



*Trent Woods Garden Club*

*October 2020*

Greetings, All!

First of all, I hope you are enjoying this cooler weather. My plants are rejuvenated and blooming again. We are so excited to finally meet next Thursday as we begin our 59<sup>th</sup> year as Trent Woods Garden Club. Please check this newsletter for all the particulars as far as luncheon reservations. We ask you to wear masks or face coverings and seating will be socially distanced. Our speaker is our very own, Maureen Loomer, who will inform and entertain us. Seasonal design will be very different and hopefully will attract many of you to participate in this monthly floral design activity.

Also, our Yearbooks are complete thanks to the editor, Judy Lott, Frances Eder and Deb Tallman. If you are not attending the October meeting, the board will be delivering the Yearbook to you so you will have all pertinent member information.

Although Garden Therapy and Youth Gardeners have been delayed until 2021. We will be meeting on Oct. 12 to make 160 little bouquets for Meals on Wheels. All details are in this newsletter. Please enjoy the articles and beautiful photos shared by our members! And always check the web site for coming events here in Craven County and in other areas in the state. Stay safe and take care.

Fondly, Paula

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And  
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## TWGC General Meeting

October 8, 2020

At New Bern Golf and Country  
Club

10:00 AM Social time

10:30 AM Meeting begins

Luncheon will be served, the  
choices are:

Country Club Salad

or

Chicken Pecan Salad

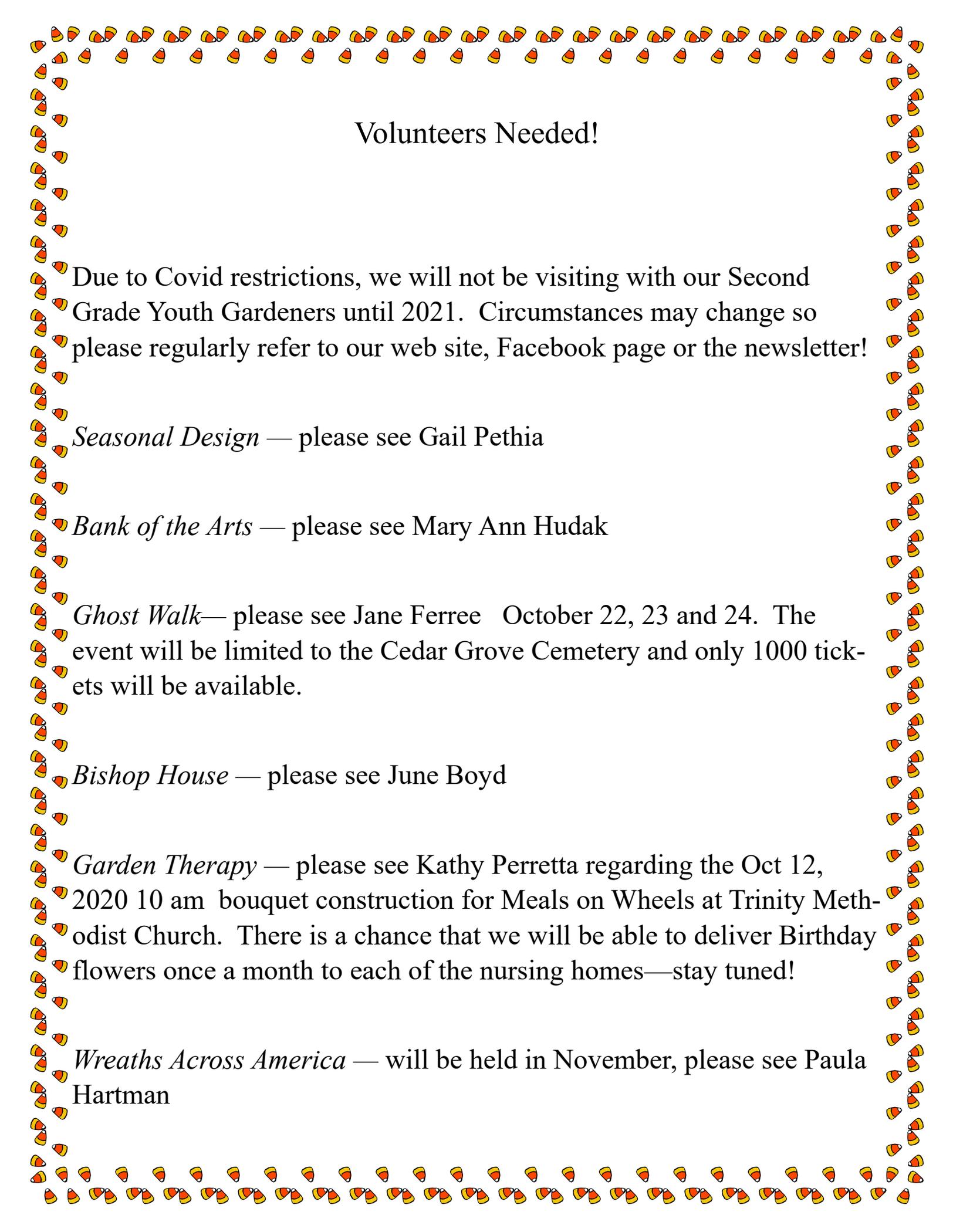
Please contact Judy Boyd to make  
a reservation and indicate your  
choice at

