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Garden Club Meeting

September 17, 2025 6:30 pm
(meet & greet) at the J in the
Senior Lounge (see below)
7pm for the program.



Speaker: Forrest Blaney of
Blaney Stonework &
Landscape

Visitors Welcome

CLUB MEETING LOCATION

At the Jewish Community Center, in the
Senior Lounge.

7900 Northaven Road, Dallas — Next to
North Haven Gardens. Directions: From
southbound U.S.75, Northaven Rd. is
second street south of Forest Ln. turn west.
From Hillcrest Rd. Northaven is fourth street
north of Royal Lane, turn east.



President's Message

Calling all weary gardeners. Is that how you are feeling about now? Between the heat and the humidity of North Texas, it can be a beating. But there's hope on the horizon! It's called Fall. *Ahh*, yes. That glorious time of year of about 1 week where we can enjoy the cooler weather before winter sets in.

Now is a great time to document and assess how your plants endured the growing season. Take pictures of your plants and their settings. This may be just be the amount of gardening you feel like doing. This is an easy way to decide what to change for next year. Now is a good time to plan even for fall. Fall is a great time for planting perennials, trees and shrubs, since it give the roots time to establish before the winter.

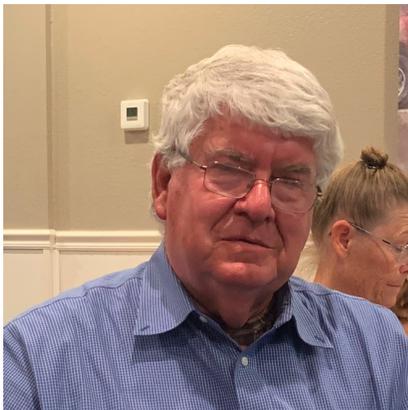
You can look at the pictures in the winter when you are itching to get out in the garden. It's fun to look back over the years to see what you grew. Looking at the pictures gives you a reality check of how the plants are actually doing. Usually while working in the garden we are on top of the plant. Kind of like tunnel vision. Pictures from a distance shows you the whole setting. Arm chair gardening allows you to dream of your future garden. It's where everything grows beautifully with abundant tasty crops and blooms without any pests or difficult weather. I highly recommend arm chair gardening. I feel cooler already!
I hope you have a glorious September and remember to patronize our sponsors .

— Anna

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**Do y'all remember,
before the internet,
that people thought
the cause of stupidity
was the lack of access
to information? Yeah.
It wasn't that.**



Forrest Blaney of
Blaney Stonework and Landscaping Inc.
<http://blaneystonework.net>



With over 30 years of experience, Forrest Blaney is known for his one-of-a-kind landscape designs and high-quality stonework. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from Utah State University, is a registered landscape architect in the State of Texas and has been a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects since 1976. Forrest is very active in the North Texas community, completing park projects for Habitat for Humanity and volunteering as a Boy Scout Troop Leader for at-risk youth in the Dallas area.

Stop Throwing Out the Best Part of the Watermelon



The most flavorful bite is often the most overlooked.

By Robin Shreeves

Published on July 21, 2025

Juicy, sweet watermelon is one of summer's best gifts. And while buying it pre-cut in cubes is the fastest way to go from grocery store to snack time, it's also significantly more expensive than buying a whole watermelon and cutting it yourself. But then there's the issue of the rind.

If you have a kitchen composter or an outdoor compost bin, composting the rind is a great eco-friendly option. But tossing fresh watermelon rinds into the trash—especially during the sweltering summer months—can quickly create a smelly, critter-attracting mess.

Luckily, there is a smarter waste-free alternative: eat them! Yes, watermelon rinds are completely edible—and surprisingly nutritious. They're full of fiber. Some people even argue the rind is the best part of the fruit, thanks to its crunch and versatility.

Pickling Watermelon Rinds

One of the most popular (and easiest) ways to use up watermelon rind is by pickling it. In Japan, a common method involves soaking sliced rind in a brine of apple cider vinegar, soy sauce, salt, and sugar. Just place it all in a Mason jar, refrigerate overnight, and enjoy the next day. The result is a crisp, tangy pickle that's delicious on its own or served alongside rice, grilled meats, or a veggie stir-fry.

If you're craving something sweet instead, you can also turn watermelon rind into candy. Recipes like Watermelon Rind Candy involve simmering the white part of the rind with sugar, cinnamon, and cloves, then letting it cure for 10 days. The result is a chewy, old-fashioned candy that tastes like summertime nostalgia. Prefer a quicker fix? Grandma's Pickled Watermelon Rind is a sweet, refrigerator-friendly version that's ready in just over 8 hours—no canning required.

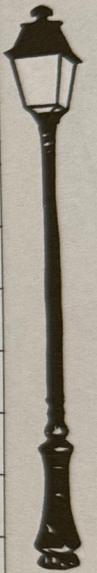
**For more ways to use watermelon rinds, see our website;
<https://thegardenclubofdallas.com>**

Puzzle 29: Garden Decor & Accents

Really
lichen this!



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Susan is our first winner, a \$10 gift card. She discovered that instead of "Board meeting" I had put in "Bored meeting". Congratulations to sharp eyed Susan.

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Bruce Miller

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Anger management:
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think about the problem...



Submitted by Kenny Rueckert

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7:00 pm

September 11, 2025
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Happy Birthday

Kevin Burns 9-10
Greg Clopton 9-14
Patricia Gage 9-20
Tatianna Johns 9-26



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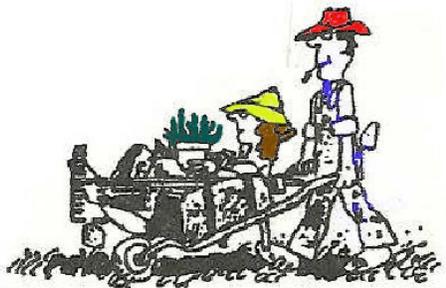
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