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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Observed as:

- National Bike Month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports
- National Mental Health Awareness
- Lupus Awareness month
- Lyme Disease Awareness month

Birthstone:

Emerald

Flower:

Lily of the Valley & Hawthorn

Astrological Signs:

Taurus (till 20th) & Gemini (21st >)

Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting to be Announced by E-Blast

4th.....	Pentecost
11th.....	Trinity Sunday
14th	Flag Day
15th.....	Corpus Christi
18th	Fathers Day
21st	Summer Solstice
22nd.....	Lailatul Qadr
24th	Ramadan (end)
24th	St. John the Baptist
25th.....	Eid al Fitr
29th	St Peters



Saturday, June 17th

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Pool for Food, Fun and Prizes!

Reminders

- Assessments are due every year on January 1st.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.
- Remove all Christmas decorations by January 20th.
- Yard of the Month is in Effect.
- Please pick up after your pet.
- Splash Day on June 17th.



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Thriller, Fillers and Spillers The Art of Container Gardening

By: Randy Lemmon

Those should be the basic rules to live by when doing container gardening. By no means are the ensuing lists the only Spillers, Fillers & Thrillers for container gardening, nor are they simply the best. They are merely a list I made by walking through The Arbor Gate a couple of days before I did my recent visit on Channel 11's Great Day Houston.



Some good rules to remember when doing container gardening: 1. Always use Rose Soil. The two best for the Houston area are Living Earth Technology Rose Soil and Nature's Way Resources Rose Soil. Why rose soil, as opposed to potting soil.

First, with Rose Soil, you don't have to provide for drainage at the bottom of the container. Secondly, it holds on to moisture a lot longer than any potting soil. 2. Containers in the shade should actually be much lighter in color and those for the sun can and should be darker.



To me, this is no secret, because I know you've seen them like I have when driving around – beautiful container gardening specimens with cascading vines, color masses in the center along with some striking specimen in the back or as a focal point -- In other words Spillers, Fillers and Thrillers.

Whenever you see that combination, you can almost bet they've employed the Spiller-Filler-Thriller concept. To give credit where credit is probably due, this is a concept first developed by the experts at Gardening Gone Wild and Container Gardening Magazines affiliated with Fine Gardening Magazines by Taunton Press.



Most of that advice always says you should pick your Thriller first, as it is supposed to be the centerpiece of the planting. It's usually something big, bold or beautiful. Then you can choose your Fillers as a colorful foliage plant or as most people do the standard flowering plant. It's important that it should complement but not overwhelm the main player. Finally, in pops the Spiller which is actually my favorite part, because of the cascading

effect it has. It's simply something that tumbles over the side.

The bottom line for me with the Thriller-Filler-Spiller combination is the ability it gives you to mix varying colors of foliage as opposed to just different colored flowers. As example, the potato vine, which can be used in the sun and shade, is uniquely yellow. Then, couple any coleus (sun or shade variety--with its darker purple leaves) behind that with a Thriller of your choice and you'll see what I mean by striking color variations in the leaves alone.

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For the Sun

Spillers

Any Potato Vines
(sun or shade)
Blue Daze
Trailing Verbena
Florida Flatleaf Purslane
Wave Petunias
Sedum
Moss Rose

Fillers

Diamond Frost Euphorbia
Dwarf Pentas
Dwarf Sun Coleus
Marigolds
Laura Bush Petunias
Sun Caladiums
Spice Globe Basil
(Many other herbs)

Thrillers

Sun Coleus (big leaf)
New Zealand Flax
Draceanea
Cordylines
Bi-Color Iris
Foxtail Ferns

For The Shade

Spillers

Any Potato Vine (yes, for both)
Creeping Jenny (my favorite)
Pink Buttons
Trailing Torenia
Bacopa
Mints (variety)

Fillers

Lemonbalm
Dwarf Shade Coleus
Upright Torenia
Begonias (shade var.)
Fiber Optic Grass
Impatiens
New Guinea Impatiens

Thrillers

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Big Leaf Coleus
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Enough is Enough

Our community should never see trash or trash containers at the curb on Saturday, Sunday, or Wednesday, and never before 5:00 PM on Monday and Thursday unless it is bundled tree limbs only. Grass clippings bagged by you or your lawn service need to be stored out of sight until trash day.

A number of West Bend Residents have called the management office to complain about their neighbor's trash and/or trash containers being stored in public view on non-trash days. This has been an issue long enough. Countless letters have been sent to the same violators time and time again.

The Board of Directors duties are to uphold the deed restriction policies found in the declarations. The Board must take a stand immediately correcting this issue. Therefore, at the Board Meeting held on March 15th, it was resolved to hire a service company to physically relocate the trash and trash containers from public view, as well as, to have a fine assessed to the violating homeowner.

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Yard
of the
Month

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Pet Policy

You probably love your pets and treat them just like part of the family. As a homeowner, you have many responsibilities when it comes to your pets, such as ensuring that they don't hurt anyone, and that they don't cause property damage or become a nuisance to your neighbors.

The West Bend governing documents clearly state the pet restrictions.