[judysboyd@embarqmail.com](mailto:judysboyd@embarqmail.com)

Cost \$18. due before start of meeting.

Gardening Gloves will be available  
for sale and two special plant shares  
are planned so please bring a shoe box.

Due to Covid, there will be reserved seating for anyone  
staying for lunch



## Volunteers Needed!

Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be visiting with our Second Grade Youth Gardeners until 2021. Circumstances may change so please regularly refer to our web site, Facebook page or the newsletter!

*Seasonal Design* — please see Gail Pethia

*Bank of the Arts* — please see Mary Ann Hudak

*Ghost Walk*— please see Jane Ferree October 22, 23 and 24. The event will be limited to the Cedar Grove Cemetery and only 1000 tickets will be available.

*Bishop House* — please see June Boyd

*Garden Therapy* — please see Kathy Perretta regarding the Oct 12, 2020 10 am bouquet construction for Meals on Wheels at Trinity Methodist Church. There is a chance that we will be able to deliver Birthday flowers once a month to each of the nursing homes—stay tuned!

*Wreaths Across America* — will be held in November, please see Paula Hartman

## Horticulture Corner-October

By Maureen Loomer

*And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.* — attributed to poet/playwright Oscar Wilde

The tropical systems brought us a wonderfully temperate September and the National Weather Service seems to expect a mild October as well. Of course, this is subject to change without notice, but let's be grateful for the pleasant temps.

**Maureen's Garden Report:** The swallowtail larvae have eaten up all my bronze fennel and parsley so I have done my bit for them! Things are starting to die back, but I scoured Pinecone and Lowe's for a few "leftover" perennials to put in the ground and big containers now. As most of you know, fall is a great time to put in perennial shrubs and herbs. General wisdom is that they will do fine so long as you get them planted six-eight weeks before the ground freezes. Since we rarely even get frost before Thanksgiving, we have a wider window than our friends up north. I am putting in coneflowers (in the patio containers where the deer can't get them), a few autumn sedums, and salvias. I will move the Virginia Mountain mint from the container I put it in last fall to the woodland garden. I divided my irises last fall and wish I had been a little more aggressive since they seem to have multiplied even more. I removed about a third of mine. It was the first time since I planted them seven years ago. If you are dividing yours this fall, I suggest taking out half if they are very dense (as mine were). Planning for spring bulbs as well.

**Do you have a *Lazarus Pile*?** Last fall, Marcia Sproul and I were taking up the purple fountain grasses from the pots at Meadows Park and talking about how sad it was to just throw them away. We found that we each have a corner of the garden where we put plants that were rejects from the garden center or that just didn't do well over the growing season. I tossed two fountain grasses onto a soil pile behind my shed and darned if they are not doing well. They will go in the ground in full sun this weekend. An old heuchera that had gotten leggy last winter has also "come back to life" and will go into one of the patio pots.

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## Horticulture Corner-October

By Maureen Loomer

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**Garden Centers:** Our local centers have made room for pansies and mums. I would like to remind those of you willing to drive 45-60 minutes that Timmy's Roadside Garden is open again in Goldsboro. Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/TimmysRoadsideGarden/>

This family owned business is my favorite place to find a wider selection of plants than you will find here in New Bern. They also have a large selection of seasonal garden decorations.

**Horticulture Questions:** Sylvia and Larry Cotton asked me to identify this plant growing in a wild area near the end of River Lane off Batts Rd. It is a red swamp mallow (also called scarlet or crimson rosemallow. In Texas, they call it a Texas Star. This beautiful native is sometimes sold at the Heritage Plant Sale at Tryon Palace. Thanks, Larry for your beautiful photos!



Deb Tallman is ready to give up on lavender. As I have mentioned before, I am only successful with it in containers. It just cannot stand wet feet and containers are the only way I can give it the drainage it demands. I have kept the varieties "Anouk" and "Phenomenal" for several years this way, in the mostly sunny part of my walled herb garden. Hope this helps, Deb!



