

# St Marys Garden Club Newsletter

## April 2020

**Dates and Events – It's not an April Fool, absolutely no place to go for at least the next month.** My yard is going to be a showplace because there is nothing else to do but clip and weed. (Well, housework, but so far I have succeeded in fighting off those urges.) Stay safe and healthy! Already planning my garden party for when this is all over and life gets back to normal!

**Garden to-dos for April** Deadhead cool season annuals. Pick up old camellia and azalea blooms and discard to prevent blight. Clean up cold damaged plants, gingers can be cut back to the ground. Plant bulbs like agapanthus, caladiums, amaryllis, begonias, crinum, rain lilies. Reshape perennials. Fertilize citrus. Plant single (not double) zinnias to feed monarchs. If you have any milkweed to feed some hungry monarch caterpillars, call Gail Farley.

### **Announcements**

Darlene, Gail Farley, and Pam have agreed to chair the plant sale, and now that we have all of this at-home time to fill, we can do our best to make sure the October sale is a big success! Spring is the time to divide perennials, so as you do so, please pot up a few for the sale. **Gail and Pam have pots that you can pick up while maintaining social distance. It would be a good idea to text them to let them know you are picking them up or if you have any questions about sizes, etc.**

**Pam – 404 W. Conyers** (just down the street from the Presbyterian) **520-743-6080** -- I have an alleyway in back of my house where the containers are by my garage. Make a right from Osborne on to Conyers, go past my house (404) and turn right on Mahan (dirt road), then make a right down the alleyway just behind the house with the jasmine on the white picket fence. My house is the third one in (there are only 3 houses). They will be to the left of garage when facing it. It would be good if people could come get sooner than later. I don't know how I would contain them if we got some serious winds.

**Gail Farley -467-4482. 1206 Mush Bluff Rd. 912-464-7668.** Turn left onto Mush Bluff Rd. at the end of Charlie Smith highway. House is down aways on the left. Pots are in the driveway.

### **The Garden Maven's Advice to the "Floralorn"**

**Dear Garden Maniac:**

Hello, my name is Harvey "Ace" Holle, a former farmer, chicken farmer and rodent rancher. My prowess in the agricultural arts is not what you may describe as superior, average, adequate or poor, but more likely dismal, terrible or absolutely without merit.

However, I am determined to give it one last try. As you may have guessed, I am not a spring chicken (no pun intended). Although certainly not as old, deteriorated, wrinkled, over the hill, on the downside of 70 or broken down as you, I still have at least one more attempt in me.

Last year I gave it a shot with corn farming. The corn was intended to be squeezed, cooked, and distilled into something that would provide a shot or two or three, etc... I bought a new tractor, several implements, a straw hat, bib overalls, a pitchfork and several pairs of boots 2 sizes too small. I also procured the services of a professional photographer to photograph my wife, the lovely Mrs. Holle, and me and the new bib overalls and the pitchfork.

All of that planning, expense and hard work down the drain again. No corn, just a couple of bunions. I ask you Garden Maniac, is there any hope for this poor sober Irishman with a touch of the "thirst"? Recommendations Please!

**Your devoted and younger follower,**

**Harvey "Ace" Holle**

**Dear "Ace",**

Words fail me. Perhaps a career change is in order. I hear that there is a great future in doughnuts. And the holes would not only be easy to produce (you don't even need flour to make them) but you would have a natural brand name – Ace Holle's doughnut holes! Or you and the lovely Mrs. H could become mimes or country singers (you already have the bib overalls). I do not feel that agriculture is the path for you. Now limp away in your little boots and never insult my mavenhood again.

**The Maven**

**Plant Hero of the Month:** Oak trees are shedding their tassels early this year. Most things are starting to put out new growth, but some things like caladiums and gingers will be taking a while longer.

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