



The Garden Buzz...



Down Home Garden Center & General Store
Newsletter

August 2014

August Gardening To Do List

- Harvest vegetables continuously to stretch their season
- Prune summer-blooming shrubs (hydrangea, clethra,) after flowers finish
- Plant garlic now for spring harvests
- Sow seeds of cool-weather herbs (chives, parsley, garlic chives, cilantro and dill)
- Plan perennial beds for fall and winter color with ornamental grasses, Japanese variegated aster, Goldenrod, Black-eyed Susan, Yellow-twig Dogwood, and American Beautyberry.
- Keep cool during summer's dog days with a shade garden embroidered with hostas and hardy ferns
- If the weather's dry, water your vegetable garden gently but deeply every 5 to 7 days.
- Before midmonth, sow cool-weather crops like collards, cabbage, beets, Swiss chard, and mustard.
- Cover seedbeds with shade cloth and mist the soil often to induce sprouting.
- Late this month, set out transplants of broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and collards.
- Stop watering potted amaryllis bulbs; store them in a dark, dry spot for several weeks, then bring them out again to initiate winter bloom.



- Create a tropical oasis to enjoy the dog days of summer with banana trees, hibiscus, elephant ears, plumeria and night-blooming jasmine.



It's Football Season! Show off your team spirit with local college flags, gnomes, door mats, spinners, forest faces, bird feeders, etc.



Kid's Workshop "Make a Pinecone Birdfeeder"

August 16, 2014 @ 10:00 am.

Children will make their own birdfeeder out of a pinecone using peanut butter and birdseed. There is no cost for this workshop but you will need to register on our website.

Fall Shrub Orders

If there is a certain shrub or tree that you would like for this fall, please let us know by August 15th so we can include it in our fall order.



Remember to Save Those Receipts!!

As part of our Loyalty Program; you can bring in 10 original receipts and receive a discount of 40% off an item of your choice! (Consignment items are not included)

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Mosquitoes got you bugged?

It's not just a nuisance but a real health problem. The tiger mosquito, commonly found in North Carolina could transmit chikungunya. The most common symptoms of chikungunya virus infection are fever and joint pain. Other symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling, or rash. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat chikungunya virus infection. NC Health officials are recommending bug repellent for all outdoor activities. We have a natural bug repellent that is DEET-free and safe for kids, too. Moondance Soaps & More Bug Repellent Spray and Lotion consists of natural oils that deter insects. It works great and has a clean fresh fragrance. Come try a sample and you will be hooked. It's a bargain at only \$6.50.



Recipe of the Month

Sour Cream Cornbread

This recipe is a perfect addition to a summer meal of squash and okra and best when cooked in a cast iron skillet.

- 8 oz of sour cream
- 2 eggs beaten
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup self-rising Old Mill of Guilford Cornmeal
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp sugar

Preheat oven to 400. Combine sour cream, eggs & oil. Mix well. Combine cornmeal, baking powder & sugar. Stir into sour cream mixture. Pour into greased 10" iron skillet. Bake for 45 minutes or until done. Enjoy!



\$\$\$\$ Coupon \$\$\$\$

Save 20% off any shrub or tree purchase of \$24.99 or more. Offer may not be combined with other discounts.

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Expires August 31, 2014.