Turkeys on the way to Vansboro where I board my mare Ginger and my mule Kate.

*Until Next Month!*



Trent Woods Blood Drive  
December 2, 2020

Thank you for your support in October for our first Blood Drive here at Trent Wood Town Hall. We have scheduled another Drive for **December 2, 2020 1:00-6:00pm**. For every pint of blood donated The Blood Connection will be donating funds to Tryon Palace Foundation. Please mark your calendars and join us December 2. I will again be happy to sign up anyone for appointments closer to the date. Again, thank you for your support.

**Holly Willis, Town Clerk**

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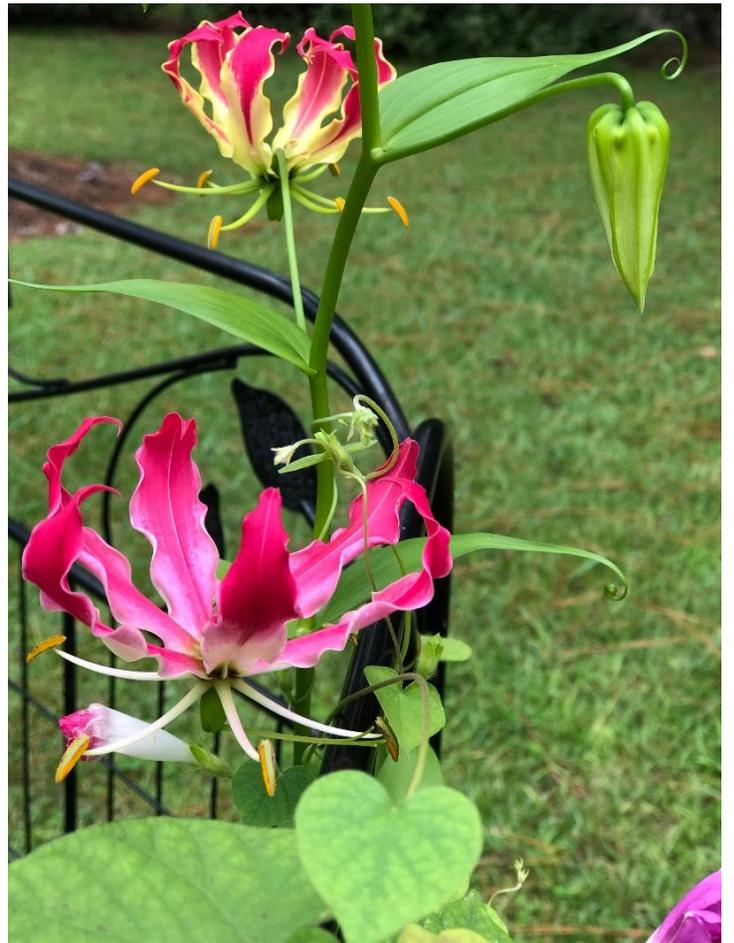
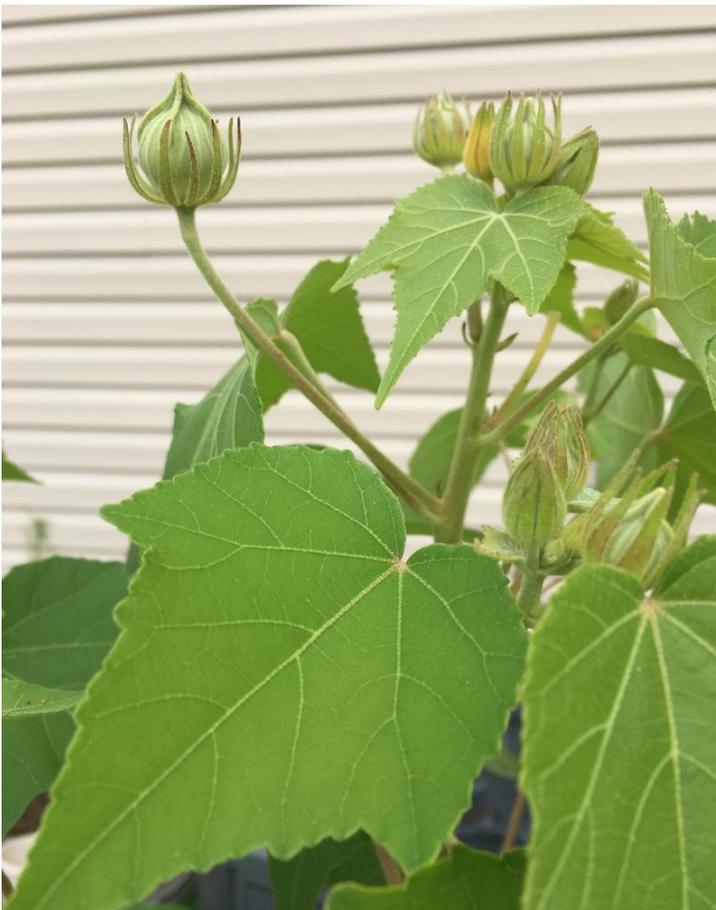
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## ...in my garden



