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FOODSCAPE HARMONY: EMBRACING NATIVES AND EDIBLES

By Brie Arthur, Author, Horticulturist

Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m., Granville County Expo Center, 4185 U.S. Hwy 15 S, Oxford, NC

About the Program

In a world where climate concerns, water quality, and invasive species are paramount, thoughtful landscaping takes center stage. Brie will explore the art of creating a foodscape that merges native plants with seasonal food crops. She explains the best organic practices as well as earth-friendly maintenance strategies. She unlocks the secrets of native edible plants and their pollinators for the vital task of ecological restoration. It isn't just about gardening; it's about transforming landscapes into powerful solutions where your property becomes a purposeful space where sustainable practices are the norm.

About the Speaker

Brie is a renowned bestselling author and horticulturist who captivates audiences with her dynamic presentations and innovative gardening advice. She is from southeastern Michigan and honed her skills in Landscape Design and Horticulture at Purdue University, amassing over two decades of expertise. An advocate for consumer horticulture and home gardening across America, she authored "*The Foodscape Revolution*" and "*Gardening with Grains*" while also contributing to the Emmy-winning PBS program, "Growing a Greener World." She is committed to sustainability practices and is an ambassador for Soil3 organic compost, showcased through her YouTube channel, "Brie The Plant Lady." As a representative of the International Plant Propagators' Society Southern Region, she connects with global horticulture professionals. In recognition of her dedication to inspiring a new gardening generation, she received the inaugural Emerging Horticultural Professional Award from the American Horticultural Society. Embodying her passion for fostering green connections, Brie curates a diverse array of programs for live and virtual events.

By Brie Arthur (edited for space by Marty Finkel) Photos: First and last by Brie Arthur; Center by ©ZacharyPomeroy

President's Notes

Greetings Everyone,

It seems after the heat and then all that rain, we are now gifted with a stretch of really nice weather. Personally, fall is my favorite time of the year. I like the cool and lower humidity. And, it brings a different routine to the garden.

For our September meeting, we have a very special program. Brie Arthur is an accomplished author, speaker and has a very successful YouTube Channel. If you have not discovered her yet, search YouTube for "Brie the Plant Lady." You will find a variety of her postings that cover her garden as well as other special gardens. This is a program you do not want to miss!

Our Expo Planning Committee has started their work for 2026. There are many exciting changes we are discussing to grow the event. The first important change is the Expo event date – now April 18th with setup still on Friday, April 17th. The reason for the change is the number of other events on our old date. You can join the fun by volunteering either Friday or Saturday. This is our big fund raiser for the club that funds the many activities we have. So, come join the us!

David Quinn

Member Marketplace

Name: Joyce Cifers- Dalton Mill Nursery
Location: 2566 Dalton Mill Rd; Bullock, NC 27507
Phone: 919-482-9883

Cooler weather is on the way. Fall is the time to plant for spring beauty. We have a wide selection of ornamental grasses, shrubs, trees and perennials for all your needs.

Right now, we are busy with Mum season. We have 10" mums in Yellow, Red, Bronze, Purple and White for you to choose from. They are \$14, tax included. Call or text to reserve your favorite colors while quantities last.



Burgundy Mum



Purple Mum

JCRA Plants August 2025 Auction Bid Winners

The anticipation of what Sophia and Rob choose for us is almost like getting a present to unwrap, and this month's plants were truly lust-worthy.

Red Hibiscus, Scarlet Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus coccineus*)



And the winner is . . . Robin Word!

Texas Shooting Star (*Echeandea texensis*)



Maggie Thornton got this beauty – for Rob.

Clematis ‘Rain Dance’



Lucky JoAnn Watts is the proud owner.

‘Sweet Starlight’ Hydrangea (*Hydrangea paniculata* ‘Sweet Starlight’)



Kym Tyler now has this 3-in-1 chameleon.

Japanese maple ‘Manyo no sato’
(*Acer palmatum* Manyo no sato)



Joyce Cifers’ bid won this extraordinary, spectacularly variegated Japanese maple: a truly unique treasure.

