



FLOWER POWER

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THE NATIVE NUDGE *Tiarella Cordifolia* Foam Flower



A small, delicate native herbaceous perennial grown in shade gardens for its neat, interesting foliage and small spikes of creamy white flowers.

Despite its slow growth rate, Foamflower can be used as a groundcover as it spreads by underground rhizomes.

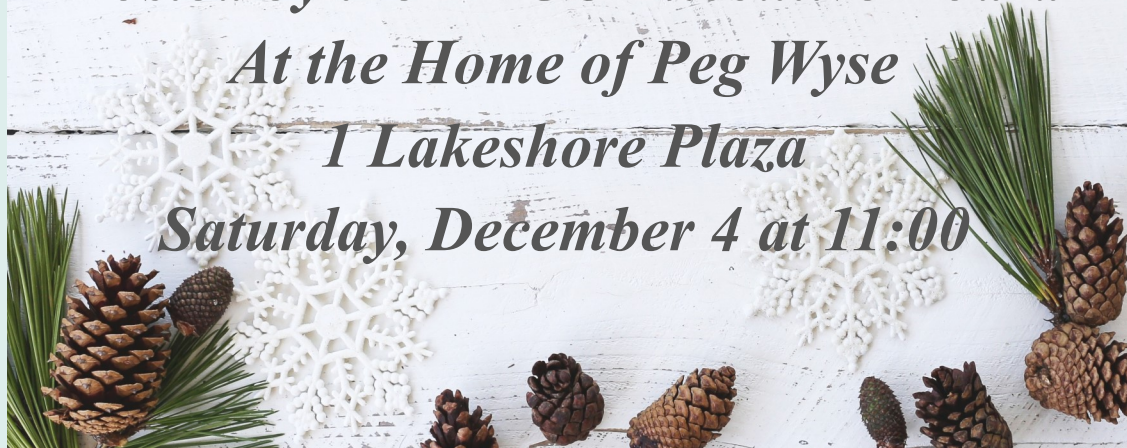
Foliage may be reddish bronze in winter. In spring the flower buds appear with a pink tinge and open to white star shaped clusters on long stems 10-12" above the foliage. Their show lasts about six weeks. There are several cultivars of this native.

Trim the stems when flowers have faded and give the foliage center stage for the rest of the season.

Not drought tolerant, it prefers shade to part shade (with morning sun).



*You Are Cordially Invited
To a Holiday Luncheon
Hosted by the AEGC Executive Board
At the Home of Peg Wyse
1 Lakeshore Plaza
Saturday, December 4 at 11:00*



CARL'S CORNER

The adoption is final! Carl's Corner is officially our baby to nurture and grow. The installation took place November 12. Mayolo Salgado's Eco Gardens crew installed the plants and were guided by Avondale Estates resident and garden designer, Camille Harvey. Patricia Calcagno was on site wearing her garden gloves as well.





Carl's Corner BEFORE AEGC worked it's magic.

Eco Gardens, owned by Mayolo Salgado, was hired by AEGC to do the transformation.

They removed all plant material in the bed, amended the soil, planted 9 three gallon Abelia Radiance shrubs, installed 4 boulders, planted 20 hardy and low maintenance perennials - shasta daisies and rudbeckia; and installed mulch. In addition, the pansies, dianthus, and snapdragons that were planted the prior week by the City were removed and re-planted after the prep work was done. It is lovely now but will be a thing of beauty in months to come. Thank you Eco Gardens and Camille Harvey.

