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Planting Spring Flowering Bulbs

some easy-to-grow plants that provide early color to your garden.

These bulbs are planted in fall because it corresponds to the end of their natural dormancy. Most of these plants begin root growth in fall, followed by a cool stratification period necessary for proper flower development and then shoot growth in late winter and early spring. No matter which bulbs you select, remember that the largest bulbs will produce the greatest show next spring. However, smaller bulbs will still produce some flowers, and these may be the best choice for mass planting or naturalizing.

Avoid any bulbs that feel lightweight as these may have severely dried during storage.

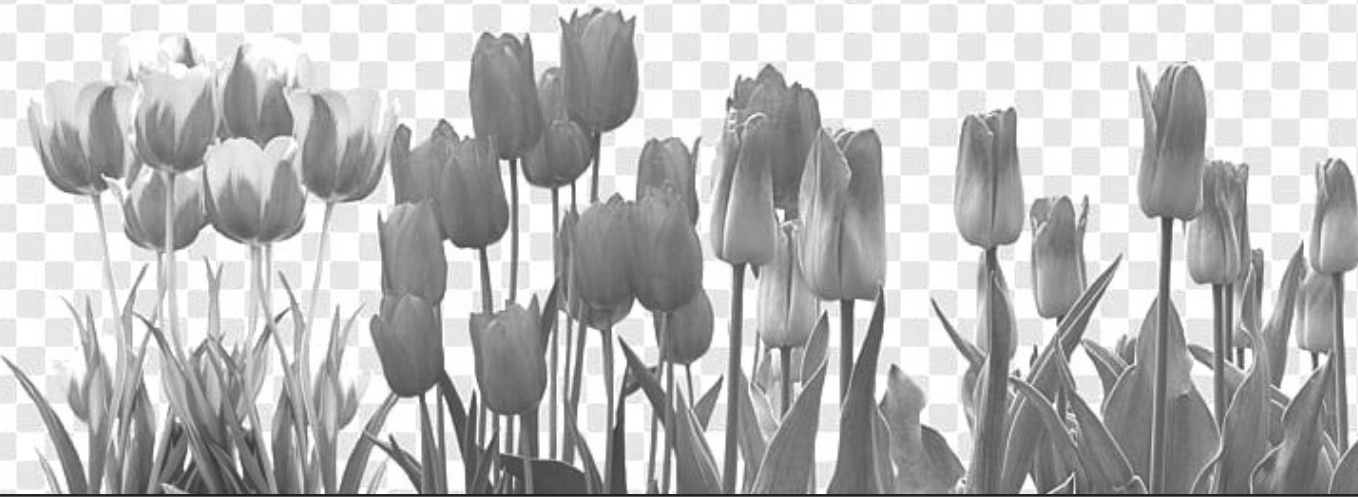
It's important to plant flowering bulbs at the proper depth, so inquire about plant depth at the nursery or follow the label directions. A light application of bone meal fertilizer at planting is often recommended, though probably not always necessary. Most bulbs do not need fertilization until growth emerges in the spring. When you see plants emerging, apply 1 to 2 pounds per 100 square feet of a complete fertilizer (for example, a 10-10-10 blend).

Once flowering occurs,

remove the faded blooms, but don't remove the foliage. The leaves produce sugars and other compounds necessary for the bulb to overwinter and bloom again the next spring. Most bulbs will enter dormancy in late spring or early summer and will renew growth, starting with the root system in the fall.

For more information, contact the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557.

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Consider applying nitrogen to cool season grasses in November

Whether in lawns or lush farm fields, cool season grass species are an important part of the Kentucky landscape. This article discusses using nitrogen fertilizers to improve the stand and growth of cool season grasses.

PASTURES OR HAYFIELDS: When most farmers think of nitrogen (N) fertilization of cool season grass pastures and hay fields, they think of early spring and late summer. Some producers are now taking a cue from turfgrass professionals who routinely apply nitrogen in the late fall (late October and November in KY). Obviously you don't care about late season green color in forage stands like turf, but the advantages of increased grass density (more tillering), improved weed competition, and early spring green-up are just

as important in a forage stand as on a golf course or lawn.