Barc Animal Shelter and Adoptions (BARC) handles animal services in the City of Houston, Texas. Pet owners are required to license dogs and cats. The annual license for an altered pet is \$20 and for an unaltered pet is \$60. Proof of spaying or neutering is required, along with a current rabies certificate. Every animal bite must be reported to authorities, according to the Texas State Health and Safety Code. Call 3-1-1 to report an animal bite. Information to share includes location of the animal, if known, and address where the bite occurred. A dog can be declared as a nuisance under several circumstances, including if the animal interferes with the right to enjoyment of life by persons other than the owners. The interference can be due to incessant barking or howling, damaging property other than the owner's, and repeated defecation on another's property. The city

has a dangerous dog ordinance. The ordinance covers complaints by residents, hearings about dangerous dogs, and requirements for dangerous dog owners. A dangerous dog owner must carry at least \$100,000.00 in liability insurance. Here is a link to the Barc Animal Shelter and Adoptions (BARC): <http://houstontx.gov/barc/>. More information about Houston animal laws is here: <https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/chapter6.html>.

If you don't comply with the rules, you may face fines and penalties. You may have to either move or get rid of your pets. There is an exception for service animals. If you suffer from a disability and have a service dog, an HOA cannot interfere with your right to keep the pet.



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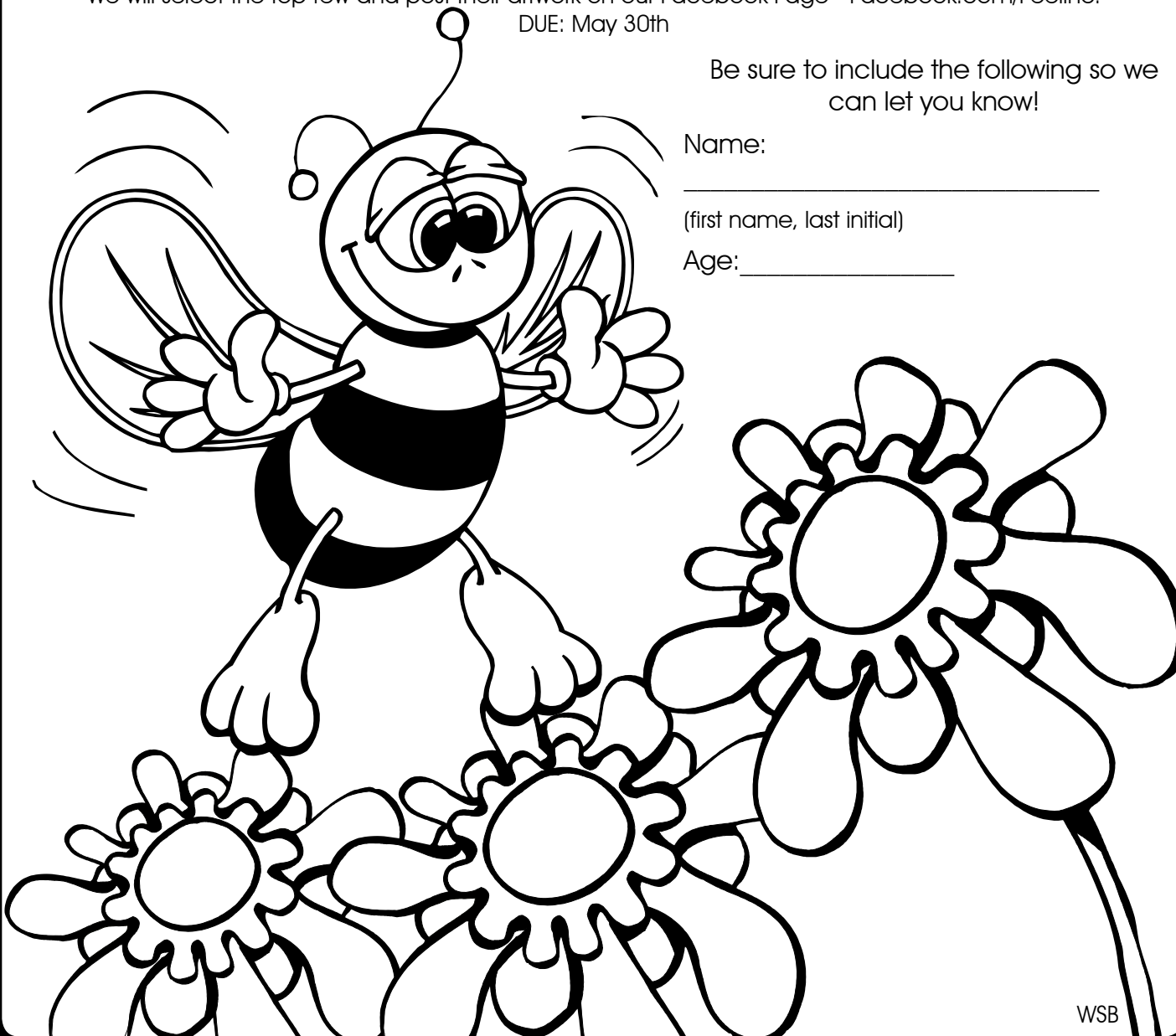
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