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KWGC NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007



GARDENING BY GEORGE

Aaah January-it's quiet in the Garden Center after a busy Holiday Season-but not for long. Spring will be here soon and everyone is getting ready for **THE GRAND RE-OPENING**. Circle February 24th and 25th on your calendars and plan to stop in to see all the exciting changes at KWGC.

Blaze and I have been indoors watching as Christmas decorations are boxed up, inventory counted and listening to everyone talk about all the new plants, products and gifts that will be arriving soon. I am particularly excited about the roses scheduled to come in near the end of the month. So, look for me eyeing the Knock-outs or "Rhapsody In Blue" (one of the new varieties).

If you are searching for that unique gift to give someone special on Valentine's Day chances are you'll spot Blaze who seems to favor a comfy corner of the gift area. (She's not the gift!!) Valentine's Day will be special for us. Our ribbon cutting with the Humble Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for 1:30, February 14th.

Of course February and March are always busy months at the Garden Center with the start of Spring Planting and The Lawn Care Program. I however won't be as busy as usual. At a recent medical check-up my doctor said I have to slow down and so this will be my last column. I think after 10 years of By George, I deserve a paw. I'll be at the Garden Center for awhile, always happy to greet the friends who come to see me. I hope you have enjoyed reading about Blaze and me and our antics.

Bye, George



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Make Your Yard Sing

We are lucky to live in a region that supports a wide variety of birds. They are beautiful to watch, and can be beneficial residents of our yards. Many birds eat mosquitoes and other pesky flying insects. In order to attract birds to your garden you need three things: water, shelter, and food.

Water is important, especially with our long, hot summers. The birds need water to drink, but also to bathe in to cool off and rid themselves of parasites. The best bird baths have a gradual sloping rim. Large flower pot saucers or container lids may also be used. The water should be no deeper than 3 to 4 inches. It is best if the bottom is rough to provide good footing. In a plastic dish, some sand in the bottom does this. A fountain or dripping water to add sound and action are enjoyed by some birds. Robins like rotating sprinklers.

For shelter, hedges and evergreen shrubs near the feeding site are good. Some trees and shrubs have a bonus of seeds or berries that birds find attractive.



Bird feeders come in a variety of sizes and shapes. They may hang from tree branches or

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NOW'S THE TIME - SEASONAL CALENDAR

JANUARY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start tomatoes from seed. • Plant refrigerated tulip bulbs and any other bulbs you haven't yet planted. • Fertilize established trees and shrubs. • Do not fertilize azaleas and camellias until after they bloom in the spring. • Plant root and cold crops such as cabbage, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, carrots, and potatoes. • Transplant and move trees and shrubs. This is the best time to move azaleas and camellias. • Prune and groom fruit trees and crape myrtles, but don't prune spring bloomers such as azaleas. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare new beds now for roses and vegetables by adding compost, peat and/or cotton burl compost. Add fertilizer to beds now to allow the fertilizer to blend into the soil. • Apply pre-emergent to lawns and ornamental beds to prevent sprouting of annual weeds. We recommend <i>Dimension</i> or <i>Barricade</i>. • Transplant bare root and container grown roses. • Plant new trees and shrubs. • Plant seeds in the ground for bluebonnet, cosmos, larkspur, marigold, nasturtium, and sweet pea. |
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FEBRUARY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant tomato plants in 6" pots beginning February 1 for later transplanting into the ground after all danger of frost is past. • Spray trees and shrubs with <i>All Season Spray Oil</i> to kill over-wintering insects and their eggs, and any fungal spores that may be present. • Attend the Humble Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at Kingwood Garden Center—February 14th @ 1:30. • Find a gift for your Valentine at Kingwood Garden Center. • Prune roses on Valentines Day (or there about). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add lime to hydrangeas for pink blooms and aluminum sulfate for blue blooms. Add super phosphate to crape myrtles to encourage blooming. • Transplant woody shrubs while plants are dormant. • Attend the Kingwood Garden Center Grand Re-Opening—February 24th and 25th. • Give ground covers a haircut to encourage spreading. • Divide daylilies, daisies and other perennials. • Plant bulbs of amaryllis, calla, canna, elephant ears, ferns, hemerocallis (daylily), lilies, oxalis and rain lily. |
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2007 LAWN CARE CALENDAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
APPLY PRE-EMERGENT		FERTILIZE
APPLY EASY GROW WEED AND FEED		APPLY FUNGICIDE
	LEVEL LAWN WITH PLAY-SAND	
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
FERTILIZE	FERTILIZE	
APPLY FUNGICIDE	APPLY FUNGICIDE	APPLY FUNGICIDE
		APPLY INSECTICIDE
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
APPLY FUNGICIDE	FERTILIZE	
APPLY INSECTICIDE	APPLY FUNGICIDE	APPLY FUNGICIDE
	APPLY INSECTICIDE	APPLY INSECTICIDE
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	WINTERIZE	
	APPLY PRE-EMERGENT	

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS AND SUGGESTED APPLICATION RATES

PRE-EMERGENTS AS NEEDED	FERTILIZERS 4 APPLICATIONS/YEAR	FUNGICIDES AS NEEDED	INSECTICIDES LATE SPRING/SUMMER	WINTERIZERS NOV. - DEC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BARRICADE •AMAZE •DIMENSION •CORN GLUTEN * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KINGWOOD PREMIUM •EASY GROW •TEXAS T * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •F. STOP •PCNB •BAYLETON •ACTINOVATE * •CORN MEAL * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TURF RANGER •BIFEN •BUGOUT •DE * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •EASY GROW •FALL SPECIAL

