



GARDEN JOBS – *JULY*

- ◆ Before the 9th purchase tickets to our benefit event, A Night With Owls & Hawks at the nursery from 7-9 pm on July 9-children under 12 get in free.
- ◆ Beat the heat by watering wisely and efficiently. We recommend watering slowly and for a long time, so the water goes deep.
- ◆ Monitor plants for pests that love heat.
- ◆ Mulch, mulch, mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds.
- ◆ In currently mulched areas, make sure the layer is at least 2-3 inches deep. If it is too thin, add more.
- ◆ Cut back spent berry canes to the ground. As new canes emerge, tie them up and fertilize.
- ◆ Walk through your vegetable garden daily and harvest often to encourage production and discourage rotting.
- ◆ Dig and divide summer flowering bulbs when foliage has died back.
- ◆ Remove spent flowers to encourage new blooms.
- ◆ Fertilize roses.
- ◆ Cut back Spanish lavender as flowers fade to encourage a second bloom.
- ◆ Trim faded crape myrtle flowers for fall bloom.
- ◆ Clean up dropped fruit to prevent brown rot. Clean up debris around trees.
- ◆ Watch for caterpillars on vegetables and flowers. Hand pick or spray with Bt (*Bacillus thuringensis*) if they become a problem.
- ◆ Hose aphids off flowers and plants with a sharp stream from the hose nozzle or use insecticidal soap.
- ◆ Pull weeds as they appear and before they set seed.
- ◆ Check out Bushnell gardens Nursery on Facebook for up coming events, specials, and blog links. You can ‘Tweet’ us also.