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# Graceland Too Reopens After 10 Years To Host Elvis Week Celebration

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# The three-day event features music, food, tours, and more in Holly Springs

After a decade of anticipation, **Graceland Too** will open its doors to the public for the first time in ten years, offering \$5 tours on Saturday, August 17, led by new owner **Marie Underwood** and sponsored by the **Holly Springs Tourism Office**.

The reopening event marks the beginning of the first annual three-day Elvis Week celebration in Holly Springs, Mississippi, commemorating the beloved private museum and celebrating all things Elvis Presley with themed activities and live entertainment.

### **Event Highlights:**

### Friday, August 16: Blues on the Back Porch

Featuring blues performances by **Tim Hembree** and **Big Heath**, karaoke, and open mic sessions, plus food and drinks from local vendors, the evening festivities take place from 4–9 pm. Tickets: \$5 (cash only).

### Saturday, August 17: Blue Hawaii Theme

Dress in luau attire for a day of family fun, including kids' Elvis workshops, a water slide, Elvis performances, a comedy show, and more. Visitors can catch Graceland Too Tours from owner Marie Underwood every hour. Entertainment from noon–8 pm. Tickets: \$5 (cash only).

### Sunday, August 18: Gospel & Revival Service

A heartfelt gospel service will take place on the Graceland Too porch (free admission) from 9 am–10:30 am.

# **KEWIND** May, 2012 Local Girls Visit Graceland Too

The following exceprt is from a story written by Sarah Reddick originally published in The Local Voice #155. You can read it in full at TheLocalVoice.net. Photo by Nature Humphries.

#### "Paul is dead."

The Internets lit up with the news on a recent Monday night

that **Paul MacLeod**, owner and operator of **Graceland Too**, had passed away. Folks were speculating about what had happened to him, and a few Oxford residents even drove out to **Holly Springs** to see for themselves. They discovered 69-year-old MacLeod was alive and well.



Later, **Duwayne Burnside's Bar & Grill** will host an Elvis Contest at 6 pm for a \$10 cash-only entry. Don't miss this event to dress up and compete, or show up to vote—there is a cash prize for the winner.

### About Graceland Too:

Graceland Too, located at 200 East Gholson Avenue in Holly Springs, Mississippi, is a private Elvis Presley museum dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. Now owned by Marie Underwood, the museum offers unique Elvis memorabilia and a deep dive into the life of one of music's greatest icons. The previous owner, **Paul McCleod**, created the DIY museum in 1990 and ran tours 24/7 until his death in 2014. Underwood acquired the property in 2015 and has made extensive renovations to the house over the past ten years.



The following week **Nature Humphries**, **Stacey Pillault**, and I decided to take a trip of our own to Holly Springs. Nature had never been, and Stacey was tired of watching the sides collapse on her baby pool and decided to ride with us instead of refilling it once again.

Paul MacLeod and his hot, dusty, electric blue tribute to **Elvis Presley** feel like they came straight out of the Southern Gothic school of writing. When he opened the door to greet us his steel gray hair was slicked back and he was wearing wrinkled slacks,

> black Velcro orthopedic shoes, and a shortsleeved button-up shirt that was unbuttoned almost to his belly button. He speaks quickly and with a nasally drawl that makes it almost impossible to understand much of what he says, and then there are the times when you understand him and wish you hadn't."









# Elvie's SnackBar Takeover Saturday, August 10 8 pm until

Snackbar bar manager, Brian Latch, is participating in Iron Bartender this year! The evening after, we have invited fellow Iron Bartender Isabel Currie, the bar manager of Elvie's in Jackson, to do a Bar Takeover at the restaurant.



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### THURSDAY 8.08.2024

- Moe's: BINGO (8 pm)
- Off Square Books: SHAD WHITE presents Mississippi Swindle (5 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close)

### FRIDAY 8.09.2024

#### HOKA DAYS

- ► The Powerhouse: IRON BARTENDER (9 pm; \$60)
- ► The Library: OPIE (9 pm)
- Rafters on the Water: CHADWICK BAND (6:30-7:30 pm); DALE & THE RUST BUCKET ROADIES (7:30 -10:30 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close)
- The Half Oz Oxford (101 Ricky D Britt Sr Blvd Suite 3B&4A): Medical Marijuana information pop-up (10 am-1 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)

