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Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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Colorful Fall & Spring Garden Makeovers:

This month's presentation will be on what to do now to have a great garden display in the Fall and Spring and will be presented by Hancock County Master Gardener Volunteer Tim Brugeman. Tim has worked for the Hancock County Park District and is a gardener with the eye towards landscape plantings. As with all things you can target plantings to particular season and with fall just starting you will begin to notice changes in the way things appear. If you take this into account you can accentuate certain plantings to make a more vivid display. This is what Tim will be showing us.

This meeting will be open to the public so that we may benefit the community as a whole and maybe we will gain a few interested in joining the club. The meeting will be at the Bluffton Public Library on Tuesday September 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. please bring a friend or two.



Now that we have less than half of sunlight a day the trees have started to shed leaves no longer able to receive light enough to photosynthesize. The others will soon change color and fall also.

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The Harvest:

It is the time to harvest almost everything that you have planted. That is unless you thought ahead this past Spring and you have extra radish or lettuce you can go ahead and plant them because they should be ready by the first hard freeze. A fall salad sounds great for all the right reason. You should also be planting spring flowering bulbs and garlic.

This year I had a good crop of eggplant and a lot of peppers to. I will be chopping and freezing peppers for soups and casseroles. The eggplant have stopped producing flowers and they will be pulled up soon as will the tomatoes. The one thing that I am still wondering about is the sweet potatoes, I dug one last month and there wasn't very many.

Community Gardens Tour:

Our last tour was at the Community gardens on September 4th at the Community Gardens . We took a walk through the gardens and saw what the gardeners had done or tried to do. Some of the gardeners were present to describe what they did this year and how it worked out for them.

Also part of the tour was the monarch and pollinator garden which we started this spring and two members have put their heart and soul into making it grow as well as they could, Anita Darnell and Victoria Zeits. The planting and the care to get the caterpillars to a good supply of food plants as the plants that were planted have not matured and spread to support the numbers that have hatched.

It was fun maybe we should do this again sometime

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