By Marty Finkel

Photos: Hibiscus – NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox, Hope Duckworth CC BY 4.0

Texas Shooting Star – Plant Delights Nursery www.plantdelights.com

Clematis – Walters Gardens

Japanese Maple -- MrMaple.com, used with permission

Hydrangea – Wilson Brothers Nursery

September To-Do List

- Early September set out transplants of broccoli, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, kale, collards, kohlrabi, and cabbage. Try 'Red Russian' and 'Black Magic' kale if you can find them.
- **Seed directly into the garden:** lettuce, leeks, green onions, turnips, beets, parsnips, carrots, radishes, rutabagas, mesclun mixes, arugula, cilantro, turnip greens, mustard, dill, parsley. Soak parsley seed in water for several hours before sowing. Seeds planted in late summer should be sowed twice as deep as in the spring because soils are warmer and drier. Seeds sown too close to the soil surface are prone to drying out.
- Late September: Sow onion seed, plant shallot bulbs, leek bulbs, and garlic cloves for harvest next spring. ****See below
- Do not fertilize or prune trees or shrubs now.
- Be sure to keep your birdfeeders full and birdbaths clean and full.
- In the latter part of Sept., clip new blossoms off tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants so the last fruits will mature.
 - If you buy spring flowering bulbs early (Sept. through Oct.), store in a cool (below 60 F), dry place with good air circulation. Best time to plant is between Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - The week of Sept. 1 is the time to spray for peach tree borers, which may also attack apricot, cherry, nectarine, and plum trees. This includes ornamental cherry, plum, etc.
 - Prune out fire blight killed wood from apples, pears (including Bradford), & pyracantha.
 - Check fall vegetable plants for insects – BT products work well for caterpillars. Insecticidal soap kills aphids and many other insects. It and BT are among the safest products to use for killing insect pests, also neem oil.
 - Late fall or early winter is the best time for planting trees, shrubs, and most perennials, so plan now. Visit area nurseries and/or place your orders with online mail order nurseries so you will have the plants for planting in October.
- Mark the location of all perennials and biennials so you won't dig there later.
- Divide phlox, coreopsis, black-eyed Susan and coneflowers. Set out pansies, violas, ornamental kale and cabbage, snapdragons, dianthus, calendula, nasturtiums, and English daisies.

**** Learn more about growing vegetables by searching the NC State Extension Publications: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/>. Just type your request in the search box at the upper right side of the page.

More great vegetable gardening resources from NC State Extension:

- North Carolina Extension Gardener Handbook: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook>
- Vegetable Planting Calendar: <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/central-north-carolina-planting-calendar-for-annual-vegetables-fruits-and-herbs>
- Growing a Fall Vegetable Garden: <http://content.ces.ncsu.edu/growing-a-fall-vegetable-garden/> • Additional Resources: <http://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/plants-2/vegetables-2/>

September Happenings

September 11 (Thurs.) Hybrid Lunchbox Talk: From Soil to Sovereignty. 12-1pm. NC Botanical Garden, 100 Old Mason Farm Rd., Chapel Hill. Presented by Ashlie Thomas, Home Gardening Advocate. Can a garden change how we understand health and wellness? This talk explores the dynamic relationship between soil health, human behavior, and food sovereignty rooted in what science and experience can teach us about staying well through the simple act of growing food. You may attend in-person, or online. Free. For more information and to register: [Ashlie Thomas: From Soil to Sovereignty](#)

September 12 & 13 (Fri. & Sat.) NC Hot Sauce Contest and Festival. 6-9pm Fri., 10am-8pm Sat. Main St., Oxford. Music, rides, hot sauce...Preparations are unfolding: [2025 NC Hot Sauce Contest](#)

September 13 (Sat.) Buskers Day at the Museum Park. 1-5pm. NC Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh. "...a vibrant afternoon of live music, movement, and creativity in every corner" of the museum's 164-acre park. Free. For more info: 919.839.6262.

September 22 (Mon.) Brie Arthur speaks on Food Harmony (see front page). Granville Gardeners Monthly Meeting. 7-8:30pm. Granville County Expo Center, 4185 U.S. Hwy 15 S, Oxford. You will not want to miss this meeting where we will be graced with celebrity gardener and author, Brie Arthur. Come early to get a seat!

September 25 (Thurs.) Drop-In Honey Tasting with Bee Downtown. 5:30-7pm. At the Museum Park Welcome Center, NC Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh. "...a honey tasting and DIY sachet project. Learn about pollinators, discover different honey varieties, and fill an herbal sachet to take home and enjoy the power of plants." Free. No registration required. Supplies are limited. More info: 919.715.5923. (Call Wed. through Sun., from 10am to 5pm.)

