

STARMOUNT GARDEN CLUB FALL 2010

Greetings To All Our Friends and Neighbors

This cooler weather is most welcome after such a hot summer. Take advantage of the cooler days to get outside and enjoy the colors and plant some bulbs for the spring.

Yard of The Month winners:

May Mr. & Mrs. McDonald. 3400 Astro Court.
June Clemon Kearney. 3316 Baugh Street.
July Hmet A & Tvyet Ly. 3113 Sherry Drive.
Sept Margaret Olson 3342 Gemini Drive.
Oct John & Sandy Barrow 3420 Gemini Drive.

Yard of The Year winner. Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Short. 2927 Mars St.

Litter -Trawick Road between Mars & Capital Blvd was cleaned up by our member Lise Moltzon during DOT Littler Sweep Campaign. The Garden Club is working with the management of Cook-Out to reduce the amount of trash in our neighborhood.

Northeast Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meets at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the new Marsh Creek Community Center. The public is invited. Topics include: City and neighborhood news, police reports, Planning and Parks & Recreation Dept Zoning cases are part of the monthly agenda.

Club Meetings for the 2010/2011 season.

Oct 14th Karen Arsenieu 505-301-7757 Program: Spring Bulb Planting
Nov 11th Annie Ruth Perry 876-8708 Program: Recycling & Composting
Jan 12th Theresa White 876-0562 Program: All About Ikebana
Feb 10th Joyce Johnson 872-1491 Program: Orchids
Mar 10th Lise Moltzon 612-7749 Program: Beneficial Bugs in the Garden
Apr 14th Nancy McLean 876-8397 Program: Preparing For Spring Planting
If you are new to this area and are interested in visiting the garden club please call the hostess or membership chairperson. Annie Ruth Perry 876-8708.

ENTRANCES – Reid Trogdon a Starmount resident living on Venus Street has generously agreed to repair and repaint the Starmount sign at the corner of Venus and Marsh Creek. We all thank him.

WE HAVE VOLES AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE!

They have destroyed the mums that were planted last Fall and the rose bushes that were planted in the Spring. As so many of our neighbors are having the same problems with voles we have started gathering vole removal/scaring ideas that may be helpful to all.

Try opening the vole runs and sprinkling 10-10-10 fertilizer. They don't like it and will stay away for some time plus it helps the grass. Mix Permatil with the soil. Is OK for small areas but expensive. Voles also don't like Cayenne Pepper or the dried Red Pepper Flakes. If you have discovered a sure method of vole removal please share your ideas with us. We will replant at the main entrance.

Youth Garden Club – Mrs. Little's 3rd grade class at Wilburn will participate in our youth program this year. A Bluebird program was presented in October by our club members.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Every year the Garden Club awards prizes for the best decorated house. Categories are: Best Overall House and Best Door. Judging will be held the evening of Sunday December 19th.

Here is a recipe that originally came from England to fight the rabbit infestation but it also works on other garden critters and DEER.

RABBIT TEA

1 whole bulb of fresh garlic. Separated and crushed with a hammer, save juice
3 very hot peppers, chopped
1 teasp dried hot pepper flakes
4 cups of hot water.

Put all ingredients into a glass jar. Replace lid tightly and let sit for one week. Strain through coffee filter or cheesecloth. Store in fridge tightly covered.

To use: Put 1/2 cup of liquid with 2 cups water and 2 drops dishwash liquid in a spray bottle. Spray on and around plants. Critters hate it.