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**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!**



**JULY 2016**

# The GREENLEAF NEWSLETTER

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## FAVORITES ... RE-SHARED

by Karin Todd

Over the years Brice Creelman, our talented and dedicated grower at our Brillo Verde Farm, has shared his insights on various Native (and Texas Tuff) perennials through his “**Plants of the Week**” postings on our Facebook page. I loved reading what he wrote, and putting together the graphics to go along with his plant information. Through Brice, and many of our nursery staff, I learned so much about perennials, shrubs, ... and even some trees!

I wanted to take this opportunity to re-share a few of those plants with you that truly are Texas Tuff, and perhaps a little over-looked. When planting these in the right place, and providing adequate care, they will in turn provide your landscape with color and textural interest for many years to come. Sharing knowledge. Isn't that what Life is all about?



➤ **Zexmenia**  
*Wedelia hispida*

Zexmenia is one of those plants that makes you look good. Easy to grow in Sun or Shade. 2-1/2' to 3' both ways. Orange daisy flowers from late spring thru frost. Drought tolerant. A good choice for dry shade. Native and proud of it.

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# JULY 2016 TIMELY HINTS!

## PLANT...

- **Add COLOR** to your planting beds to boost your landscape's "WOW" factor! Since it's already hot out there, add some bright, bold colors like hot pinks, yellows, and reds. **Zinnia, Periwinkle, Portulaca, Penta,** and **Lantana** love the heat. Replace weak looking plants in your containers with something fresh and blooming!
- Now is the best time to choose **Crape Myrtles** for their **bloom color**. Be sure to check the mature size of the ones you are interested in and then be sure to give it the right sized space in your landscape. Remember you can help prevent 'Crape Murder' by selecting the correct mature size. Bring a picture and measurements of your space, we will be happy to help you choose!
- **Container trees** can be planted as long as you are prepared to water and tend to your new tree properly. For the best chance of success we suggest waiting until the cooler temps return in the fall season to plant B&B (balled and burlap) trees.

**PRUNE...** **As needed** to shape errant growth. Consider abandoning that old-fashioned hedging technique and let your plants grow naturally. Really ... those little meatballs and cubes went out with bell bottoms. Spent blooms and flower stalks can be removed from perennials to tidy them up and encourage re-blooming.

**FERTILIZE...** with **Gardenville 7-2-2**. If you missed June's application, you can fertilize everything now. Use **Colorscapes, Color Star,** or **Osmocote** on color plantings and color pots. Most tropical plants bloom on new growth so fertilize well to keep them growing and blooming. For those with Palms, we have a good **Palm Food** to help them.

**WATER... PLEASE BE 'WATER WISE'.** Follow your city's restrictions. Follow the cycle and soak method. Hand-water those thirsty plants between soakings. Consider installing drip irrigation in beds and even small lawn areas. We need to continue to practice water conservation even though our lakes may be full from recent plentiful rains. You can find some helpful information on the 'Education Center' page of our website. And, you can find information, help, and advice on most city websites. Here is the City of Frisco's Water Resource information page: <http://www.friscotexas.gov/177/Water-Resources>

## PESTS...

- **Tackle fire ants** with a three-pronged attack:
  1. **Molasses** drives them out of your yard and improves your soil's health.
  2. **Come and Get It** is bait which can be used on mounds or over your entire yard.
  3. **Mound Drench** those stubborn ant mounds to get back at 'em quickly.
- **Watch for Scale** on Crape Myrtles, Hollies, and Magnolias. When the temps reach over 90°F, we suggest a systemic insecticide called **Bayer Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed** to kill scale.
- **For the fungus** among us we carry **Serenade**<sup>®</sup> which is an organic fungicide that controls a broad spectrum of fungal problems.
- For your turf grasses, we also carry **Infuse**<sup>™</sup>, a systemic disease control for Brown Patch and Take-All Patch diseases.
- As always, **bring us samples** – it's hard to make accurate recommendations over the phone.
- Pick up some **'Sandalwood' Mosquito Sticks** (yes they're back in stock!!), **Mosquito Bits**<sup>®</sup> and **Mosquito Dunks**<sup>®</sup> to keep those pesky mosquitoes away.