Et Voila! The Finished Product





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

The Dobbs' home is tucked away into 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, driveway, and walkway are echoed in the clean landscape. Mike and Leah's yard has vegetation that's found in many yards around town: loropetalum, crepe myrtle, Japanese maple, yew, roses, and a couple different types of abelia. While the plant choices are traditional, the placement of those plants draws the eye upward toward the home and helps frame it perfectly. The simple shades of green and purple offer a soft touch this time of year while we 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



November Yard of the Month

Home of Kate Nelson and Bryan Nuckols

848 Stratford Road

Kate and Bryan moved into their home in 2015. The couple inherited some mature Azaleas and a beautiful old and tall Camellia. Having learned her love of gardening from her late father, Kate quickly began to put her own stamp on the front garden. The couple began by adding a Boxwood edge under one of the front windows. A Camellia and a Lorapetalum were then planted to flank the Boxwoods. More Boxwoods and Hydrangeas were added to the planting bed at the left of the house.

At a time when there is little color in the November garden, Kate and Bryan solved the problem by planting bright yellow Chrysanthemums and Pansies between the fading Hostas along the front walk. Another pop of color was added with Crotons and purple Coleus. Through their enthusiasm and hard work, Kate and Bryan have created a garden worthy of their beautiful home.

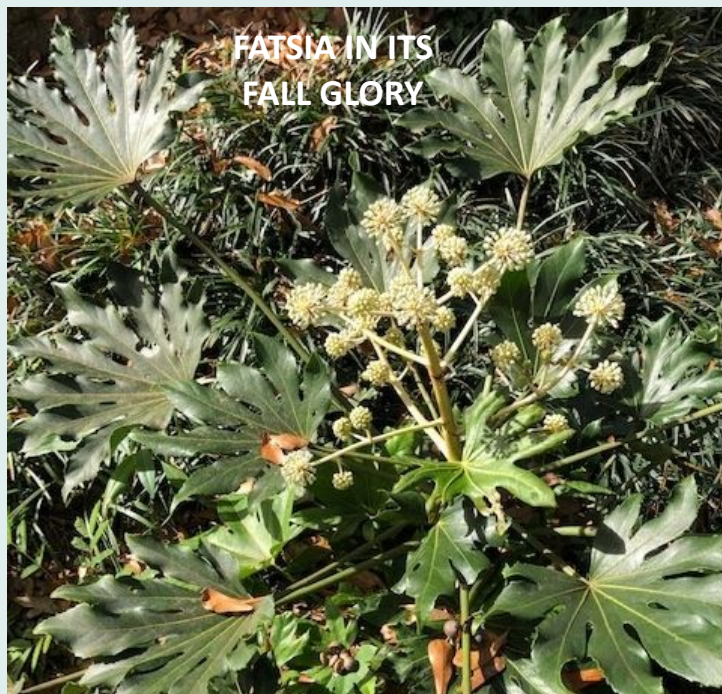
~ Christi Granger & Carolyn Adams

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Beautiful Avondale (LITE)

As there is beauty in our neighborhood in the fall and winter as well as in the spectacular spring and summer, we would like to publish a Fall/Winter version for 2021-22. We need photos from your gardens and wherever else you find yourself in AE. Remember to take you phone/camera with you on walks and send your photos to susan@sbarton.com. Please include the location and tell us what we are seeing in the picture. You all did a fine job in 2020 and we had stunning photos (and only one professional in the membership!). Here are a few already taken by our own Lois Lane (Kathy Delaney).



WHAT WILL YOU FIND BEAUTIFUL?

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Fall Gardening: To cut back or not to cut back? That is the question.

Do we cut back all the perennials in our gardens? The Extension Service suggests that we look at a variety of factors to make that decision.

Does leaving the perennial as it is add interest to the winter landscape? Ornamental grasses are dramatic in the winter landscape with tall plumes. You can leave them standing until spring when you should cut them back before any new shoots appear. Siberian Iris and Baptisia australis (false indigo) have interesting seed pods and Sedum 'Autumn Joy' as well as Joe Pye weed have round lacy globes they hold on to all winter.

