

WILD GAME, TAME GARDEN

OCTOBER CALENDAR

WILD GAME

OCTOBER OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS, EQUALLY IDEAL FOR HUNTING, FISHING, AND GARDENING.

TIDBIT

Slipping in, out and through the hunting woods beg for a slew of descriptors beginning with “s.” Sight. Sound. Smell. Sense. But stillness, an increasingly foreign concept, is what we long for most. Quietness, at least for me, is the purest medium by which to meet with Christ. It satiates a void busyness won’t.

TIP

Even if you’re uninterested in taking game, you need that quietness and stillness. You’re only going to find it way out there in the outdoors.



MISSISSIPPI DELTA



WORKMAN FARMS DUCK CAMP



SLEDGE, MISSISSIPPI

TO DO

According to author Philip Yancey, “in an act of great tenderness, God visited Elijah in his time of despair. What happened next speaks volumes about what style works best when an omnipotent God decides to communicate with tiny human beings:

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

The gentle whisper, Elijah heard. God had accommodated Himself to His prophet in a soft voice almost like silence.” Yancey concludes, “solitude and silence merely supply the state most conducive to attending to the still small voice of God.”

Let me challenge you to make time to meet with the Lord quietly. We’re told to “come near to God and He will come near to you.” James 4:8 Be still before Him, and request He speak directly to you through His word. Hunting provides the perfect occasion to listen to what He has to say.

TAME GARDEN

TIDBIT

Did you know, there are well-over 3,000 varieties of roses from which to purchase? With so many options, I set aside space to plant four special roses, one unique to each child, among the 150 that filled my Pensacola garden.

- For little George, who is fond of everything music, his was The Paul McCartney rose, named in honor of the legendary musician.
- Miller, born close to St. Patrick's day, got the yellow St. Patrick rose, so-named after the venerated Saint.
- And then for Bailey, a double joy to the soul of her daddy, hers was the Double Delight rose, appropriately named for its award-winning mixture of beauty and fragrance.
- As for Sydney, requesting it be planted beneath her window sill, it was Heart of Gold, also the subject of her college writing entitled, "In Search of My Father's Garden."



PAUL MCCARTNEY



ROSE GARDEN



DOUBLE DELIGHT



ST. PATRICK

TIP & TO DO

All kids need to feel uniquely special, especially if they've got siblings. Get creative with plants that have unique characteristics to each child, also know as BIRTH FLOWERS. Explain why that plant or blooms reminds you of him or her, and why that plant, like they do, holds a prominent place in your garden. Marigolds work well for October birthdays. Mums for November. Amaryllis or Holly for children born in December. Maybe add a fitting Bible verse that ties everything together. *"I planted the seed and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow."* 1 Corinthians 3:6