

Groundbreaker Meeting Notes - November 21, 2019

Areas of interest - herbs, vegetable gardening, soil preparation, pollinator plants, shade tolerant perennials, container gardens, plant sources, plants tolerant of neglect, soil improvement, raised beds, plant exchanges, worms and bugs.

TIPS -- Hummingbirds love red salvia and sweet basil flowers. Let your basil go to flower.

Human urine will deter deer and rabbits. It has to be reapplied after a rain.

Joe pyeweed is extremely invasive. Watch out!

Hellebores (Lenten Rose) grow in shade and multiply readily. They are deer resistant and bloom in early spring..

Garden open houses where the host talks about their garden.

Leave plants to dry out in the ground instead of cutting them back in the fall. This provides shelter and food for birds and animals. Trim back in the spring.

Sally S. has a rain garden designed to catch the rain water running off the roof before it enters the stormwater runoff system in the street.

The libraries and garden centers distribute free copies of Triangle Gardener every two months. Garden articles are included along with dates and descriptions of Garden Events. www.TriangleGardener.com

The North Carolina Extension will provide soil tests and can identify bugs and diseases.