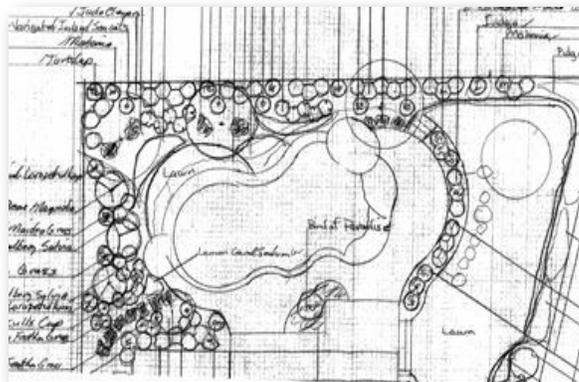
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when young,  
it will give us  
NO SHADE  
when we are

*Old.*

— LORD CHESTERFIELD —

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& Planning*



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Design *now* and be the first  
on the fall installation list!

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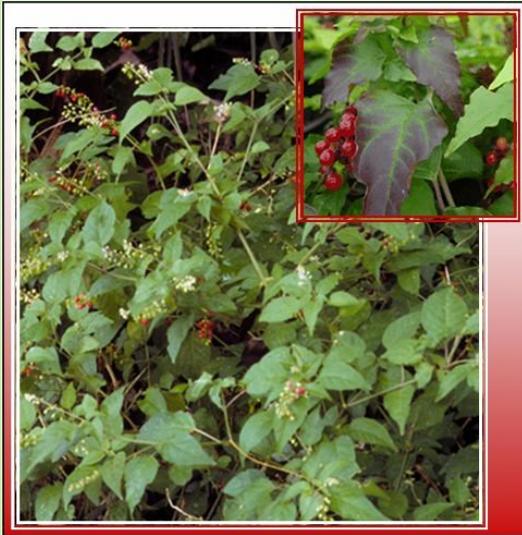


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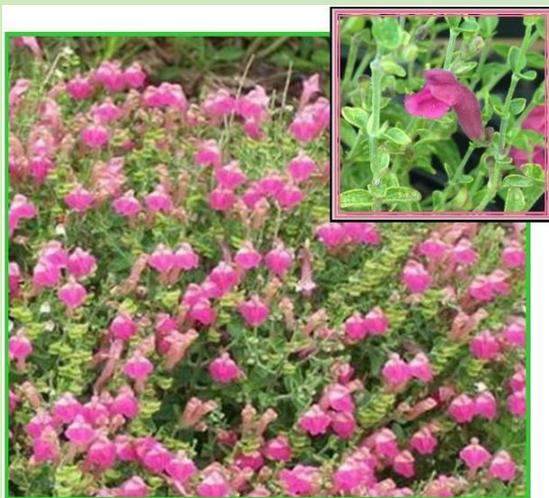
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➤ **Pigeonberry**  
*Rivina humilis*

How about our native Pigeonberry. How about e-z to grow and maintain. How about pink and white flowers. How about red berries. All at the same time! Shade only. Very drought tolerant once established. Plant with Turk's Cap and Columbine. About 1'-2' both ways. Pollinators, of course! Birds, of course!



➤ **Pink Skullcap**  
*Scutellaria suffrutescens*

Skullcap takes its dear sweet time showing some color, but once it does (like now), it's a showstopper! Snuck over the Mexican border by Dr. Creech at Stephen F. Austin University. Great addition to your low maintenance landscapes. Full Sun to Part Shade. Gets about 24" x 30". Pink blooms. No insect or disease issues. E-Z-weezy!

➤ **Blackfoot Daisy**  
*Melampodium leucanthum*

Unlike you, Blackfoot Daisy never goes on vacation. Blooms from March till Turkey Day. Fragrant. Full sun. Must stay on the dry side. Nothing better in a pot either. 12" tall by 24"-30" wide. Born and raised in Texas. Pollinators galore!

