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President's Message September



I have a new man in my life. Well, he really looks like my husband of 45 years, but this guy is new, different. He has been tasked with trying to keep the garden watered and alive for the past 2 months due to my having foot surgery. Any gardener will know that is a very tall order in July and August in Dallas. My husband is not a gardener. He can mow and keep a lawn with the best of them, but that is pretty much where it ends. I am now able to barely do anything in the garden still, and with a foot boot on. Today he asked me when I was going to dead head the cannas, like I had mentioned the day before. It was a good thing I was sitting down. For him to know the name of the plant and what dead heading means is crazy. I really like this new guy. I just might date him. Many people take to gardening when they retire just because they finally have time. Some take to it from circumstances they are put in. People can change. Their interests can change. Doing something for someone you love, even when it's not of interest to you can open your eyes to new things. If you need me, you can find me sitting in the shade with my new man. I'm going to keep him.

*In a World where You can Be
anything.....be KIND*



James Knight, the Bee Guy
Co-op in the Garden

James Knight, our Speaker for September, is a Master Bee Keeper and excellent source for local honey.

James is a world traveler and has wide ranging business endeavors. From Bees, elegant clothing and a cattle ranch where you can purchase a full side of beef.

James will give us some hints about taking care of your local bee population and what happens when they swarm and scare you to death.

Bees are a major contributor to our gardens, what would be do without them?

September Club Meeting

Visitors Welcome

September 16th

We meet at the Dallas JCC
7900 Northhaven Road, Dallas.
Next to North Haven Gardens.

Meet & Greet @ 6:30 pm

Program @ 7pm

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**If you would like to help, contact Anna Williams.
We currently need a VP of Membership and
could also use some help at meetings.**

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Loyalty account #, your cell phone # and
your name.*

**Forms will also be available at the meetings.
See Connie Grossman for additional info.**

Watering in the Morning is not just a Garden Myth

The advice to water in the morning has solid scientific backing: plants have the whole day to absorb the moisture and the sun helps dry wet foliage quickly -- preventing fungal disease and rot. Evening watering leaves moisture sitting on leaves and soil overnight, creating ideal conditions for mold and slugs. Midday watering doesn't cause leaf-scorching through water droplets as is often claimed but significantly more water is lost to evaporation.

The ideal window, according to garden scientists is between 6 and 9 am. Ignore this and you'll have sicker plants than you think -- all because of a 2 hour timing difference.

Too Much Water Kills Faster Than Drought

Waterlogging is one of the most common causes of death in both houseplants and garden plants alike -- yet it is consistently underestimated by beginner gardeners.

When roots sit in standing water indefinitely, they receive no oxygen and begin to die, causing root rot. Paradoxically, overwatered plants often show the same symptoms as thirsty ones: drooping, wilting leaves. This misleading appearance tempts gardeners to water even more -- a destructive cycle.

The general rule for most plants: the top inch or two of soil should be dry before watering again. Good drainage is just as important as watering itself. A pot without a drainage hole is a slow-motion death sentence.





Gina Woods

How to survive going Native



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anything.....be **KIND***

Puzzle 8: Compost

Compost happens

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Mystery Search

This month on the *website*, **NOT IN THE GREEN THUMB**, we will have a hidden **Gourd** for you to find. This is for members only. The name of everybody who finds the **Gourd** by Noon on September 15th and emails us at info@thegardenclubofdallas.com, will have the chance to have their name drawn for a prize.



Chell won the drawing for August. She discovered the Thermometer next to the sign in the garden picture. Congratulations to sharp eyed Chell.



This club welcomes beginner "wannabe" as well as experienced gardeners. We all can learn something about gardening at each meeting.

Visitors are welcome. Membership is open to men and women, teenagers and young adults. \$50 annual dues (\$60 for couples) includes *The Green Thumb* and membership in the national organization: Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Clubs of America.

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*This month's articles in
Lettuce Entertain You*

Trees Whisper --- shhhh!

Creme Brulee French Toast

Holiday Yellow Squash Casserole

Charred Sugar Crusted Alaska Salmon

Summer Squash Lemon Bundt Cake

Tart Cherry Mocktail

Jigsaw puzzle

*Live
Laugh
Love
everyday words*

Humor

Happy Birthday

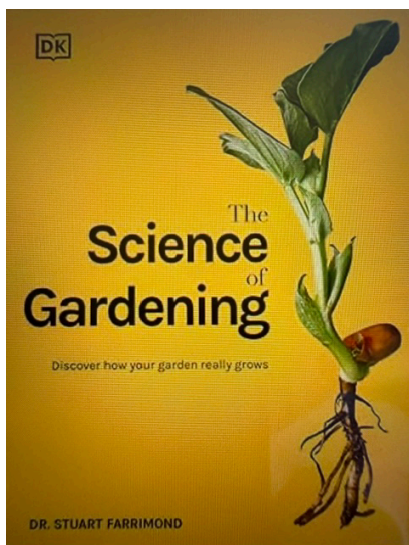
Kevin Burns 9-10

Greg Clopton 9-14

John Tatianna 9-26

\$50 Door Prize Winner

Marti won the Door Prize from Jacksons Home and Garden



I received an amazing garden book for my birthday. The Science of Gardening by Dr. Stuart Farrinmond. Some subjects covered: What is soil PH and how does it affect what I can grow? ...How can I garden more sustainably?

Recommended by Marti

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

-When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7 (Love her)

Humor thanks to K. Rueckert

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

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