



FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

SPECIAL DATES

OCT. 9, 2008 - Bldg. 4900
6 pm light meal (mini charge)
6:30 pm Meeting & Program
**“Curing the Garden
Hangover.”**
Speaker: Kat Campbell
April 3-5, 2009-Emerald
Coast Flower & Garden Festival

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From Your President

I hope that everyone has had a delightful and colorful summer. As usual, there has been either too much rain or like now, not nearly enough. However, if you attended the last membership meeting (which are always free, by the way) you were enticed into making a rain barrel by the delightful duo of Tina and Art Tuttle. These rain barrels can really contribute so much to your gardening needs. Tina and Art were wonderfully explicit in their presentation and supplied us with all the directions needed for DIYers. If you don't want to or can't make your own, be sure to purchase a rain barrel. They really come in handy, helps to conserve precious rainwater, and can be painted to be attractive in the environment.



Our upcoming program on October 9th, 2008 will amaze you. You will learn all kinds of wonderful things that your garden can provide for you other than flowers and food. Our very special guest speaker is the one and only Kat Campbell, who will discuss "Curing the Garden Hangover." She will discuss horticultural therapy, aromatherapy, herbology, organic nutrition, and gardening for a healthier lifestyle. Kat is the bubbly and enthusiastic Academic Recruiter for the University of Florida-Milton campus. This is a program that you won't want to miss.

Now I need your help. We have some openings on our Board of Directors. If you have the time to meet once a

month on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 o'clock on campus and would like to have an input and help make decisions that can affect the gardens, the public and students of the UF in Milton, please let me or any of the Board know. We welcome your help. Our newest member is

Donna May Skraboly. She took the job of Signage. She wasted no time and had a program set up to print and preserve the signs used to label the plants in the garden. She is a delightful addition to our Board. I'm sure she would

join me in welcoming you to join us also.

We were very proud of the gorgeous gardens for the opening of the annual Farm Tour. Not only was the weather perfect but there were so many things in bloom for this time of year. I observed more people strolling through the gardens than ever before. There were so many questions and comments about various plants also. Don't forget, you can self tour the gardens or request a guided tour for groups. Ann Jeffcoat, a SRC Master Gardener, is in charge of the volunteer work done at the gardens and will be glad to set up a tour for you.

See you on Thurs., Oct. 9th at 6:00 pm for a light meal and at 6:30 pm for our meeting in Building #4900.

Sonya Robinson



Kat Campbell accepting check for UF Horticulture Scholarships

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!!!

The following University of Florida students are to be congratulated. Each of them is the recipient of scholarship monies from the Friends of the Gardens organization for use on the Milton Campus of UF.

- Darlene Bonelli
- Audrey Davis
- Ryan Gierisch
- Leah McCue
- David Mitchell
- Matt Montee
- Carman Whitaker

Additional scholarships will be awarded in the Spring Semester, 2009.

Additionally, Friends of the Gardens awards an annual scholarship of \$250.00 to a student at PJC, Milton Campus in the field of Horticultural Studies. As a trial service we are paying for a local student to work as an Intern in the gardens. We have never done this before so we will see how this works out. At present time, it is a tremendous help for both the gardens, the volunteers and the student intern.

Twilight In The Garden scheduled for October 11, at the Milton UF/PJC campus, has been canceled. Ticket holders will receive a refund by mail. For information call 632-6735 or 936-4150.

Plant seeds of Kindness
 Cultivate Lasting Friendships
 Turn mistakes into rich Compost
 Always dew your Best!

Fall in the Garden!!

NOW is a wonderful time to visit the Garden. Everything is blooming and the Butterflies and Bees are busy going from one blossom to another. Check out the beautiful Benches that have been re-done and



painted by Dr. Lundy! Be sure to check them out and THANK him for his 'labor of love.'



Do you have any idea how many hours he spent sanding each bench???

What is your guess?

AGAIN, we thank you, Dr. Herb Lundy!

Support Friends of the Gardens of NW Florida

Honor someone in your Family, Garden Club, or someone special or yourself.

Purchase an engraved **Brick or Paver** that will become a part of the walkways in the Garden.

BRICKS can have 2 lines with up to 14 letters and spaces per line. ALL LETTERS ARE CAPITALS. Price per brick \$30.00.

PAVERS can have 4 lines with up to 14 letters and spaces per line. ALL LETTERS ARE CAPITALS. Price per paver \$60.00.

