



TAG TALK

October 2014

President's MessagePia Cannon

Autumn is an invigorating season in Hilton Head, we are all enjoying cooler temperatures and low humidity.

It's time to get out in the garden enjoy the beautiful butterflies, transplant and divide perennials and plant herbs.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Field Trip to CHARLESTON TEA PLANTATION & ANGEL OAK TOUR on Oct. 17, we will all meet at Plantation House Parking Lot at 7:45 am and car pool. See you there.

October 17
Field Trip
Charleston Tea Plantation
Meet at Plantation House
7:45

CHARLESTON TEA PLANTATION & ANGEL OAK TOUR

TWO "MIRACLE'S OF NATURE" IN ONE DAY!!!

Have You Ever Seen A Tea Bush? Want to trolley through fields and observe hundreds of thousands of tea plants as far as your eye can see? And what if... they would be in bloom?! Yes, you got it... a factory tour and gift shop on top of it! And if that isn't enough... on to the majestic natural wonder *ANGEL OAK* estimated to be 300 to 400 years old. You wanna' join us????

DATE & TIME: October 17, 2014 at 7:45am.
 MEETING PLACE: Plantation House parking lot
 TRANSPORTATION: Car pool
 COST: \$10.00 (plus your lunch & don't forget your driver)

Brochures regarding both activities as well as driving directions and local restaurant info will be provided the morning of the trip. Both locations have picnic tables if you want to pack a picnic.
 Approximately nine (9) members have indicated that they can drive and would have room for passengers.



SEE YOU THERE!



Horticulture.....Diane Middleton

October has arrived again with all of its hoped- for beauty. The mild days lure us to long walks on the beach, and finally there is time to catch up with chores in the garden. Some of them include cleaning up all spent plants, shredding leaves for composting (use a lawn mower if you lack a shredder), and cutting back and dividing perennials. We will not be having a plant swap next month because of our trip to the Charleston area, but do look at the plants people list in Tag Talk if you have space for anything.



Save seeds from any annuals that you want to plant next spring. Be sure to dry them completely then seal in baggies and store in the fridge. When the pine straw starts falling, rake it into piles covered with black plastic in an out of sight area, and use it for mulch all year. It is attractive and cleaner than what you can buy.



Vicky McMillan suggests we should all be “Planting with a Purpose” meaning that instead of just having ordinary landscaping in our yards, we could be growing things to attract butterflies and also pots of lettuces and other vegetables for our table. This is easy and inexpensive and terribly gratifying. Please call her or email me for more information.

Diane Middleton, Master Gardener
dcmgard@aol.com



It's not too late to order your Amaryllis bulbs.

An order form is included with this issue of TAG Talk and you can mail it to Louise or bring the form and your check to the field trip Friday and give them to Christine Thumm.

Thank you for your support in this important club fund raiser.

Conservation.....Vicky McMillan

Dragonfly pond at Honey Horn

Next time you're at the Coastal Discovery Museum, check out the new dragonfly pond established early this year. Though small (10 ft x 10 ft across and just a few feet deep), it's already attracted several species of flying adults, particularly Blue Dashers (*Pachydiplax longipennis*).



Dragonfly pond, newly excavated and lined with plastic, being filled with water. January, 2014



Established pond, September 2014

Floating, emergent, and shoreline vegetation have been added, and the surrounding area has been planted with wildflowers and other plants. The water was also "seeded" with dragonfly larvae, which seems to have thrived, judging by the numerous shed "skins" (exoskeletons) attached to plant stems after the adults emerged.

Museum staff are working on an educational sign and other displays, and I continue to give dragonfly talks at Honey Horn, followed by short field trips to the pond.



Male Blue Dasher dragonfly on territorial perch.

Monarch Butterflies

As you may have noticed, October is the peak time for observing Monarch butterflies flying through our area on their long journey to overwintering sites in Mexico. Unfortunately, Monarchs have become increasingly threatened by the loss of habitat, including suitable roost sites and temporary waystations for migrating adults, as well as patches of milkweed plants for the caterpillars to feed on.

Since 2005, Monarch Watch, an educational outreach/research program based at the University of Kansas, has been promoting the establishment of Monarch waystations through dedicated plantings of nectar plants and milkweed. For a small fee, you can certify your waystation, have it added to a national registry, and even purchase an official sign. It's relatively easy to create a Monarch waystation, and even a small area can attract not only Monarchs, but many other butterflies. There are now over 5,000 certified Monarch waystations across the country, many in home gardens.



