



Quail's Tales

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President's Preface

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Although the weather with its sunny days and summery temps is not consistent with the calendar date, Mother Nature tells us otherwise. Late blooming flowers are going to seed and plant foliage is drying and turning brown. It's time to tidy up the gardens, except for those "winter interest" plants. Good to do this before cold weather hits (you know it's coming) and all of those leaves fall. Mother knows best.

Now would also be the time to move those plants that need a better placement, while the garden layout is still fresh in our minds. There may be some good ideas for native plant additions from this month's presenter, Ron Overton. October's colorful leaf display and generally agreeable weather will see us thru to Halloween.

There will be November to catch up on those outdoor chores. I'm always still busy cleaning up in November. It's also the perfect time to learn tips on keeping our houseplants healthy and lush and an inspiration in the winter months to come. Who better to guide us with her wit and wisdom than Lisa Steinkopf.

Happy Pumpkining---carved in a jack-o-lantern or baked in a pie.

~ Sandy



Happy Autumn!

Upcoming Programs

October 08, 2015 Program

Hill and Dale welcomes Ron Overton as he presents "Native Plants and Biodiversity. Ron is an Advanced Master Gardner and a member of the MGC State Board for Environmental Issues & Wild Life Habitat.

November 12, 2015 Program

Lisa Steinhoff will present a program entitled "Festive Flowers—Foliage". It will be nice to have our own Lisa back to talk to us about taking care of holiday house plants & greens used in arrangements.

**Programs begin @ 7:30 PM, Heritage Park, Spicer House.

"The World of Tillandsias"



On September 10, Mari Thomas-Beals presented a program entitled "The World of Tillandsia". Many Hill and Dale member windows will be showing off newly purchased Tillandsias thanks to the informative talk.

So what are Tillandsia? They are a genus of around 730 species of evergreen, perennial flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae, native to the forests, mountains and deserts of Central and South America, the southern United States and the West Indies. Tillandsia are epiphytes and need no soil because water and nutrients are absorbed through the leaves. The roots are mainly used as anchors.

Hospitality Assignments

October 2015

- Diane, Shirley, & Eleanore

November 2015

- Ann & Sandy



Horticulture — Tips for the Fall

October

- ◇ Sow grass seeds in early autumn.
- ◇ Be sure to bring in plants from the porch into the house. I have had good luck with my poinsettias and Christmas cactus. Luckily we have not had a frost yet!
- ◇ Time to buy mums to be placed in the soil or just on your porch for color.
- ◇ Harvest tomatoes and squash from the garden.
- ◇ Lift dahlia bulbs to store for winter.
- ◇ Plant daffodil and tulip bulbs, and clematis.
- ◇ Clean up rose leaves and mulch with soil to protect roses for winter.
- ◇ Lift and divide overgrown perennials.
- ◇ Give your garden one last soaking, especially ever-greens.

November

- ◇ Gather geraniums and wash off roots, put in paper bag, seal and store in closet. Check in January/February to see if any green appears... I had luck last year.
- ◇ Prune shrubs and trees, cut mums down to stimulate new growth if evidence of scale, spray with dormant spray.
- ◇ Divide lilies, bleeding hearts, phlox and peonies.
- ◇ New perennials can be planted. Tomatoes can be ripened indoors in paper bag.
- ◇ Survey your garden and even take pictures to see if you need to change anything.

Happy Gardening! ~ Amy



Things to Remember

- ◆ **District I - Fall 2015 Meeting**, Thursday October 15, 2015 - The meeting will be hosted by the North Farmington Garden Club and held at the Italian-American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 W. Five Mile Rd., Livonia. 9:15am-2:30pm. Cost \$25.00. Theme: "On the Wild Side."
- ◆ **Heritage Park Gardens** —Your Help is Needed to maintain the Heritage Park Gardens! The formal work time is Thursday morning, but extra hands are welcome any time.
- ◆ **Junior Gardeners**, Saturday October 17, 2015 - The next Junior Gardener presentation will feature "How to Plant Crocus Bulbs". Children from age 5 and older are welcomed to join the fun at Farmington Library (downtown) from 11a.m. to noon. Please register by contacting the library. No cost.



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Happy Birthday!!

October

11 - Ann
 11 - Yolanda

November

4 - Peg Dapkus



Thank You

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