September 25 (Thurs.) Virtual Lunchbox Talk: Natural History of, Bumblebees. 12-1pm. NC Botanical Garden, 100 Old Mason Farm Rd., Chapel Hill. John Whittlesey, Retired nurseryman, garden designer and author, will weave a discussion of bumblebees' life history along with anecdotes of "living with bumble bees," ending the talk with plants to plant if you too would like to invite bumble bees to live in your garden. This is an online Zoom webinar. Free, but registration is required: [John Whittlesey: Bumblebees](#)

September 27 (Sat.) NCBG Fall Plant Sale. 9am-1pm. North Carolina Botanical Garden, 100 Old Mason Farm Rd., Chapel Hill. Choose from a wide variety of southeastern native wildflowers, shrubs, trees, vines, ferns, and native wildflower seeds. Free to attend; no registration required. (Members can register to attend the pre-sale the day before.)

ONGOING:

Saturdays. Oxford Farmers Market. 7am-12pm every Saturday from May 3 until Oct. 25. Corner of McClanahan and Lanier Streets in Oxford, across from the police station. Our own Judy M., Danny and Cindy D., and Vickey T., have booths at the market. More info: [Old Oxford Farmers Market](#)

Saturdays. Oxford Armory Farmers Market. 9am-1pm. Oxford Armory (outside), 105 W. Spring Street, Oxford. A partnership between the City of Oxford, N.C. Cooperative Extension of Granville County, and the Oxford Armory Farmers' Market Board, the Armory Market will be open every Saturday until Oct. 25. For more info: [Armory Farmers' Market.](#)

PLANT OF THE MONTH: BUTTON BUSH (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)



This native shrub is easily grown in moist, humusy soils in full sun to part shade. Grows very well in wet soils, including flood conditions and shallow standing water. Adapts to a wide range of soils except dry ones. Pruning is usually not necessary, but may be done in early spring to shape. If plants become unmanageable, cut back near to the ground in early spring to revitalize. Flower heads are very attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies, and other insect pollinators. Flower heads mature into hard round ball-like fruits. Naturalize in woodland areas, native plant gardens, pond margins, low spots or shrub borders. It also does well in shallow water at the edge of ponds or large water gardens.

Also in Bloom this Month (* indicates native plant)

Note that bloom times vary, depending on climatic and meteorological conditions, and many plants bloom several months in a row (and sometimes rebloom).

Abelia	Flowering maple
Lily of the Nile	Autumn snowflake
Ornamental onion	Peruvian lily
Flame acanthus	Butterflyweed*
Hardy asparagus fern	Aster (many species*)
Orchid tree	Blackberry lily
Angel's trumpet	Butterfly bush
Formosan beautybush	Camellia
Canna lily	Bluebeard
New Jersey Tea (Ceanothus)*	Beadle's tickseed*
Pampas grass	Goblet flower
Dahlia	Echinacea*
Eryngo (some species*)	Texas firewheel
Gaillardia (many species*)	Cape jasmine
Gladiolus	Adult English ivy
Japanese ivy	Seven-sons tree

Compiled by: Marty Finkel from the JCRA September Showtimes
Photo and text: Courtesy of the Missouri Botanical Garden's Plant Finder

Some Other Plants in Bloom this Month (* indicates native plant)



Snow Fairy Blue Mist Shrub



Climbing Aster*



Shrubby Clematis



Crinum Maiden's Blush*



Aster Tataricus



Japanese anemone



Florida Green Eyes*



Hardy begonia



Korean Feather Reed Grass



Salvia and Ornamental Grass



Rattlesnake master*



Kahili Ginger



Spotted Horsemint*



White Goldenrod*

Chosen by Marty Finkel

Photos: By Marty Finkel: Blue Mist Shrub, Climbing Aster, Aster Tataricus, Salvia & Ornamental Grass
 By JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University: Florida Green Eyes, Hardy Begonia, Korean Feather
 Grass, Rattlesnake Master, Kahili Ginger By Courtesy of the Missouri Botanical Garden's Plant Finder:
 Japanese Anemone By Debbie Roos, N.C. Extension Agent, Chatham Co.: Horsemint, Goldenrod