For more information on waystation guidelines, plus lots of other information on Monarchs, see <http://www.monarchwatch.org/> - Vicky McMillan

Holiday Sign Decorating Information

Booklets will sent via email in late October and will include pertinent dates, list of teams assigned for each sign and group designation.

The Holiday Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, November 12** at Mary Ann Snyder's house, 12 Pearl Reef Lane from 9-12.

Please print and bring your TAG member assignments sheet to the workshop. Please contact the members of your team to ensure that at least one of you attends the workshop. Parking is limited. Please park so that emergency vehicles can get through. *Refreshments will be served.*

Council News

The Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs whose purpose is “to develop and strengthen cooperation among the garden clubs of the island and to promote joint activities among the member clubs aiding the protection of natural resources, civic beauty, and improvement of roadsides and parks” continues to prepare to host the South Atlantic Regional convention on March 20-24, 2015. At the convention, the Carpet of Flowers will be recreated. Each garden club will construct a section of the carpet using flowers to form a design integral to the complete picture and incorporating the theme ‘Palmettos in Paradise’.

Along with continuing on-going projects such as the Xeriscape garden, celebrating arbor day with the school children, promoting daffodils, documenting historic trees, and pursuing the development of Honey Horn as a botanical garden, the council is launching a website.

The council’s fundraiser once again is daffodils and the order form is on the next page. Only the varieties that did well here are available for purchase. In the fall, there will be a free seminar “Growing Daffodils in the South”. Daffodils are true harbingers of spring and not usually enjoyed by deer and squirrels. Planting instructions are included.



Christine Thumm

The Herb Society of Hilton Head Island

Herb Sale

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Pineland Station Mall 10:00 am ~ 1:00 pm
(Near the French Bakery)

Herb Plants • French Market Soup Mix • Curry
 Horseradish Jelly • Bouquet Garni • Dill Horseradish Mix
and much, much more!

All proceeds donated to local charities.

Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs

DAFFODIL FUNDRAISER

HIGH QUALITY BULBS FOR SPRING

Carlton
10 bulbs \$15



A two-tone yellow daffodil with a strong perennial nature. Soft yellow petals encircle a large, frilly, golden yellow cup. Carlton is a splendid multiplier that also does well in the South.

Obvallaris
10 bulbs \$10



Obvallaris is a cute little 10" golden trumpet that blooms early and lasts a long time. It looks like a familiar yellow daffodil on a reduced scale, so it's great where space is tight. Grows well in the north and as far south as Tallahassee.

Rijnvelds
10 bulbs \$15



The earliest trumpet daffodil: Rijnveld's Early Sensation often blooms with the crocuses. The petals are a soft yellow, the trumpets gold. Excellent for naturalizing.

Kedron
10 bulbs \$10



Kedron calls attention to itself, drawing first the eye and then the nose. The petals are an unusual and lovely apricot-yellow. They frame a small, rich orange cup. Close inspection reveals the heavenly jonquil scent.

Avalanche
10 bulbs \$10



A very old (100+ years) daffodil that is still valued for its strong scent and sheer abundance of bloom. Each stem from an established bulb bears as many as 20 flowers. Thrives in the South but can't take northern winters.

Barrett Browning
10 bulbs \$15



The petals are pure white with rich orange-red cups. Very free-flowering and early, and one of the best for naturalizing. Performs well even in the coastal South.

Planting Instructions

Plant 4" to 6" deep where they will get at least 6 hours of sunlight in well drained soil. Fertilize very lightly with a low nitrogen fertilizer just as the shoots emerge in early spring. Feed again with balanced fertilizer after blooms are cut.

After daffodils flower wait at least 8 weeks until the leaves turn yellow before cutting them. Never tie or braid foliage. This year's leaves equal next year's flowers.

Ice Follies
10 bulbs \$10



Very large, silvery white flowers with a wide lemon-yellow cup that turns white as the flowers mature. Ice Follies is one of the strongest-growing daffodils ever and great for naturalizing, North and South.

