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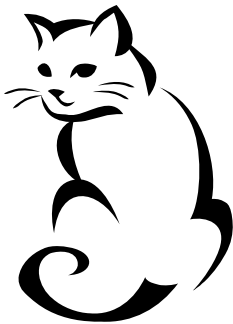


Mon - Fri 9:00 - 6:00
Saturday 8:00 - 6:00
Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

WE WILL MISS YOU GEORGE

One day, about 15 years ago, Mr. George Bushy Tail strolled into the Kingwood Garden and established himself as the lord of the store.

George, as he became known, endeared himself to all who entered with the many facets of his personality. He bought smiles to the customers he greeted at the gate and delighted them by rolling over and exposing his tummy to be petted. He loved children and would come running when he heard their voices. He demonstrated unusual patience as they struggled to pick him up.



George's evening ritual of sitting up to receive treats at the end of the day would make us smile and he bought cheer to each new day by greeting us at the door every morning.

Thank-you, George for providing us with memories that will remain in our hearts forever.

Your Friends



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A Seedy Subject

Kingwood Garden Center relies primarily on *Botanical Interest* as a seed supplier. Botanical Interest is a family run company that provides both organic and conventional seeds. More importantly they do not supply any genetically modified (GMO) or treated seeds.



When it comes to organics it is generally believed that seed does not accumulate pesticides. If there is any residual pesticide in a seed, it is so diluted that its effects once it gets into the plant stage that its effects.

Whether using organically grown or conventional seeds you can have healthy organic garden by caring for the soil and using organic growing methods regardless of the source of the seed.

Studies show when plants use their own self-defense systems for survival and grow in healthy soil they absorb more nutrients like antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals.



LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL ON
OUR CERTIFIED ORGANIC SEEDS.



NOW'S THE TIME - SEASONAL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- Now is a great time to visit KWGC to take advantage of our sale items.
- Divide and plant spring and summer blooming perennials such as daylilies, irises, phlox and Shasta daisies.
- Sow seed for sweet peas, snapdragons, alyssum, stock and calendulas.
- Continue to make sure that your azaleas do not dry out. They are setting buds for next spring's bloom. If the plants are yellowing and showing signs of chlorosis, treat with "*Ironite*." Do not fertilize.
- Plant new mums.
- Purchase spring bulbs now while quantities, varieties, and colors you desire are plentiful. Also, refrigerate hyacinth bulbs in the last week of September for Thanksgiving planting.
- Houseplants should be replanted by the end of this month to provide sufficient time for them to root in their new soil.
- Plant vegetable seed and starter plants according to planting schedule in last month's newsletter. Plant herb such as chives, dill, oregano, sweet marjoram, cilantro, flat and curly parsley, thyme, basil (good until frost) and mints.
- Continue to provide quality care for your roses because October is a fantastic month for rose blooms.
- This is an ideal month for the last application of a 3:1:2 or 4:1:2 premium quality, long-lasting slow release lawn fertilizer such as *Easy Gro Winterizer*.
- This is the ideal time to plant rye grass for temporary winter lawns because it will germinate and establish quickly now.
- If you aren't going to plant a temporary lawn, now is the time to apply a weed preventative before weed seed germination.
- Prevent brown patch on lawn by applying *ferti-lome F-Stop* granules or cornmeal for an organic solution to lawn fungus problems.

OCTOBER

- Watch for brown patch in your lawn. Brown patch is characterized by circular brown areas. The fungus is triggered by cool nights and warm days. To cure, treat with *Nitro-Phos Terrachlor* or cornmeal for an organic solution to lawn fungus problems.
- If you wish to "winterize" the lawn this season, October is the last month to fertilize your lawn with a premium quality, long-lasting 3:1:2 or 4:1:2 ration lawn fertilizer. We recommend *Easy Gro Winterizer* fertilizer to aid root development and help prevent winter kill.
- Check the undersides of camellias for tea scale and spray with Dormant Oil or Neem if required.
- Check soil ph of azaleas. If the ph is above 5.5 or the leaves are yellowing or showing signs of chlorosis, side dress with Ironite or spray foliage with *fertilome Liquid Iron*.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Most houseplants which have been enjoying the out of doors should be brought inside because frost/freezes could hit by the end of the month.
- Plant trees and shrubs now and in November. This is one of the best times of the year to plant as the soil is cool and plants have fall and winter to establish their roots and be ready to take off in the spring.
- This is a great month for mulching all plants. Plants which are mulched 3 to 4 inches deep have less weed problems and do not need watering as often. Plus mulching helps to moderate extreme temperatures in the plant's root zone.
- Divide and replant herbs such as garlic, multiplying onions and chives.
- Also, divide, replant, or plant spring/summer blooming perennials to give them time to establish themselves for spring or summer bloom.
- Plant bluebonnets and wildflower seed now for spring flowers.
- Dig and store caladiums now or in November before the foliage dies. Dust with sulphur to control fungus.
- Do not plant pansies too early. Even though they may be available, wait until late October or November. They like cool weather.



BIRDS NEST

Hummingbirds High Jinks

The amazing hummingbirds are back demonstrating their incredible flying skills along with their insatiable appetites. The hummingbirds become very active after the young leave the nest.

A few facts and recommendations:

- ✚ Beating their wings between 50 and 200 times per minute, hummingbirds fly forward (up to 60 mph) backwards, sideways and hover.
- ✚ They consume 50% of their body weight in nectar daily.
- ✚ Hummingbirds lap nectar with a specially configured tongue.
- ✚ They also consume insects and feed insects to their young.
- ✚ Clean your feeders a couple times a week. Mold, which will repel the birds, develops overnight in our area.

BLUE WATER



KWGC is building a resource center for pond enthusiasts. We hope to have a complete line of products to choose from but we need your help to determine your needs.

HELP US HELP YOU.
Come tell us what your needs are.

Current in stock are following products:

- Pumps
- Filters
- Fertilizer
- Soils
- Lights
- Garden ornaments
- Algae remedies
- Plants

“A fresh footpath, a fresh flower, a fresh delight...unknown and new things at every step –something always to find; no barren spot anywhere or sameness. “

The Open Air, Richard Jefferies 1885

GARDEN GIFTS

The weathermen are predicting cool fronts, which means it is the time of year to really enjoy your outdoor garden area. Our fall décor is arriving daily and the gift area is filled with yard art from stepping-stones to statuary. We have autumn flags, colorful spin wheels and a wide assortment of pottery. For a fun seasonal display check out the Halloween items. Plus popular NCAA team garden gnomes and garden flags are back.



For those who prefer to garden indoors we have a beautiful selection of baskets and houseplants and some new reading material in the book section.

BREAKING NEWS

GARDEN CONTEST WINNER

Bette Hale submitted the winning entry to the KWGC Garden Contest. The garden picture is available for viewing on the KWGC web site (kingwoodgardencenter.com). Ms. Hale used the Caldwell (Caldwell, TX) Pink rose as the centerpiece of her gardenscape. This double lilac flower is perfect for the filtered sunlight common in Kingwood gardens. What a perfectly peaceful setting she has created along her garden path. Congratulations to Bette Hale and thanks for sharing your garden.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

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September 29th
10:00 a.m. - Noon

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