



# GOLDEN AGERS

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## Southern Gardens & Yard Art!

Once upon a time my mom and I went to Riverbanks Zoo to a great lecture about Southern Gardens. We went with high expectations of learning about formal gardens and what plants could and could not survive in the South Carolina heat. After all, the gardening editor of Southern Living Magazine, Felder Rushing, was the guest speaker, so he must know all of this stuff, right? Yes, he does. Did he share that? Well, not exactly. Instead, we learned about Pass-Along Plants and something called Yard Art!

Pass-Along plants, we learned, are those wonderful, hardy plant varieties that you get from your grandma's yard or from a friend who has "too much of it and wants to share" (Ann Rowell comes to mind). They always promise "you can't kill it" and "if you're not careful, it'll take over your yard." They are right, of course, and the plants are fabulous! Oh sure, you can find these at your local nursery, but their varieties aren't as hardy. Even though they are free from your friend, do NOT tell them "Thank You" or the plant will die. I don't know why. I can't explain it, but it's a Southern thing. Don't question it. Just accept it and move on.

Along with a list of the correct variety of pass-along plants we needed to find, we were shown slides of another part of the Southern landscape—Yard Art!

My family is from Northern Alabama so I've been some landscapes that are not common in South Carolina, but these "gardens", well, let's just say he had pictures of things that made my sweet, southern mama say, "well, bless their hearts. That kinda got away from 'em, didn't it?"

We all know that folks in the South love their bottle trees and they are beautiful in the sun. But these gardens went far beyond bottle trees. You might be amazed at how some folks use old tires in their yards. Fountains and fences were also made out of many interesting things that I'm sure your HOA would not approve.

He proved to us that you don't need a yard to have a garden. He was bringing home a bag of top soil & plants & left them in the back of the truck for a few days. They started to sprout. He added a piece of fencing as a trellis and, well, it became a thing from there.

**Now onto important stuff!**

**The week of September 4-10 is:**

- National Waffle Week
- Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week
- Air Ambulance Week
- Popcorn Days

**Some celebrations only last a day:**

- 4th-** Newspaper Carrier Day  
Yard Art Day\*  
National Macadamia Nut Day
- 5th-** Be Late for Something Day  
International Day of Charity  
National Cheese Pizza Day
- 6th-** National Read a Book Day  
National Coffee Ice Cream Day
- 7th-** Grandma Moses Day  
Salami Day  
National Beer Lover's Day
- 8th-** Banana Day  
Hug Your Boss Day  
Star Trek Day  
Iguana Awareness Day
- 9th-** International Box Wine Day  
National Hollerin' Day  
Buy a Priest a Beer Day  
Opposite Day  
Wonderful Weirdoes Day\*
- 10th-** Grandparents' Day  
National Hug Your Hound Day  
National TV Dinner Day  
Swap Ideas Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church!

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*Carol* 🥰

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I think Felder can be celebrated on Yard Art Day & Wonderful Weirdoes Day!



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get creative.

