

EDELWEISS NEWS



Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

October 2, 2017

DRIED ARRANGEMENT MAKE AND TAKE:

This month we are going to be making dry/dried arrangements and all we are requiring is that you bring your own container be it a vase, flowerpot, box, basket, bucket or a rusty old piece of iron with a hole in it. You might also bring along a pruner or some heavy scissors to cut the dried material for your arrangement. We hope to have enough foam, wire, dry flowers and foliage for the arrangements. I find this activity to be fun and easy for the beginner and sometimes harder for the more experienced among us because we want to do something different from what we did in the past. So if you want to come and make a dry arrangement please feel free to come and join us on November 7, 2017 at 6:30p.m. at the Bluffton Public Library in the basement meeting room. Now for those members and friends who have any materials that could be used for the arrangements please bring them to the meeting earlier (if you can) as I do not have as much this year as I did last year.

Winter tree identification:

Our October 3rd meeting was quite interesting, we learned that the fall color change is solely controlled by the fall temperatures. For us to have a good fall color display we need for the temperatures to go down to the forties at night for a while so the chlorophyll can move out of the leaves and reveal the leaves color without it. As for how to identify trees you need to know the trees physical characteristics such as bud scars twig shape tree shape and so on. It was a good meeting.



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The Garden Now:

Right now is that interesting time of the year when we actually don't have very much to do in the garden and are glad that it is over for the year, but a little sad that we have to wait till spring for the fun to begin again.

What do I hear? Is it seed catalogs winding their way through the mail to get into our mailbox. Well maybe I won't order so much this winter and maybe I will plant a little less than I did this year. I probably should draw out a plan to the garden since I can still look at it and change where and what I plant and stick to it. Oh my will there be some new tomato or pepper that I will have to try? Can I restrain myself from that trap or will I step gleefully into it again? I will probably do just that so get prepared to do it all over again next spring.

Scheduling the new year:

March 7, 2017 Seed Starting 6:30p.m. B.P.L. ~
April 4, 2017 Woody Ornamental Cutting/Propagation 6:30p.m. B.P.L. ~
May 2, 2017 Beneficial Insects 6:30p.m. B.P.L. ~
June 6, 2017 Butterflies and Bees 6:30 B.P.L. ~
July 11, 2017 Leaf Casting 6:00p.m. Victoria's
August 1, 2017 Caladiums, 6:00p.m. meet at Family Dollar ~
September 5, 2017 Succulents, 6:00p.m. meet at Family Dollar ~
October 3, 2017 Winter/Bark Tree I.D. 6:30p.m. B.P.L.
November 7, 2017 Dried Arrangements 6:30p.m. B.P.L.
December 5, 2017 Party 6:00p.m. B.P.L.

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**How long will it be
till the snow flies
again.**