Name & Address:

Phone & Email:

Quantity Variety

ORDER BY
October 25

DELIVERY
November 15

Send orders with checks payable to HHICGC mailed to:
Diane Middleton 21 Twisted Cay
Hilton Head, SC 29926

October's Healthy Recipe from Anna Broecker

Heavenly Hummus

2 cups garbanzo beans, drained
1/4 cup green onion (white part only or use sweet white onion)
1 medium carrot, sliced
1/6 cup lemon juice
1 heaping tablespoon tahini
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic, sliced
1/8 teaspoon each: coriander, cumin, paprika, cayenne
1 ½ tsp Bragg's Liquid Aminos (may substitute soy sauce)
1/4 cup bean juice
1/4 cup coarsely chopped parsley

Method:

- Drain garbanzo beans and save the bean juice
- Combine all ingredients (except parsley and bean juice) in a large bowl.
- Transfer to a food processor fitted with the chopping blade
- Process until very smooth, (3 minutes) adding bean juice as needed to make a smooth moving paste (I sometimes add more than 1/4 cup to get nice consistency)
- Stop, scrape down the bowl, add parsley and continue processing until parsley is finely cut and mixed in
- Chill until ready to eat

Makes about 2 1/2 cups

Serving size: ¼ cup



SAVE THE DATE
 Holiday Dinner Dance
 Friday, December 5, 2014 6:00



Dolphin Head Golf Club
 With Target, the Band
 Cost: \$40 per person
 Watch the mail for your invitation



Coastal Carolina Fair

October 30—November 9, 2014
 Ladson, SC

Two standard flower shows. Oct 30—Nov 3
 Nov 4—Nov 9

Theme: *Tis the Season*

For more information, please visit the website: www.coastalcarolinafair.org



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



The Plant It Pink Garden Project represents hope for those undergoing cancer treatment. Developed in partnership with the Susan G. Koman for the Cure Program, this ongoing Avid Gardner Project is a reminder of the continued need to Promote breast cancer awareness.

Visit the Plant It Pink garden, located at the Hilton Head Hospital, for a moment of quiet reflection.

Junior Garden Club News

Though the garden courtyard at the School for the Creative Arts had been flooded, then infested with black widow spiders, our Junior Garden Club was only delayed, and is now functioning well.

Under the leadership of teacher, Lisa Riker, and four Avid Gardener volunteers (Nadine Korisi, Mary Ellen Harkins, Carol Ulmer and Sandy Stern) the students meet three days a week, on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 7:30 - 8:00 am.



One of the four vegetable garden beds has already been planted with cool crop transplants of savoy cabbage, romaine and broccoli. The remaining beds will have soil added, tilled, and then seeded.



This week, the librarian asked the Jr. Garden Club to assemble 6 new large planters with a variety of plants to brighten up the library. What a gardening lesson!! Learning about the plants, lining the planters with plastic, placing stones on the bottom, putting the tall plant in the middle and the 2 matching plants on each side, pouring soil all around the plants, then watering them - voila! Instant beauty!! Sixteen children of mixed ages and grades working together on a project to beautify their school library. How gratifying!!



Nadine Korosi and Sandy Stern

AMARYLLIS FUNDRAISER

Large High Quality Bulbs Delivered in Time for the Holidays

Gift Boxes - \$20/each

Each box contains a 30/32 cm bulb, a plastic pot, lid, saucer, potting medium & instructions.

Paperwhite Narcissus Gift Box - \$11

Contains 4 Ziva bulbs (16/17 cm), a watertight plastic pot, soil, marble chips & instructions.



Dark Pink
Gift Box



White
Gift Box



Red Peacock
Gift Box



Individual Bulbs - \$15/each — *These quality bulbs are 30/32 cm unless noted.*



Temptation

White w/raspberry to crimson splashes on upper petals, less on lower petals, crimson edges, dark starburst/light stamens



Floris Hecker

Rich velvety-red



Monaco

Lipstick-red w/lime green to white starburst & white stamens



Faro

Shades of pale salmon to salmon-red with a white starburst & a green eye



Cybister Evergreen

Slender, pointed petals of incandescent apple-green blending paler, chartreuse-lemon edges (26 cm)



Red Pearl

Rich velvet-red with darker throat & a perfect saucer-shaped form

Order Form

Name & Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Quantity Variety

Quantity Variety

Send orders with checks (made out to TAG) to:

The Avid Gardeners, 5 Hermit Crab Ct., HHI 29926

Questions: Call Louise Gorny 681-5187

Order By: October 22

Delivery By: November 23

PLANT SWAP

If you have a plant to share or are looking for a new one, please email us with the information or request.

This column will be a monthly feature



Diane Middleton is sharing:

Shasta daisies
perennial black-eyed susans
asclepias
coreopsis
swamp sunflower
asparagus - the veggie

Contact Diane at 342-5884 or dcmgard@aol.com



Coming in November
Counting Birds not Turkeys

November 21

9:30 am

Spring Lake Pavilion



The Hilton Head Audubon Society sharing information on local birds
and a discussion of the upcoming Christmas Bird Count

Host/Hostesses: Mary Ellen Phillips, Dick Phillips, Louise Gorny

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Deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is the second Friday of the month.