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Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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Greenhouse/Garden Tour:

Our meeting this month is going to be a tour of Cindy Basinger's Backyard Perennials and More, garden business. Cindy has been growing and selling perennials for quite a few years now and she is a fixture at the Bluffton Farmers market selling plants usually on the end of the parking lot towards the Mennonite Church. She has had a greenhouse since she started selling plants at her home on Phillips Road.

Cindy was formerly a member of our garden club and exhibited with her sons for quite a few years at our horticulture show. She and her sons did well at the shows and I think that this may have been what motivated her to get started in this horticulture related business. She has a natural way with plants and truly has a green thumb.

If you are looking to find some good quality perennials I can think of no better place locally to find them. Our club was there a few years ago and we had a good time so I think that we should have a good time again. So if you are interested in visiting Cindy's greenhouse please come out on June 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. To Backyard Perennials and More. She is located on Phillips Rd. south of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church third place on the right. Please feel free to bring a guest and also make a purchase if you find something that you can't live without.



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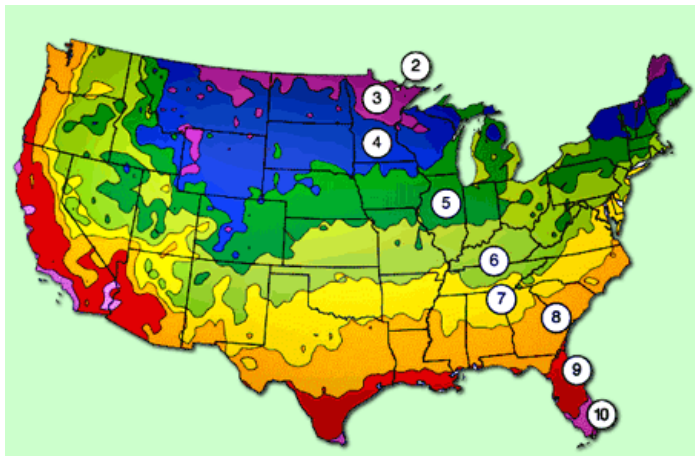
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What to plant:

Short and to the point anything can be planted now. The thing you must do now is maintain your garden and just enjoy it.

At the Swiss Historical Society's garden someone did a number on the red rhubarb plant by harvesting 4/5 of the plant. This is not how it should be done. No more than a third of the plant should be harvested at one time. This plant may not recover enough to be harvested again this year.



Know your Zone. We are zone 6.

Ray Person's presentation on the Co-op Garden:

We had a good presentation the local co-op garden by Ray Person. It all basically began with the inspiration to have control over what and how the members want to grow for food. If you use the land properly it can sustain a healthy source of food without the use of sometimes harmful chemicals. The co-op started with a group that wanted to try to work together to make a difference in how they take care of the land. They have twenty garden plots with each plot containing a crop. They also have free range chickens for eggs and meat and pigs, sheep and goats. If you weren't there you missed a good one.

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