

It will soon be time to set out cool-weather plants, shrubs

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Autumnal equinox on Sept. 22 marks the beginning of fall. You can set out cool-weather annuals and vegetables, buy bulbs, and plant trees and shrubs. Cleaning up summer gardens, preparing autumn gardens, and planning for next spring will keep you quite busy.

If you haven't been keeping a journal, now is the time to jot down notes on how your plants performed this year. Take the time to jot down your observations. How much sunlight are the flowerbeds getting? Did the plants seem happy and bloom well in their present

location? Were the colors complimentary to your house or did they create visual chaos? These notes will help guide your plant choices next year.

- September is the month to start germinating seed of plants that love cool weather. Our most popular annuals are pansies, snapdragons and ornamental cabbage.

- Biennial flowers, such as foxglove, hollyhock, and money plant, when set out mid-autumn, will bloom the following spring.

- Good fall flowers include mums, asters, anemones, salvias, sages, and sedums.

- Dig up and divide clumps of irises, daylilies, phlox, and daisies. Set

divided plants back into soil at their original growing depths, water well, and mulch. Give extras to friends and neighbors.

- Save plants such as geraniums, coleus, wax begonias, impatiens, or fuchsia for indoor growing over winter. Dig plants, cut back about halfway, or take cuttings of shoot tips.

- Also dig and repot herbs or take cuttings for winter growing indoors.

- Continue to deadhead annuals, perennials and roses for a few more blooms.

- Aerate, de-thatch and fertilize cool-season grasses when summer heat begins to subside.

- Reseed bare spots or new lawns with a good

quality seed mixture.

- Early fall is a good time to apply broadleaf weed killers. Be sure to follow all label directions, and choose a calm day to prevent spray drift.

- Clean up fallen fruits, twigs, and leaves around fruit trees to reduce disease and insect carry-over.

- Pick up dead limbs

and mow more often under your pecan trees. This will make picking up the nuts much easier.

- September is also a good month to book a landscape design or installation

company, if you're unable to do the work yourself. You need to get on their schedule for October work.

- Don't forget the Horticulture Hotline - 482-6585.

Periauger has busy schedule

The periauger will be featured in Bath's Maritime Heritage Days, part of the town's Tricentennial Celebration. The boat and her crew will make the voyage on Sept. 21.

Expedition commander will be Don Johnson of Hertford.

Miss P will be joined by the wooden boats Elizabeth II from Manteo, the armed privateer Meka II, the Chesapeake Skipjack Ada Mae and many other smaller boats from the N.C. Maritime Museum.

The festivities will run Sept. 22-25 and will include tours of the boats by school classes, several days of demonstration sailing and pirating, and a grand Parade of Sail on Sunday afternoon.

Janet Benton from Holiday Island will be crewing all four days. Other crew, most of whom have had experience sailing periauger on her odyssey last summer, will come from Kinston and Swansboro, and from as far away as Rhode Island, to join Don and Janet. Larry



The periauger, or Miss P as she has come to be known, sails the Norfolk Harbor during HarborFest in June. The boat will be a feature of the Indian Summer Festival Saturday and Bath's Tricentennial Celebration later in September.

Babits, professor of Maritime Studies at ECU, an avid wooden boat historian, maritime archeologist and odyssey veteran, will be crewing also.

The boat sailed in the exciting three-day Norfolk HarborFest in June, and will be traveling to Columbia and Plymouth for maritime history shows in October.

Miss P will sail from the Hertford docks on Saturday during Hertford's Indian Summer Festival. When she is not in the water at the town dock or out of town, periauger's home is the Newbold-White House Quaker Homestead Museum. Both are a project of the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

Currituck herb seminar

North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Currituck County Center and the Currituck Master Gardeners will sponsor an Herb Seminar on Friday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-noon at the Currituck County Library in Corolla.

The speaker will be Sherry Foreman from

Natures Harmony Nursery, in Mann's Harbor. She will discuss techniques on growing and using culinary, medicinal and ornamental herbs. Herbs will also be for sale. This free event is open to the public.

For more information call the Cooperative Extension office at 232-2262.

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