



# FLOWER POWER

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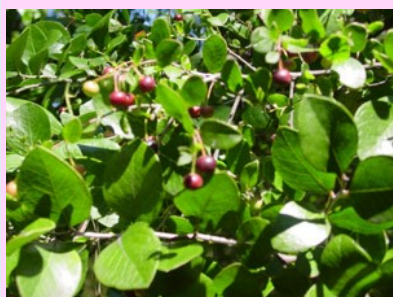
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## THE NATIVE NUDGE

*Vaccinium arboreum*  
'Sparkleberry'



Also called Farkleberry, it is a semi-deciduous shrub with glossy green foliage, medium-fine texture, a slow growth rate and an oval-rounded form. Clusters of delicate, white bell-shaped flowers (0.25-inches long) bloom in May. The black fruit are visible for an extended period in the fall and winter. Fall leaf color is deep red to maroon. Older plants have exfoliating bark that reveals an orange-brown inner bark. With age, the plant has a very picturesque branching habit.



## Calling All Tree Huggers



The 2021 edition of the Tree Walk, now titled the Bonnie Phelps Tree Walk, is scheduled for October 23rd on what we predict will be a beautiful Saturday morning.

Six professional arborists will guide attendees on six different routes in the neighborhood. The greatest difficulty will be choosing which route to take. There will be a limited number on each route, so get there and register early to get the one you want. Perhaps you will prefer one on a street you rarely use, or perhaps just the opposite. You may want to learn about the trees on a street you drive down regularly. Whatever you decide it will prove to be a wonderful experience. Invite your family and friends to see what AEGC can do!



*"If you look the right way, you can see  
that the whole world is a garden."*







## October Yard of the Month 3279 Kensington Road Home of Mike and Leah Dobbs



The Dobbs' home is tucked away in a private oasis near the corner of Kensington Road and Covington Highway. This yard is all about the lines! Gentle curves found in the arches and columns on the porch, the driveway, and the walkway are echoed in the clean landscape. Mike and Leah's yard has plants that are found in many yards around town: loropetalum, crepe myrtle, Japanese maple, yew, roses, and different types of abelia. Although the plant choices are traditional, the way they are arranged draws the eye upward toward the home and helps frame it perfectly.

Simple shades of green and purple offer a soft touch this time of year while we make the transition from one season to the next. The bright colors of summer are fading, but the promising brilliant colors of autumn are just around the corner. You can even see nature's confetti in the freshly fallen crepe myrtle leaves!

*~Tyler Weaver & Alice Guppy*

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# The awards just keep coming!



It was announced at the **Redbud District** Annual Meeting based on the 2020 President's Report, AEGC received these awards:

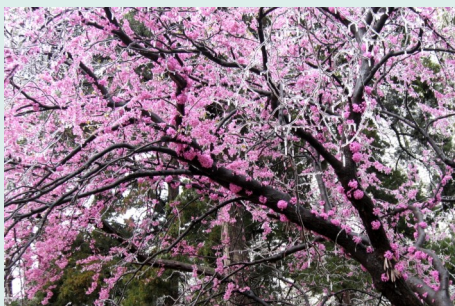
#1. **Jerry Tubb Award of the Year** - Silver Traveling Trophy awarded to the club with the **highest score** on the President's Report.

#7. **Dorothy W. Hightower Community Improvement Award** - Silver Traveling Trophy awarded to the club presenting the most outstanding **Community Improvement Project 1<sup>st</sup> place**

#14. **Deanna McFarlan Club Newsletter Award** - awarded to a garden club for the **best club newsletter** submitted for the awards year. **2<sup>nd</sup> place**

#17. **Lorraine Loftis Redbud Membership Award** - Based on **largest percentage increase in membership** over the past year as reflected in state dues paid. **3<sup>rd</sup> place**

#18. **National Garden Week Award** - The club that has the most outstanding National Garden Week program as reported in the President's report. **1<sup>st</sup> place**





# FALL GARDENING



**WALTER SAYS . . . Lots to do in October . . .** Pansy planting season has begun, get a six pack and start planting! Plant “six-pack” pansies eight inches apart, larger plants can be spaced ten inches apart . . . In order to see pretty flowers in the spring, plant spring flowering bulbs, like tulip, daffodil and hyacinth. . . Trim back by one fourth any woody plants you’ve kept outdoors during the summer, to help them fit inside your home for the winter. . . . Cut brown flower stems of purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, daylily and hosta back to ground level. . . Apply a weed pre-venter to beds of already-planted cool-season flowers to prevent weed seeds from sprouting. . . . Finish dividing daylily clumps, iris rhizomes and peony roots. Plant them into a well-dug bed immediately. . . Remove faded rose blooms. Clip wayward stems back so the plant has a compact form, ready for winter wind and ice. . . Rake out and replace all of the mulch and dead leaves under roses, red tip photinia and crabapples. You’ll prevent diseases on next year’s leaves . . . Fertilize pansies again with water-soluble houseplant fertilizer. Switch to a product that contains nitrate nitrogen (Osmocote, Pansy Booster, etc) when you feed in two weeks.



## ***OCTOBER 14TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEATURES RECYCLING THOSE HARD-TO-RECYCLE OBJECTS***

Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe began the non-profit “Live Thrive” as the logical outgrowth of her blog concerning efforts by individuals, communities and local businesses to create a healthy and sustainable environment. By 2010 there was an obvious need for an organization to channel these efforts

Dottie Davis who refers to herself as the Queen of Plastics says, “I’ve always been a hardwired recycler and conservationist at heart. I do remember the first Earth Day in 1970 was inspirational for me.

These two women realized a permanent drop-off facility was needed in the metro area and CHaRM was the result (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials).

Since ChaRM opened in 2015 over 100 million tons of harmful waste has been diverted from our water systems and landfills.





# Specific Needs for Children at the Women's Shelter



10 Photo Storage boxes nature themed if possible

14 Pkg Markers

12 Packages Crayone

20 Glue Sticks

24 Fidget Spinners

25 Watercolor sets

10 Coloring books

***BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE MEETING OR TAKE TO JEAN KINGSBURY~THANKS!***



## DEKALB FEDERATION OCTOBER MEETING OCTOBER 28

Remember to register for the October Virtual Meeting of DeKalb Federation. The meeting is Thursday, October 28, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

The program is **Pot to Pond**

The speaker for October is John Magyar, Biologist and President of Universal Aquatics, a company which designs, installs, and maintains water features, koi ponds, fountains, and water features.

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## AND KEEP IN MIND . . .



**The Tree Walk is Saturday October 23rd. At 10:00.** It is a wonderful experience for everyone. Let's hope for a cool crisp sunny day, but if that doesn't happen, just come in a raincoat or with an umbrella—just as much fun in the rain.

October is probably the best time to **divide those perennials** you want to clean up and cut back. That will give them the winter to put down strong roots so they'll burst forth in the spring. Just put a portion in a pot and leave them where they'll get some water over the winter. If you have some compost to sprinkle on them, they'll appreciate it... Voila! In the spring we'll have a plant for the Plant Sale in April and you'll have the undying gratitude of the Plant Sale Committee and members of the community who love purchasing plants from us.



Sadly, the Holiday Bazaar has been cancelled for this year in an abundance of caution for members and attendees. BUT, that doesn't mean you shouldn't keep it in mind for next year. Surely we will be out of this pandemic by then! So, tape up the boxes of merchandise you have been saving and continue to find things around the house (yours or your friends') and save them for just one more year. It should be a block buster in 2022.

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## NOTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Welcome back!**

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