The goal is to apply light N rates after grass growth has slowed, but when the leaves are still green. Nitrogen applied in too early (before mid-October) can stimulate excess growth during the time of the year when stands should be preparing of winter. On the other hand, N applied late fall (late October through November) is taken into the plant and improves root growth, tillering, and energy storage.

Current turf recommendations call for 60 lbs N/acre for late fall fertilization. This rate is fine for forage stands, but a more economic rate of 30 to 40 lbs N/acre (about 75 pounds of urea) is still sufficient to increase tillering and stand density.

HOME LAWNS: Homeowners should also consider applying nitrogen fertilizers to their lawns later this month. Some folks apply nitrogen in the spring, which can reduce drought tolerance of the cool season lawn. Late October is the preferred time to apply nitrogen to lawns to improve the root system, increase tillering, improve stand, reduce weeds, and give it that nice dark green color.

Nitrogen recommendations for lawns range from 1 to 1.5 pounds of N /1,000 square feet. In practical terms, the rate per 1,000 square feet would be 2.25-3.25 pounds of urea.

For more information about fertilizing turf or forage grasses, contact the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557.



In autumn, stop fertilizing your clivia plant, and place it in a cool room for about 6-8 weeks; this is essential for flower bud formation. Water very sparingly until flower buds appear. Just as winter enters its bleakest stage, you will be rewarded with a bouquet of lovely bright-colored flowers. When the flowers fade, cut the stalk at its base to prevent seeding. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.chicagobotanic.org, worldoffloweringplants.com

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Winter is Coming!
Are you ready? Some high-fat foods to have on hand are:

- Peanuts, peanuts, peanuts. Unsalted in or out of the shell.
- Suet cakes or nuggets (any flavor), seed blocks, Bark Butter
- Black oil sunflower seed, sunflower heart chips, safflower seed.

Don't forget roosting boxes and heated birdbaths too.

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Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals O

BD H KARY ADDBXN LEJPNV VAIP,
B KJNREWN BY IAETV TAAF TBFN
H XHRN AD LTHXFWHBT.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

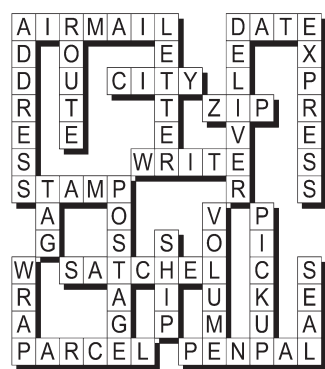
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Puzzle Answers November 4, 2020

Puzzles4Kids

Answer



FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



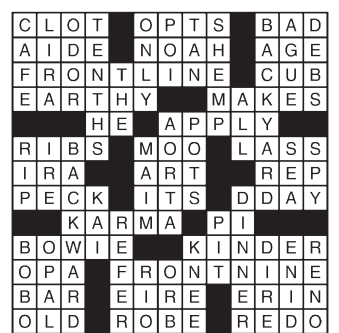
Even Exchange answers

1. Hunch, Hutch
2. Dreary, Dreamy
3. Hubble, Hobbie
4. Globe, Glove
5. Scram, Scrap
6. Frost, Front
7. Garden, Warden
8. Prove, Prose
9. Hobby, Lobby
10. Invent, Intent

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



Weekly SUDOKU

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Stickeler's Answer

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The missing letter is "Z."

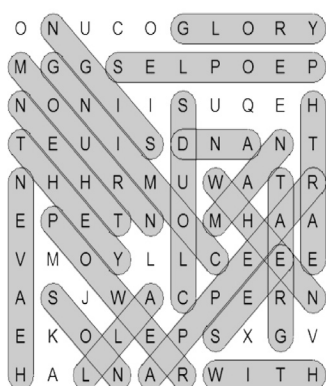
Beginning with the "C" in the first triangle and moving counterclockwise in each successive triangle, the phrase spells out "Can you solve this puzzle?"

Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 7

Puzzle Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



Bible Word Search on Page 7

Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens. - Epictetus

Cryptoquip
answer

If a post office burned down, I presume it would look like a case of blackmail.

Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens. - Epictetus

Cryptoquote
answer

Letter Box

Solution

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Bible Trivia Answers

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

ANSWERS (1) Neither; (2) Depths of sea; (3) Omega; (4) Washpot; (5) Bethesda; (6) Gilboa