Ann Simpson shared this photo of her night blooming Cereus. She explained that it only blooms for one night and that this year she had five blooms. The Cereus is a tropical plant with a heavenly scent, and lives on her deck during the summer.

What a difference 5 months make!  
Deb Tallman's Confederate Rose cuttings are getting ready to bloom (below)



Ann Simpson also shared this lovely Gloriosa Lilly from ...in her garden (above)

TWGC is pleased to announce our newest fundraiser in support of our ongoing projects and scholarship fund!



Only \$7 per pair, assorted colors and sizes!

Buy now for best selection!

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Ann Hall [annghall77@gmail.com](mailto:annghall77@gmail.com)

Bank of the Arts  
September 2020  
“Fusion Poetry”



Arrangement by Mary Ann Hudak evoking the poem “Shoe Talk” by Shel Silverstine.  
Sunflowers, rust daisies, buplerium, tulips, painted –achilea.

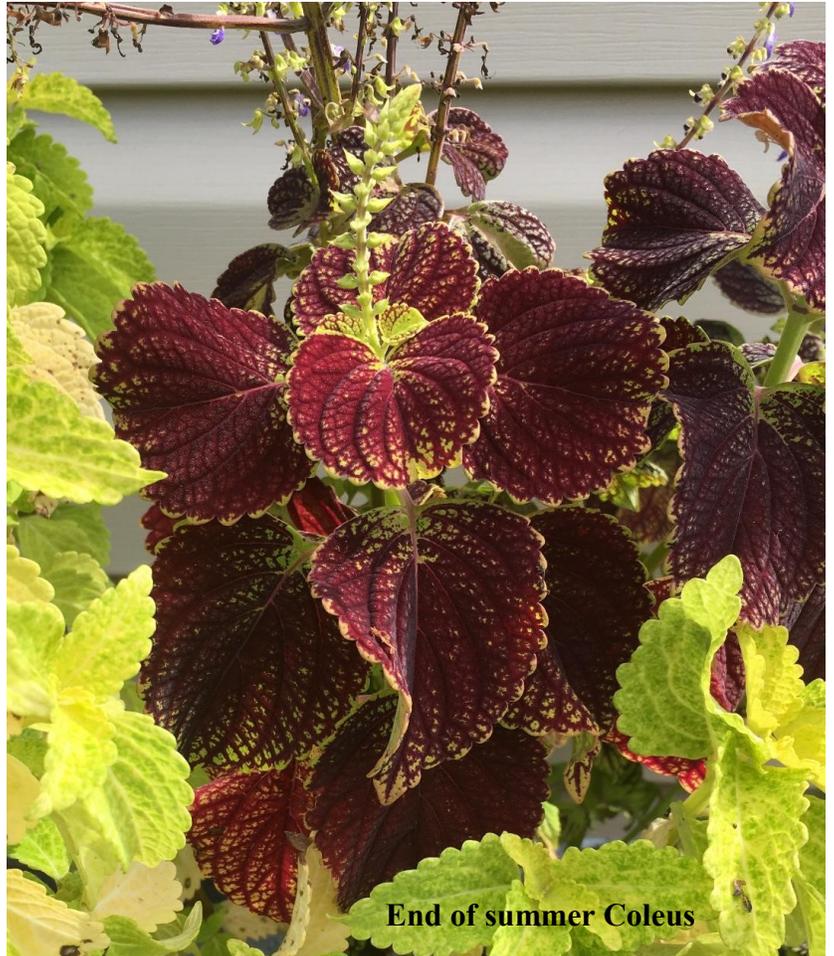
# Hazardous Waste Recycling

Household Hazardous Waste recycling events sponsored by the  
Coastal Environmental Partnership

The next event is in Craven County and will be on Saturday, October 17 from 8-1 at Craven Community College.

We will be following Covid-19 guide lines: You will be asked to remain in your vehicle at all times. We will remove your items from your vehicle. We will follow Social Distancing guide lines and ask you to not to put your windows down further than 4 inches. Employees and will be wearing masks.

