

## Gardener's Corner (aka Carol's Corner) November 2023

We had our first cold snap this past weekend. The leaves are turning colors and are so beautiful at this time of year. We also had some much-needed rain which should help our gardens weather the coming winter.

There are several tips and tasks from the **Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG)** for November. Continuing to water trees and shrubs until the ground freezes is important. Winterize your roses after heavy frost by placing a 6-10 inch layer of mulch over the plant. Now is not the time, however, to prune your climbing roses.

If you are applying mulch around trees, make sure you use the “donut” approach rather than “volcano mulching. Putting mulch too close to the base of a tree can cause plant damage.

**MBG** suggests you remove foliage from hostas, daylilies and irises. They also say to remove spent flowers of perennials if they are frost damaged. Plant your tulips until the ground freezes. To protect mums and encourage survival over winter, leave the flowers and foliage intact. This will help protect the plant’s crown.

And speaking of watering trees and shrubs, the **University of Minnesota Extension** has some handy tips in an article entitled *Watering Established Trees and Shrubs*. It can be found at this site, <https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/watering-established-trees-and-shrubs>

What to do with tree leaves is a question many of us are asking now. **Kansas State University Extension** has a short article on how to use those leaves to benefit your lawn and garden. You can find it here: <https://www.ksuhortnewsletter.org/newsletters/what-to-do-with-tree-leaves3161558>

There are a couple of online programs of interest this month. They include:

**Wednesday, November 1**, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. **Kansas State University Extension** will present a webinar on *Plants Gone Wild! Controlling Invasive Plants*. Register at: [https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IXIjvtedRu-pvfFA6Kzvxw#/registration](https://ksu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IXIjvtedRu-pvfFA6Kzvxw#/registration)

**Tuesday, November 2**, 3:00 – 4:00. **Ohio State University** will present *Fall Foliage: The Science Behind Changing Colors*, with Ann Chanon. Register at: [https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_C3Sos2BTRN65c74YQgdTDA#/registration](https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C3Sos2BTRN65c74YQgdTDA#/registration)

**Thursday, November 16**, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The **Xerces Society** will present *Life of Western Monarchs: A Community Science Approach to Conservation*. This event will be recorded and posted to: The Xerces YouTube Channel in the *Life of Western Monarchs: A Community Science Approach to Conservation*. You can register for the webinar at: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TfoDvPeGQemJLEr34Ce5hg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TfoDvPeGQemJLEr34Ce5hg#/registration)

**Tuesday, November 28**, 1:30 - 2:30. The **University of Illinois Extension** is presenting *Planning and Growing Vegetables throughout the Season*. Register at: <https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/four-seasons-gardening-webinar-planning-and-growing-vegetables-through-the-seasons-11-28-23>