Make Checks payable to: "F.O.G."
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Get out your Spring calendar and mark the dates now for the 12th Annual Emerald Coast Flower and Garden Festival: **April 3-5, 2009.**

Plans are underway to host a Small Standard Flower Show in the gymnasium (Many of you told us you missed it last year and requested that we bring it back.)

We are hoping to bring a well-known speaker to the Student Center to give a couple of timely gardening lectures on Saturday April 4, 2009...stay tuned for more information on that event, ticketing, and the name of the speaker.

We will have lots of vendors of plants and garden-related items for the "plant-a-holics" among you. If you have the name of a new vendor, or two, please don't hesitate to let me know. Send it to me at the e-mail below and I'll send them an invitation. We are always on the look-out for new and different plant vendors...as well as vendors of 'garden related' items. There's plenty of room on Campus.

Looking forward to seeing you over the weekend of 3-5 April, 2009.

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Gina Jogan, Festival Chmn.,



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Garden Tips for September and October

Flowers

- Cut back leggy herbaceous flowering plants and remove old flower stalks. Re-fertilize in order to obtain one more color burst before cool weather.
- Prepare beds for the planting of cool season annuals. Some plants to establish for fall, winter, and early spring include: pansy, petunia, snapdragon, larkspur, bachelor button, calendula, alyssum, dianthus and candytuft.
- Divide and replant perennials and bulbs that have grown too large or need rejuvenation, such as ajuga, amaryllis, canna, day-lily, liriopse and mondo grass.
- To get a holiday cactus or poinsettia to bloom for Christmas be sure it is NOT getting light at

night. Starting approximately October 1st, put the plants in a dark area that receives no light from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Keep putting it in the dark at night for one month for the cactus, six to eight weeks for the poinsettia. Place the plant in its normal growing area during the day so that it gets sufficient light.

Trees and Shrubs

September is your last opportunity of the year to fertilize shrubs and trees in the landscape.

- This is probably the worst time of year to do major pruning of shrubs. Late summer and fall pruning can stimulate tender growth that might be damaged by low winter temperatures. (cont'd on page 4)

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**Catch a ride with the
'golf-cart Grannies!'**





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Daffodil Bulb Sale

Escambia County Master Gardeners are selling Daffodils this year, beginning at the Green Thumb Jamboree at the Ext Svs Auditorium on October 11th, 8am until noon. Here is their website where you may view the bulbs and the prices: <http://escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/hort/daffodils.pdf>. I'd like to extend our garden club reach a bit farther and offering you folks an opportunity to purchase bulbs through pre-sale. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell: 850-529-4387 or my home: 850-453-5376. The Daffodils will also be sold at the Garden Center here in Pensacola on October 28, 29 and 30. But early ordering will give you a better chance at the varieties you want. Thanks, Sue Warner
buckisue@hotmail.com

Garden Tips for September and October (cont'd)

- Fall is a better time than spring for planting trees and shrubs. They respond well to planting late in the year because our relatively mild winters allow for root growth. Fall-planted shrubs are well on their way toward having their roots established before hot weather arrives next spring.

- Pine needles make excellent mulch and needles typically fall during September and October. Rake and use them in the vegetable and flower garden as well as in shrub beds. Apply generously to obtain a depth of 2 to 3 inches on the soil surface after they have settled.

Vegetables

- Prepare the fall vegetable garden by incorporating organic amendments into the soil. Allow about 3 weeks between the incorporation of amendments and planting. Cool-season vegetables/herbs that can be planted include: beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, kohlrabi, mustard, onions, parsley, radishes and turnips.



- Begin planting strawberries in mid to late October. Set out strawberry plants in the garden, in planters or in "strawberry jars". For more information view the

"Strawberries in the Florida Garden"
(<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH029>).



Lawns

- September will be the last month to fertilize lawns using a nitrogen-containing fertilizer. Unless a soil test indicates that the lawn needs phosphorus, use a low or no-phosphorus fertilizer such as a 15-0-15.

- For green grass this winter, overseed the permanent lawn with annual ryegrass during October and early November. Though a well kept winter lawn can be attractive, it requires a commitment. Regular mowing, irrigation and a couple of light, supplemental applications of fertilizer will be required during the winter in order to keep the lawn looking its best. For more information view the UF/IFAS publication "Overseeding Florida Lawns for Winter Color" (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP098>).

- If winter weeds are a recurring lawn problem, apply a pre-emergence herbicide in early October. Follow label directions carefully. For more information view the UF/IFAS publication "Weed Management in Home Lawns" (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP141>).

