



EDELWEISS NEWS

Gardeners of the Bluffton Pandora Area

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Succulents:

Are you ready for our second and final tour of the year? Well here it is, we will be going to Allen co. Master Gardener Volunteer Sandy Bindel's garden. We hope to look at her plantings of succulents and to hear what she has to tell us about them. We will leave from the Family Dollar/ Presbyterian Church parking lot at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday September 5, 2017, so be there by 5:55p.m.. Feel free to bring a friend. We can carpool if you want to or you can follow the leader in a convoy.

What I know about succulents wouldn't fill a thimble. They are very drought resistant and take direct sun better than any other plant I know of. Succulents encompass many families of plants like cactus, sedum and hens & chickens. They make the perfect plants for rock gardens, fairy gardens and desert displays. They can be grown in anything from pots to shoes and found objects. So please come and enjoy yourself.

Caladium Tour:

We had an interesting tour at Marg LaFollette's garden there were many colors and shapes of caladiums amongst the front yard plantings that made for a riotous display of what nature and a gardener can do together. We had a nice discussion and good snacks in Marg's back room with a nice view of the garden.



Succulents are interesting for their variety of colors and shapes which can withstand extremely sunny and dry areas and they are truly low maintenance, just keep the weeds out.

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Planting/Growing Now:

I think that this time of the year is the best time to plant a fall vegetable garden. The soil temperature is warm and stable so the seeds will germinate extremely fast and if you keep them watered they will grow with some speed that we do not see in the spring. Also if your growing garlic you can plant it now along with shallots and winter/walking onions. Plant any of the spring veggies you want or have the seeds for like lettuce, spinach, arugula, peas, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and the other cole crops. At last week I planted three varieties of turnips at the Swiss Historical Society which is appropriate as they would have planted them at this time. You can also plant for Spring harvest beets, carrots, onion seeds, and parsnips. If we have a long enough good Fall temperatures you may be able to harvest some of them. Don't forget that Fall is probably the best time to plant trees, shrubs and some perennials. Also plant those Spring flowering bulbs.

Scheduling the new year:

March 7, 2017 Seed Starting 6:30p.m. B.P.L. ~
April 4, 2017 Woody Ornamental Cutting/Propagation 6:30p.m. B.P.L. ~
May 2, 2017 Beneficial Insects 6:30p.m. B.P.L. ~
June 6, 2017 Butterflies and Bees 6:30 B.P.L. ~
July 11, 2017 Leaf Casting 6:00p.m. Victoria's
August 1, 2017 Caladiums, 6:00p.m. meet at Family Dollar ~
September 5, 2017 Succulents, 6:00p.m. meet at Family Dollar ~
October 3, 2017 Winter/Bark Tree I.D. 6:30p.m. B.P.L.
November 7, 2017 Dried Arrangements 6:30p.m. B.P.L.
December 5, 2017 Party 6:00p.m. B.P.L.

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If you have a Rose of Sharon it should be putting on a show now.