

Garden Notes

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Saving Some Seeds

We are letting some of our okra pods mature on the plant so we can save seeds for next year. You don't need to leave very many to have plenty of seeds. Pods will split when seeds are mature so add a small breathable bag around the pod so you can more easily collect seeds.



Sod webworms

Little brown moths are flying weakly around landscapes and can lay some eggs in St. Augustinegrass. The emerging caterpillars will feed on grass blades at night. Scout your lawn for chewed blades and if needed, treat that area with B.t.



Firespike

The blooms of Firespike, *Odontenema tubaeforme*, are indicators that fall is on its way. Although not native, this flowering perennial makes an excellent clumping plant for our warm season garden. It reliably returns after a cold winter, even though its winter appearance after a freeze is not very pretty.

The spikes of red flowers extend above glossy green foliage from late summer until a frost. Hummingbirds and butterflies will visit the flowers for nectar.

Grow in full sun or partial shade with routine water. Soils should be well drained. Cut freeze damaged portions back in late winter.