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Once Again Great News

The club has its own web site.

www.thegardenclubofdallas.com

Give it a try and recommend it to your friends.

The September 18, 2024 club meeting will be held at the "J" and begin at the usual time of 7:00 pm

The subject for this month's meeting will be the challenge of growing Orchids.

Our own club expert Mike Rector will be the presenter.

Visitors Welcome

CLUB MEETING LOCATION

At the Jewish Community Center, Big D room.

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



Hello, everyone! I hope that all of you were lucky enough to get some of the rain from the scattered showers that were in the North Texas area during the Labor Day weekend.

I just have some details to pass on to you about attendance at this month's meeting: When you sign in, please tell Connie your birthdate, if you have not already done so.

Also, if there is a gardening subject that you would like to know more about at one of our programs for 2025, please pick up a program interest slip by the name badges, complete it, and return it to Connie or to me.

Until then, stay safe and cool and patronize our sponsors.

— Alan



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New Web Page**www.thegardenclubofdallas.com**National headquarters:www.gardenersofamerica.clubSelect "**Members Only**"; log on with password: 'lily'**Last year I joined a
support group for
antisocial people.
We haven't met yet.****Shepherd's Pie Check
Google for recipe of
your choice**

Shepherd's pie, cottage pie, or in French cuisine hachis Parmentier, is a savoury dish of cooked minced meat topped with mashed potato and baked, also called anders or Saunders. The meat used may be either previously cooked or freshly minced. The usual meats are beef or lamb. The terms shepherd's pie and cottage pie have been used interchangeably since they came into use in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, although some writers insist that a shepherd's pie should contain lamb or mutton, and a cottage pie, beef.

Mike Rector



Growing up in California, my mother was an amazing gardener and inspired me to continue my love of gardening. Sometimes, not always willingly, but under duress, I always helped plant a spring vegetable garden. We always had Beefsteak tomatoes and a ton of Zucchini. Our neighbors were always supplied with Zucchini, Pumpkins, String beans, and big favorites.

My mother also loved basket-flowering plants and cut flowers, such as the most beautiful Dahlias, Roses, tuberous Begonias, an assortment of hanging Fuchsias, and chrysanthemums in the fall.

I have always had some kind of vegetable garden as fresh is best.

My wife bought some orchids in the early 1980s beautiful, but we had no clue how to take care of them. I saw orchids die and become ugly. I decided I had to do something, so I joined the Peninsula Orchid Society and started to learn some of the orchid basics. A whole new world opened. I got involved with professional growers and extreme hobbyists. Orchids exchanged hands, and most were traded and given away. The collection grew, but how do you care for orchids in the kitchen? Not easy.

We built a greenhouse, and I wired and connected it to water and gas for heat.

This means I am not a Master Gardener or extreme hobbyist. I am just a big fan of orchids and willing to pass on some hard-learned lessons. My plants have won many blue ribbons and some best-of-show awards.

An old timer once told me you have to kill a thousand orchids before you learn. In other words, it is a science experiment dependent on your home conditions and the orchid selections you make that fit your lifestyle.

Club Meetings

7:00 pm

September 18, 2024
Michael Rector
Topic: Orchids

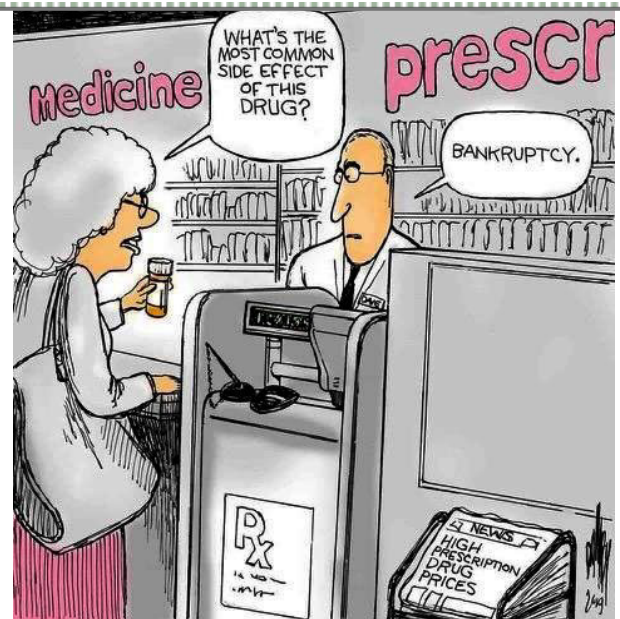
October 16, 2024
Roseann Ferguson
Topic: Pumpkins and Pizzazz

Board Meetings

7:00 pm

September 12, 2024
Marti Ives House
6206 Telluride Ln.
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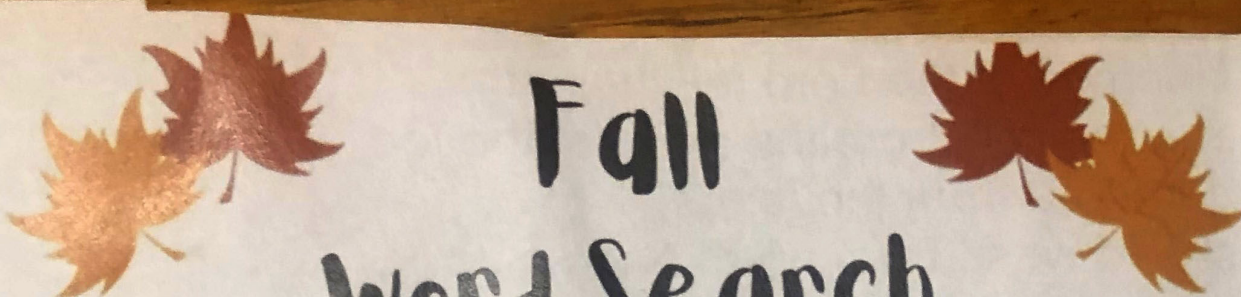
October 10, 2024
Alan, Gage House
4430 Santa Barbara
Dallas, TX



October Club Meeting Suggestion

Following the program at the October meeting, there will be the chance to get some additional planting for next year's garden. Please bring any extra seeds, cuttings, and started plants in envelopes, paper cups, or plastic containers. Label with plant name and anything that is helpful. The "White Elephant" can be a plant needing a PICU--Plant Intensive Care Unit for someone else's green thumb to care for or a plant that you are just tired of, that someone else might enjoy; I'm bringing a curly-leafed Spider or an Airplane plant.

— Marti Ives



Fall Word Search

FALL
AUTUMN
LEAVES
HARVEST
PUMPKIN
HALLOWEEN
THANKSGIVING
FOOTBALL
SWEATER
APPLE CIDER
SCHOOL
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YELLOW
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It's a Pundemic!

— Submitted by Bob Grossman

What do you tell yourself when you wake up late for work and realize you have a fever? Self, I so late.

Did you hear the joke about the germ? Never mind. I don't want to spread it around.

Where do sick boats go to get healthy? The dock!

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The worst kase scenario.

What should you do if you don't understand a Coronavirus joke? Be patient.

If Coronavirus isn't about beer, why do I keep hearing about cases of it?

The groceries in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

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