



FLOWER POWER

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THE NATIVE NUDGE

Viburnum dentatum
'Southern Arrowwood'



An upright, rounded, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub which typically reaches 6-10' tall with a similar spread, but may reach a height of 15' in optimum growing conditions.

Non-fragrant, flat-topped white flowers (to 4" diameter) appear in late spring.

Flowers give way to blue-black, berry-like drupes which are attractive to birds and wild-life.

It prefers moist, well drained soil in full sun to part shade.

Native Americans reportedly used the straight stems of this species for arrow shafts, hence the common name.



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF AEGC

Happy Birthday to Us!
September Live and in Person!

Who would have thought that having a meeting live and in person would be news? News it is and big plans have been made to welcome us back. The meeting is this Thursday evening the 16th. Come at 6:00 for refreshments and the joy of being together again after 18 months of Zoom and phone calls.

The theme is a birthday party we are throwing for ourselves and the entertainment promises to be entertaining. The refreshments will reflect our years of luncheons and parties and we will take a sentimental journey from the 30's to the 20's.





September Yard of the Month 4 Lakeshore Plaza Home of Susan Merrit

Nary a day goes by that you won't see Susan doing something in her yard! Even after 35 years at the same address, she is always working on another project. Recently, Susan had several trees removed due to erosion issues all too common around Avondale Estates. As a result, a new garden is being planned on the site of an old magnolia that was removed, and her front yard is freshly sodded. Susan credits her grandfather for her "gardening bug," as he farmed a quarter-acre lot with an orange grove, vineyard, and even poultry and fowl.

During this season, Susan is most looking forward to her Japanese anemones and the Rachel Jackson asters. But in another season, her favorites are her hydrangeas, a particularly wonderful burgundy daylily (whose name is long forgotten), and practically every hosta known to humanity. *~Tyler Weaver*

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New for 2021 Encore Azalea 'Autumn Starburst'



Autumn Starburst blooms in coral pink with white margins against dark evergreen foliage. Flowering profusely in spring, summer and fall, Autumn Starburst grows compact and mounding -- only 3' high by 3' wide.

Encore Azaleas tolerate more sun than traditional azaleas, growing in high sun or filtered shade. Plant these reblooming evergreen azaleas where they can receive 4-6 hours of sun, preferably with afternoon shade, for optimal blooms in spring, summer and fall.

Holidays for Heroes



The annual project of DeKalb Federation is in progress. Holiday for Heroes gives us an opportunity to thank those who are on active duty in the military and deployed around the world. We send holiday cards and thank them for their service.

These cards will be delivered to Dobbins Air Force Base by the first week in October and will be distributed to our troops.

Please check in your Holiday supplies for Christmas cards you can send. Please deliver your cards to Faye Boyd who will have a basket on her front porch. The deadline to have them to Faye is September 21st.

GUIDELINES FOR CARDS:

- Do not seal envelopes
 - Do not sign cards, instead say Thank you for your service, or A Grateful American etc.
 - No postage, no personal information, no political statements
 - NO GLITTER!!!! WHY? Many cards are delivered to wounded soldiers. Glitter can get into a wound. Also as we know, Glitter is forever.
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WALTER SAYS . . . Buy bulbs now (they should be on sale) . . . Wait

to plant daffodil, tulip, hyacinth, Dutch iris, etc. until night temperatures are consistently **below 60 degrees**. At that time the soil is warm enough to stimulate root growth but you won't get much foliage growth. You can successfully plant them as late as December but the later you wait after October the less able the bulbs will be to establish themselves. . . . Planting depth isn't critical. Spring-flowering bulbs usually do fine if the top of the bulb is covered by a couple of inches of soil. There are two critical times to feed your bulbs. They need nutrients in the fall when they are planted and they need more in the spring when they have leaves. For every ten square feet of bed, sprinkle two cups of 10-10-10 fertilizer over the soil and dig it in as you prepare an area for planting. Use the same amount next March when the leaves emerge.



Boxes Needed for Gifts for Children at the Women’s Shelter

These are the type boxes we need for the Shelter. We have a good supply of several items and will let you know next month what we will need for December. These boxes can be purchased at Michaels and other craft stores. They are a bit larger than a shoe box and are often on sale. You may bring them to a meeting or drop them at Jean Kingsbury’s house.



Scarecrows in the Garden at ABG

October 1 - November 1

Enjoy creative scarecrows handcrafted by businesses, individuals, schools and organizations, scattered throughout the Garden. This exhibit is always great fun and gets better every year.



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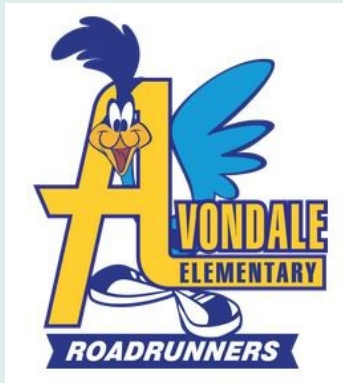
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AND KEEP IN MIND:



The Tree Walk is Saturday October 23rd. If you haven't signed up to work that day, now would be a good time. Do plan to come even if not to work. It will be a wonderful fall Saturday morning.

September and October are perfect times to divide those perennials you want to clean up and cut back. Just put a portion in a pot and leave them where they'll get some water over the winter. 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!



AEGC is part of RoadRunner Nation now that we have been a part of the renewal of the landscape of the school. But there is always more we can do. As individuals we can donate our time and resources. Carolyn Chandler has taken the lead in an effort to provide supplies to the STEM program and many of these items are to be found around the house. An abbreviated list of things you can bring to the meeting or get to Joan Lass, our committee chair for

AES: **Aluminum Foil - Balloons - Buttons - Duct, Scotch & Masking**

Tape - Glue (Elmers, Glue Sticks, Super Glue—Golf Tees—Kleenex - Legos –Low temp glue guns and glue sticks –Model Magic (white) -Paper Towels –Pipe Cleaners –Play dough Pool Noodles –Popsicle/Craft sticks –Shoeboxes –Shoestrings (or any string) -Straws –Toothpicks - Wiggly Eyes –Wooden skewers -Ziploc bags of any size.



DeKalb Federation and Redbud District meetings will continue as Zoom meetings for the immediate future. Federation meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month and will be September 23rd this month. The District meeting of Redbud is October 6.