If you need further information, please call :  
Coastal Environmental Partnership at 252-633-1564.



## October is an interesting month for gardening

*By Judi Lloyd*

With this gorgeous weather, cooler both day and night, it makes for comfortable work outdoors.

We should be purchasing our fall annuals now while they are in good supply (pansies, violas, ornamental kale, snapdragons, etc.), but now many of our summer annuals are looking better than they did during all that heat. It seems a shame to pull them out now, so what to do? I often buy my winter annuals this month, but don't plant them until the other ones begin to look ragged.

This is a good time to divide spring flowering bulbs (iris, day lilies, etc.) but too early to plant new spring blooming bulbs. Best to wait until after Thanksgiving for that, which is perfect timing, as the Master Gardener Extension Volunteers will be starting their annual fall bulb sale soon and I hear they have some real beauties planned for you to buy.

Now is a good time to divide peonies, daisies and rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susans). Cut back perennials when they have passed their prime. Pull out annuals that are in decline. Remove weeds and leaves from under plants as they can harbor disease and insect pests over the winter.

You can turn off your irrigation system at the end of the month, but be careful to keep watering during dry periods.

Prior to bringing in the houseplants you have "summering" outdoors, you will need to inspect them for insects that may want to hitchhike into your home hiding in the soil or under leaves. Generally, just a light spray with a hose will dislodge these pests. You can still leave them outside as the nights continue to stay warm. Put them in the shade now to prepare for going back into dimmer light indoors. That way, they won't drop so many leaves on the floor. Pot up a few small herb plants to enjoy indoors when it gets cold. You may also want to take cuttings of your favorite coleus and geraniums to root.



# Apple Walnut Bundt Cake

## By Judi Lloyd

I start to enjoy baking again as the weather gets cooler. Here is my favorite “go to” recipe for taking to dinner parties this time of year since apple varieties are more plentiful.

1	tsp.	butter	¼	tsp.	salt
2	cups + 1 tsp.	flour	½	cup	vegetable oil (I use canola)
1	cup	sugar	½	cup	applesauce
1	tsp.	cinnamon	3	eggs,	lightly beaten
1	tsp.	baking soda	2	cups	chopped walnuts
1	tsp.	baking powder	2	jonagold, empire or gala apples,	peeled, cored and chopped

- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease bundt pan with butter & dust with a tsp. of flour, tapping out excess.
- Sift the remaining 2 cups flour, sugar, cinnamon, soda, baking powder & salt together into a large bowl. Add oil, applesauce and eggs and stir until just combined. Add apples & nuts and gently stir into batter.

Pour batter into pan and smooth out top with a rubber spatula. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean – 50 minutes to 1 hour. Set cake aside to cool for 20 minutes, then invert onto a cooling rack to cool completely.

### Cake Glaze

¼	c.	butter	½	c.	sugar
1/8	c.	water	* ¼	c.	dark rum

Boil 5 minutes (w/o rum), stirring constantly. Add rum. Let cake absorb some of the glaze before adding more.

Happy gardening (and baking!)

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## Red-tailed Hawk by Michael Creedon

The Red-tailed Hawk is a bird of prey that breeds throughout most of North America. Red-tails acclimate to almost any biome, excepting the Arctic. They can be tricky to identify, with 14 recognized subspecies, and are particularly polymorphic, ranging from almost white to nearly all black. Color variations are described as Morphs, such as a Dark Morph. While there are indeed many variations in colors, they are the only hawk with the distinctive rufous tail. Most morphs have a light-colored breast with a dark band across their bellies.

They are opportunist feeders, however, most of-



The majority of hawks captured for falconry are Red-tails, because they are capable hunters, easily trained. The Red-tail is the most common hawk in North America. On a long car ride, if you are looking, you will probably see at least several, anywhere in the USA. The oldest known wild red-tail was over 30 years old. They are monogamous, only seeking a new partner when one dies.

All photos taken around River Bend

More photos on our website!  
[www.trentwoodsgardenclub.com](http://www.trentwoodsgardenclub.com)

ten are predators of small rodents. Birds are also on the menu and can even be a primary food. Ever looked out in your back yard and could not find a single bird, not even a cardinal? Look up into the trees, and often you will see a hawk perched, looking hungry. They have even been known to attack small domestic animals, such as a small cat or dog. They always attack from behind, using the element of surprise, and usually around dawn or dusk. They are also known to hunt in pairs, each blocking escape paths from opposite sides. As a raptor, Red-tails are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and cannot be hunted or harassed in any way without a permit.