* ORGANIC



2007 VEGETABLE SEED & STARTER PLANT PLANTING GUIDE

VEGETABLE	PLANT FROM SEED	PLANT FROM STARTER PLANTS	DAYS TO MATURITY
BEANS	Mar. 1 - May 15	N.A.	50-90
BEETS	Feb. 1 - Apr. 15	Jan. 15 - Feb. 28	60-70
BROCCOLI	Jan. 1 - Feb. 15*	Jan. 15 - Feb. 28	70-100
CABBAGE	Jan. 1 - Feb. 15*	Jan. 15 - Feb. 28	70-100
CARROTS	Jan. 15 - Mar. 1	N.A.	80-90
CAULIFLOWER	Jan. 1 - Feb. 15*	Jan. 15 - Feb. 28	80-100
COLLARDS	Jan. 15 - Apr. 1	Feb. 1 - Apr. 1	60-90
CUCUMBER	Mar. 1 - May 1	Apr. 1 - May 1	60-80
EGGPLANT	Jan. 15 - Mar. 1*	Mar. 15 - Apr. 15	90-100
KOHL RABI	Jan. 1 - Mar. 1	Jan. 15 - Mar. 1	65-85
LETTUCE	Jan. 15 - Mar. 31	Feb. 1 - Apr. 15	50-90
MELON	Apr. 1 - May 15	Apr. 1 - May 31	70-115
MUSTARD	Feb. 15 - Apr. 1	Feb. 15 - Apr. 15	40-50
OKRA	Apr. 1 - Jul. 15	Apr. 1 - Aug. 1	65-75
ONION (SETS)	N.A.	Jan. 15 - Feb. 15	90-130
PEA (SNAP TYPE)	Jan. 15 - Feb. 15	N.A.	65-105
PEA (SOUTHERN)	Apr. 1 - Jun. 1	N.A.	70-90
PEPPER	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1*	Mar. 1 - May 1	70-100
POTATO (IRISH)	Jan. 15 - Feb. 15	N.A.	90-100
POTATO (SWEET)	Apr. 1 - Jun. 30	N.A.	110-140
PUMPKIN	Mar. 15 - Jul. 15	N.A.	90-120
RADISH	Feb. 1 - Apr. 15	N.A.	23-50
SPINACH	Jan. 1 - Feb. 15	N.A.	50-70
SQUASH	Mar. 10 - Apr. 15	Mar. 15 - May 1	60-70
SWEET CORN	Mar. 10 - Apr. 30	N.A.	80-100
SWISS CHARD	Jan. 15 - Mar. 1	Feb. 1 - Mar. 15	60-90
TOMATO	Jan. 15 - Feb. 15*	Mar. 1 - May 1	60-100
TURNIP	Jan. 15 - Mar. 15	N.A.	40-70

* Start these plants indoors

KWGC LAWN CARE PROGRAMS

KWGC's Lawn Care Programs are all inclusive, proven methods designed to create beautiful, healthy, green lawns.

Organic Lawn Care Program

(Fertilization, Disease and Weed Prevention)
 8000 square feet \$277.85
 4000 square feet \$138.92

Standard Lawn Care Program

(Fertilization and Disease Prevention)
 7600 square feet \$187.48
 3800 square feet \$102.22

Premium Lawn Care Program

(Fertilization, Disease and Weed Prevention)
 7600 square feet \$249.49
 3800 square feet \$137.90

Free use of spreader for each application

Lawn care advice from our knowledgeable staff

CHECK OUT THE FREE INSERT FOR MORE LAWCARE INFORMATION

- Black Oil Sunflower seeds—Goldfinch, Blue Jay, Chickadees, Cardinals, Sparrows, Titmice, Woodpeckers
- Safflower—Cardinals, Doves, Finches, Jays
- Suet—Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Jays, Mockingbirds
- Thistle/Nyjer—Finches, Doves, Chickadees, Siskin
- Peanuts—Cardinals, Jays, Woodpeckers

Custom Blends

- Finch Gold
- Red Bird
- Native Blend
- Clean Sweep
- Variety Plus
- Tree Top
- Blue Chip
- Special order custom blended bird seed also available

Make Your Yard Sing - (continued from page 1)

the eaves of the roof, attach to windows, or sit on a pole or platform. Place your feeder where you can see it from a window and near shrubbery or other bird shelter. Be sure your feeder is easy to clean. Old or seeds with mildew can make the birds sick. Sunflower seed is the most popular wild bird food. It is available as black oil (the most protein), or striped, whole or hulled. There is no clean up with hulled seed. Peanut products, suet and black oil sunflower seed are the most high energy food for winter. The preferred foods of common birds are listed below. All foods are in stock at Kingwood Garden Center.

- Hulled Sunflower seeds—All Birds

INVENTORY IS NOW ARRIVING

- ◆ Earth Boxes
- ◆ Books
 - Field Guides
 - Organic Gardening
- ◆ Spring Pottery & Décor
- ◆ Bulbs
- ◆ Roses
- ◆ Birding Products





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Come Celebrate Our
GRAND RE-OPENING
February 24th and 25th

- CLASSES
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- DOOR PRIZES
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD & FUN