. I believe it was started from a seed. It has grown quite a bit, but has never bloomed. Should I keep on hoping? Will I someday get a lemon? Or should I bite a realist’s bullet and throw it on the compost pile?

Daydream Believer

Dear Believer,

Don’t Stop Believin’, at least for a few more years. Your late bloomer may be a Homecoming Queen yet. Trees grown from seed take a lot longer to bloom than their grafted cousins. Five to ten years before they bloom on average. So be patient and treat the tree well. Fertilize it, protect it from frost, and give it plenty of sunshine. Talk to it and encourage it to be all that it can be..... It will usually not be as good as its parent, but you’ve come this far so not sticking around for the outcome doesn’t seem like a good option. Hopefully one of these years you can open a lemonade stand!

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!