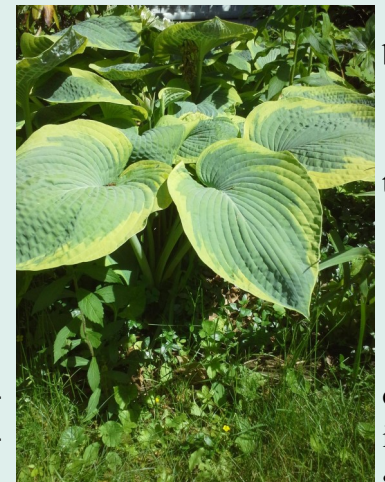
Does the perennial provide food for birds? Gold finches especially love the seeds of Purple Coneflower, Rudbekia and the Oxeye sunflower. Birds can find protection in plant stubs and ground covers.

Does the perennial help beneficial insects in the winter? There are beneficial insects that may hide in native plants for the winter at any stage of development.



Low growing evergreen or even semi-evergreen perennials do not need to be cut i.e. hardy geraniums, heucheras, hellebores, and dianthus.

Perennials with disease or insect problems should be cut back in the fall to reduce chance of infection the following year. Bee Balm (Monarda) and garden phlox (Phlox paniculate) which are superior candidates for powdery mildew. Even resistant varieties can become infected in bad weather. Remember to destroy the infected stems — do not compost them. Dead hosta leaves harbor slug eggs that will hatch and become a nasty problem next season. Cut back peonies, day lilies, veronica and brunnera. There are plants that grow new basal leaves late in the season including yarrow, Shasta daisy, globe thistle and others. Cut the stalks back, but leave the basal growth undisturbed.



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Don't rush out to cut back plants until after two or three hard freezes. The roots of the plant are still getting energy from the dying plant. When you do cut back, leave about 3-5 inches above the soil to mark its location. You might even put an identifying marker in the soil. This is especially im-



portant for plants that emerge in the late spring such as the butterfly weed and the balloon flower.

AND DON'T CUT BACK THOSE MUMS. THEY NEED THE FOLIAGE TO PROTECT THEM IN THE COLD

***Mayor Proclaimed October 27
Avondale Elementary School Totem Garden Day
Recognized 175 Volunteers' Gift of 1231 Hours
to Improve AES Garden for Children***



**A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE
AVONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - TOTEM GARDEN DAY**

WHEREAS the City of Avondale Estates Board of Mayor and Commissioners recognizes the importance of volunteer service to the community; and

WHEREAS the Avondale Estates Garden Club and the Avon Garden Club Youth Committees and their club members organized the Avondale Elementary School Totem Garden project; and

- National Garden Clubs, Inc., and a Plant America Grant of provided the seed money to begin the project.
- The Avondale Historic Sign Committee and three citizens donated the cedar posts for the totems.
- Scott Maxwell donated 700 bricks for landscape edging.
- Avondale Art Guild members donated their time and talents to paint the totems.
- Mark Timberlake built birdhouses and volunteers decorated them.
- Ernie Ahlquist and Louis Belline constructed the Little Library which Michele Spears decorated.
- Community residents and club members gave cash donations.
- Art instructor Lisa Kemp's students at the school painted river rocks to add color and fun to the garden.
- Plants Creative Landscapes provided plants and labor to install the landscape redesign.
- Eco Gardens LLC manager Mayolo Salgado offered the materials and labor to install the Legacy Terrace of personalized engraved bricks as well as the Tribute Bricks honoring the Teachers of the Year and Principals who have served the school over the years.

WHEREAS this board wishes to recognize the hard work, dedication and passion of over 175 individuals who participated by giving approximately 1,231 hours of time in service to our community and the school, we recognize this as a testament to the spirit of Avondale Estates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Elmore, Mayor of the City of Avondale Estates, do hereby proclaim and declare today the 27th day of October 2021 as "AVONDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - TOTEM GARDEN DAY" honoring the completion of the joint project between the Avondale Estates and Avon Garden Clubs for their dedicated efforts, and those of the many volunteers, to beautify our city and the front entrance of the school.


Jonathan Elmore, Mayor