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Gill Garden News



I woke up this morning, let out the dogs, and took a deep breath of the morning air. It was clean, fresh, and COOL! What happened overnight? The weather report says rain is coming and cooler temps for a few days! Music to my ears...I love when fall is in the air. September brings us a new season of garden plants and treasures. Mums, flags, herbs, trees, and tons of blooming perennials will be showing up soon! We think the fall season is the BEST season to garden. Fall gardening is fun, fulfilling and beautiful way to make our city sparkle.

Garden Talks

Want to know more about gardening in South Texas? Join us for great talks from soil amending to holiday cooking. All held at our Airline store on Saturdays at 10am. Check the flip side for the Fall Schedule!



Plant Curious? Fat Plants

Have you ever wondered about those weird plants that have a swollen base? What some people fondly refer to as "fat plants" are plants known as caudiciform plants. It is any plant that forms a caudex or a fat succulent base/trunk/root. These swollen areas are ways for the plant to store up water, nutrition, and the ability to survive long periods without water or other forms of food. Commonly known are the Ponytail Palm and Desert Rose, which can survive with little care. Others like the Jatropha Buddha Belly and Bombax Shaving Brush Tree are less known but beautiful with strange flowers, and odd shaped trunks. Looking like something from Jurassic Park; the Kapok trees around our area are massive with prehistoric thorns and giant flowers. If you're looking for the new or unusual...come check some of these out at our nurseries this month!

The Colors of Crotons

We always want what we can't have. For me, it's color-changing leaves in the fall. Alas, it is rare to see such seasonal change this far south, so I try to bring the colors of fall into my garden. Crotons are full of vibrant colors and patterns and love our temperate climate. There are lots of varieties and they all do wonderfully in containers. A perfect compliment to mums or fall annuals!





Gill Garden Talks - Fall 2014

Held Saturdays at Our Airline Store - Questions Always Welcome!

September 20th, 10:00-11:00am and 2:00-3:00pm

The Best Soil Preparation For Your Fall Plantings!

Speaker Steven Akers, Representative of Back To Nature Compost

Delicious veggies and beautiful plants get their best start with good soil. Join Steven as he teaches us about the benefits of soil amending. Back to Nature is superior in producing quality compost products.

September 27th, 10:00-11:00am

Veggies For Your Fall Garden

Speaker Danny Weaver, owner of From The Garden Farm

Fall is a fantastic time to grow healthy veggies in South Texas. Who better to help us grow the best produce than Danny Weaver, owner of From the Garden Farm? He and his family grow and sell produce at farmers' markets from San Antonio to Padre Island! Come learn about how to start your seeds, plant your transplants, and care for your garden once it starts growing.

October 4th, 10:00-11:00am

Sensational Succulent and Container Gardens

Speaker Merlien Wilder, Graphic & Clay Artist, Avid Gardener, Gill Landscape Nursery

Succulents create fine garden interest with their diverse colors, shapes and unique designs. They are a living work of art. Become a garden artist and join Merlien as she talks about varieties for our area, their care, and how to use them to create your own garden art.

October 11th, 10:00-11:00am

Undiscovered Beauty

Speaker Kathy Hubner, Landscape Designer, Gill Landscape Nursery

A beautiful landscape begins with well thought out plans and beautiful plants to make it come alive. Join Kathy as she shares many new and forgotten jewels of local gardens and global landscapes. Don't miss this beautiful slideshow and plants you'll fall in love with.

October 18th, 10:00-11:00am

The Success Of Trees In Your Landscape

Speaker James Gill, owner, Gill Landscape Nursery

It's tough growing trees in South Texas so we need to make the best of our planting seasons. James will provide a wealth of information about tree selection for our area and why the fall season is the best for planting hardy trees and shrubs.

October 25th, 10:00-11:00am

Getting Your Landscape Ready For Winter

Speaker DeAnna Baumgartner, manager, Gill Landscape Nursery

Our weather can be unpredictable and uncertain. Being prepared for freezing temps, cold rainy days, and dry cold fronts can save your landscape and pocket book a bundle. Join DeAnna as she talks about how to cover your plants and winterize your garden.

November 1st, 10:00-11:00am

Herbs For Your Holidays

Speaker Mary Dunford, owner of Natures' Herb Farm

The holidays are coming soon and the kitchen will be full of culinary creations. Join Mary as she talks about those treasured spices to make the most of your holiday dishes.

