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Our October Program.

**Monday, October 26th at 7:00 pm at the
Oxford United Methodist Church
105 McClanahan Street**



JCRA PRESENTATION AND PLANT AUCTION!

This opportunity only comes twice a year!

A representative from the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh will
provide a *short* presentation. You will want to hear all about it!

The 10 plants for the auction are provided by the JCRA. All proceeds
from the sale of these plants will be used for our scholarship program
with NC State so please plan to support our efforts.

We will also have some fun time for mingling and visiting with each
other. Come a little early to check out the plants ahead of time and
grab some snacks!

EXPO PLANNING FOR 2027

Save the dates! October 5th and/or 6th

**Meetings will be held on both days to accommodate the
schedules of all club members.**

**This is an opportunity for everyone to be a part of
planning for future Granville Gardners Expos.**

Watch for more details.



To-Do List for October

- The average first frost date is now November 11. Usually there are a few weeks of frost-free weather after this date, so protecting vegetables with lightweight floating row covers could extend the harvest period. There are different weights of this fabric, and several seed and/or supply catalogs carry it, such as:
 - Pinetree Garden Seeds, Jung Seeds & Plants, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Territorial Seed Co., and others.
 - Reuse the covers in the spring for frost protection and for insect protection for newly set-out transplants.
- If it has been a couple of years since soil tests were done, test garden and lawn areas now, and apply lime if indicated. There is no charge for samples submitted April through November, but from December through March there will be a \$4 charge for each sample. So, get those samples in before the first of December. Boxes and instructions are available at the Agriculture Extension Service Building.
- Roses: Remove and dispose of dead flowers and yellowed and/or spotted foliage: Any debris left in the bed will continue to produce fungus spores that will over-winter and cause problems again.
- Sow cool weather annual seed now, such as larkspur, forget-me-not, poppies, coreopsis, cosmos, nicotiana, stock (*Matthiola incana*), vinca.
- Plant seeds of radishes, spinach, leaf lettuce, Asian greens (including mustard), cilantro, arugula, collards, fennel, radish, parsley, beets, carrots, turnips, and kale. If you can't get the seeds planted by the first week, plant transplants of broccoli, kale, cabbage, and lettuces.
- Plant new perennials, shrubs, and trees. Take notice of colorful and/or shredding bark, berries, weeping and/or contorted trunks and branches for winter interest when choosing trees and shrubs.
- Clean up perennials and shrubs: remove any dead and diseased parts but do not put this material in the compost.
- Watch for aphids and caterpillars on broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, kale, etc. and use insecticidal soap for control.
- Take advantage of end of the summer sales on plants but be sure the plants are in good enough condition to survive with some TLC.
- Do not use any pesticides (insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, miticides, and any other "-cides" that contain neonicotinoids (neonics) since recent research has shown that this class of chemicals kill pollinators and other beneficial insects.

by Marty Finkel

Club Calendar

OCTOBER EVENTS

10/5 and 6: Save both dates!

Meeting about the future of the

Granville Gardeners Expo

Watch for more details!

10/20: Granville Gardener's Board Meeting

Richard H. Thornton Library at 7:00 pm.

10/26: Monthly Club Meeting

Oxford United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM

105 McClanahan Street

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.

More info below.

(Bad weather date is December 14)

Granville Gardeners

Holiday Banquet and Installation Dinner

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

\$25 per person (non-refundable)

Each club member may bring one guest for the price of \$25.

Additional guests must pay full price of \$50 per person.

Club members can register and pay at club meetings with Mark Arnott.

(Cash, check, or credit card)

Deadline to register and pay is November 1st.

If signing up after deadline, subject to availability

Pollinator Census

On August 22nd, the Great Southeast Pollinator Census program was held at the Harris Exhibit Hall at the Oxford Museum. This program was provided by Kat Ravenel.

There were 35 club members who came out to help count pollinators in the gardens.



The replanting starts with James , Ryan, and Doreen.



Katie Verna



Kat explains details.



Kat and James



Kat helps a participant count pollinators.



Lynn Duncan, Britinee Wothe, and Doreen Arnott show off their pollinator tattoos.

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 |
| ♦ Expo Committee | ♦ Nominating Committee |
| ♦ Finance/Audit Committee | ♦ Program Committee |
| ♦ Grants Committee | ♦ Publicity Committee |
| ♦ Hospitality Committee | ♦ Scholarship Committee |