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Our September Program.....

Monday, Sept. 28th at 7:00 pm - Granville County Expo Center

**Presentation: *Feng Shui in the Garden*
by Raina Elsner**

About the Program:

What is feng shui and how can it bring greater harmony to your garden and your life?

Discover the ancient Chinese art of feng shui and learn how its principles can help create balance and harmony in your garden and your life. We'll explore the origins of feng shui, the qualities of an ideal feng shui setting, the principle of Ming Tang (Bright Hall), and how to use the energies of the directions to bring greater harmony to your outdoor spaces.

You'll learn the fundamental attributes of a good feng shui garden. Most importantly, you'll leave with simple, practical tips you can use to enhance the energy, harmony, and beauty of your own garden.

About the Speaker:

Raina Elsner is a Certified Professional Feng Shui Consultant, intentional home designer, painter, and educator. She holds a BFA in Painting and an MA in Art Education and received intensive training in the Chinese Art of Placement from renowned feng shui master, Rodika Tchi. She first discovered feng shui through decades of the practice of tai chi, which, like feng shui, is rooted in the concept of *chi*: the vital life force in everything.

Drawing on her background in art, design, and healthy living, Raina helps people create beautiful, harmonious spaces that support greater balance, vitality, and well-being. She lives in Chapel Hill and practices feng shui throughout North Carolina and worldwide.

To-Do List for September

- 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.
- Do not fertilize or prune trees or shrubs now.
- Be sure to keep your bird feeders full and birdbaths clean and full in this stressful time of heat.
- 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 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 (*Bacillus Thuringiensis*) products work well for caterpillars. Insecticidal soap kills aphids and many other insects. These along with neem oil are among the safest products to use for killing insect pests.
- 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.

~ Compiled by Marty Finkel

Club Calendar

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9/15: Granville Gardener's Board Meeting
Richard H. Thornton Library at 7:00 pm.

9/28: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center at 7:00 pm.

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OCTOBER EVENTS

10/20: Granville Gardener's Board Meeting
Richard H. Thornton Library at 7:00 pm.

10/26: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center at 7:00 PM

We will have a plant auction that includes plants from the JCRA (JC Raulston Arboretum). A speaker from the arboretum will present the details and answer questions about the plants. All the proceeds from the sale of these plants will be used for our scholarship to NC State.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/17: Granville Gardener's Board Meeting
Richard H. Thornton Library at 7:00 pm.

11/23: Monthly Club Meeting
Granville County Expo Center at 7:00 pm.

Presentation: *Nuts and Bolts of Soil Improvement.*
by Johnny Coley

DECEMBER EVENTS

12/7: Holiday Party
Christmas Dinner and Officer Installation.
(Bad weather date is December 14)

See next page for more details.
Sign ups will begin soon.

Granville Gardeners

Holiday Banquet and Installation Dinner

Monday, December 7th at 5pm at the Oasis Restaurant in Oxford

Deadline to pay for your meal is November 1st
\$25 per person - non-refundable
(The club is paying 1/2 of the \$50 meal)

If signing up after deadline, subject to availability

Of Note....

Do you have a gardening question that you would like to ask?

Well, you are in luck! Write your question on a piece of paper and bring it with you to our monthly meeting. You will find a drop box labeled "ASK MARTY" in the back of the room. Marty Finkel will provide answers which will be featured in the following Granville Gardener Gazette.



Granville Gardeners T Shirts!

We have a beautiful design approved and ready to go to production. More info on how you can get one of these beautiful T Shirts will be in next month's Gazette.

Membership Dues for 2027

It's almost that time of year already! We will be collecting dues for 2027. Still only \$25 per person, or \$40 per couple, or \$10 per student.

Would you like to be more involved in the Granville Gardener's Club?

Would you like more opportunities to network with other gardeners?

Well then, join a committee!

Below is a list of a number of opportunities! Let a board member know if you are interested in any of the following:

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| ♦ Activities & Projects Committee | ♦ Membership Committee |
| ♦ Awards Committee | ♦ Newsletter Committee |
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