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*President's Corner*

Fellow Members,

While sitting at my desk working on various PGS tasks, the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday inspired me to stop and think for a few moments. What was I thankful for? The obvious things first came to mind, but then I looked outside. I decided to change course this month with the President's Corner and use this as a chance to reflect on how thankful I am to be given the opportunity to create a garden.

I am thankful for my garden, and all of the life and beauty that is found there. I am thankful for the sunshine, that brings with it warmth and life and creates the shadow that keeps me company while tending to my chores. I am thankful for the sore and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means that I have been productive. I am thankful for the rain that regenerates the garden and gives me a day of rest. I am thankful for hours spent with my supportive

husband, whom indulges my obsession and works along side me to help bring my vision to a reality. I'm even more thankful that I have been allowed to create a place for myself and my family where we can each retreat and find moments of calm and peacefulness. I feel fortunate that for a time, I get to be the caretaker of this garden.



Finally, I am thankful for all of my gardening friends that never fail to teach me, inspire me, or make me laugh. Enjoy this Thanksgiving holiday with family or friends and remember to take a moment of your own to reflect on some of the small things that are often overlooked.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday,  
Beckie & Wendi

Local Gardening Events

- 12/5—Bird's Christmas Trees—Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- 11/27-1/3—Holiday at the Arboretum—Dallas Arboretum
- 12/5—Evergreen Shrubs, North Haven Gardens
- 12/18-12/19—Holiday Trail of Lights—Heard Natural Science Museum

*From the dirt up - Leaf Recycling Program*



Did you know, in the first year of the leaf recycling program in Southlake, over 200 tons of leaves were recycled? Once again this year, the City of Southlake, in partnership with Keep Southlake Beautiful and

Duncan Disposal, is pleased to offer another round of curbside leaf recycling this winter. The Leaf Recycling Program gives citizens the op-

portunity to place their bagged leaves on the curb and have them picked up for recycling rather than ending up in the landfill.

It is important to participate in this program because the leaves that accumulate in and around a landscape represent a valuable natural resource that can be used to provide landscaped areas with a good source of organic matter and nutrients. Leaves contain 50 - 80% of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during



## Leaf Recycling Program (cont.)

the growing season. In forests, pastures and other natural settings, tree leaves and other organic wastes from a natural carpet over the soil surface which conserves moisture, moderates temperature and prevents soil erosion and crusting.

Place your bagged leaves at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on designated collection days listed above. Your bagged leaves should be placed at the curb and physically separated from other solid waste. And the best part is, any type of bag may be used.

Leaves will be picked up every other Wednesday. The collection dates: are November 18, December 2, December 16 and January 6.

Let's all do our part to Keep Southlake Beautiful!



## December Garden Tips

- Lightly cover perennial, vegetable, bulb, and strawberry beds for winter
- Plant winter- and spring-blooming bulbs (Tulips and hyacinths should be planted in late December)
- Cut back on feeding houseplants (do not feed dormant houseplants)
- Plant ornamental grasses
- Plant winter-blooming perennials
- Pansies, pinks, snapdragons, flowering cabbage and kale can be planted now, for winter color
- Plant bare-root roses
- Plant trees, shrubs, and vines
- Prune fall- and winter-blooming shrubs and vines after bloom
- Plant cool-season or winter vegetable seedlings

Sow seeds for cool-season or winter vegetables

**Next meeting**  
**December 9, 11 am -**  
**Mi Cocina**  
**Town Square**

## December PGS Meeting

We hope that you've made plans to join us on December 9th at Mi Cocina. Lunch will be at 11 am. Wendi & Beckie will have some fun games with great prizes, so make sure you attend!

**Please RSVP to Randa by Monday, December 7th.** Remember that we'll also be taking do-

for GRACE. This link will take you to their web site, where you can see items that they would appreciate receiving.  
[http://www.gracegrapevine.org/inkind\\_wishlist.aspx](http://www.gracegrapevine.org/inkind_wishlist.aspx)



## Felder Rushing - January 28th!

Hope you have your calendars marked! We're so excited to have Felder joining us. The program will be held at Johnson Elementary at 7:30 PM

We'll each receive 2 tickets—one for us and one for a guest. We'll let you know soon how to buy additional tickets.



The Perennial Garden Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating its members on gardening topics specific to the North Texas area. The primary focus of the group is native and adapted drought tolerant perennials and grasses. Our purpose is to promote, encourage and share ideas with other gardeners regarding the implementation of native and adapted perennial in the suburban Texas landscape.