### SATURDAY 8.10.2024

### HOKA DAYS

- ► Chicory Market: Johnston Hill Cheese & Wine Tasting (3 pm)
- ► The Farmstead on Woodson Ridge: DELTA MEAT MARKET BBQ LUNCH (noon-2 pm; tickets \$95)
- ► The Powerhouse: KNEAD YOUR CURE WELLNESS CONFERENCE (8 am-5 pm; tickets \$48)
- ► Old Armory Pavilion: BLOCK PARTY (6-9 pm; free)
- ► Oxford Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Conference Room: HOSPITALITY LAW WORKSHOP (9 am-noon; free, register here)
- Snackbar: ELVIE'S BAR TAKEOVER feat. ISABEL CURRIE & JESS QUINN (8 pm)
- ▶ Spring Street Cigars: PORT WINE & CIGARS (9 pm; tickets \$40)
- Saint Leo: SOMMELIER DINNER (5–8 pm; free, register here)
- ► Wonderbird Spirits (Taylor): WONDERBIRD TOUR & TASTING (1-3 pm; tickets \$35)
- ► The Library: OPIE (9 pm)
- ► Rafters on the Water: REESE HORTON BAND (7-10 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close)
- Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): 4FOR1 (7 pm)

Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7–11 am) Premier Lanes: NATIONAL BOWLING DAY - \$3 bowling & specials Union West Baptist Church (Taylor): BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (pancakes, waterslide, 9 am-noon)

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### SUNDAY 8.11.2024

**HOKA DAYS** 

- ► Circle & Square: Brewery Tour & Tasting (1-3 pm; tickets \$37)
- ► 1503 White Oak Lane: WILDFIRE IN WONDERLAND HOT SAUCE CLASS (2-3 pm; tickets \$20)

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► Rafters on the Water: JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES (1-4 pm)

Foxfire Ranch (Waterford, Miss.): CRICKET & THE BRIM HOOKS feat. EFFIE BURT (5 pm)

### MONDAY 8.12.2024

► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close) Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): BINGO NIGHT (6:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 8.13.2024

- ► Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
- Off Square Books: SNOWDEN WRIGHT in conversation with MATT BONDURANT for The Queen City Detective Agency (5:30 pm)
- ► Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3-6:30 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close)

Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): TUESDAY TRIVIA (6:30 pm) Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am)



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### WEDNESDAY 8.14.2024

### HOKA DAYS

► The Powerhouse: MELODIES & MONOLOGUES: "How to Get Things Done," by TRENT LOTT (6:30 pm; free)

Funkys: LADIES NIGHT

► Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC (9 pm)

**Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9 pm) Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm) Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm) Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)

### **THURSDAY 8.15.2024**

► Moe's: BINGO (8 pm) ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm) Lafayette County Multipurpose Arena: Meet Your Farmers (3-6 pm) Proud Larry's: CHINESE CONNECTION DUB EMBASSY

## FRIDAY 8.16.2024

HOKA DAYS ▶ The Powerhouse: NERD-VANA (10 am-10 pm)

The Library: TY TAYLOR (9 pm)

Rafters on the Water: BONFIRE ORCHESTRA (7-10 pm)

► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close) Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)

Graceland Too (Holly Springs): Blues on the Back Porch feat. TIM HEMBREE, BIG HEATH, & OPEN MIC KARAOKE (4-9 pm) Proud Larry's: ERIC DEATON TRIO

Q great food, killer cocktails, casual vibe

### SATURDAY 8.17.2024

HOKA DAYS

► The Powerhouse: NERD-VANA (10 am-10 pm)

### ► Old Armory Pavilion: GIRL SCOUT MOVIE NIGHT (8 pm)

► The Library: TY TAYLOR (9 pm)

► Rafters on the Water: HAGGARD COLLINS BAND (7-10 pm) ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close)

Graceland Too (Holly Springs): BLUE HAWAII LUAU (tours, kids' workshop, live entertainment & more; noon-9 pm)

Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am) Oxford Activity Center: WEE CYCLE CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE (8 am-7 pm) Proud Larry's: MOUNTAIN GRASS UNTI, BOUCHE

## SUNDAY 8.18.2024

### **HOKA DAYS**

#### ► Old Armory Pavilion: OXFORD ON SKATES (3:30-5 pm) ► Rafters on the Water: ROCKET 88 (1-4 pm)

Burnside's Bar & Grill (Holly Springs): ELVIS CONTEST - SIDEBURNS NIGHT (6 pm) Graceland Too (Holly Springs): GOSPEL SERVICE (9-10:30 am; free)

### MONDAY 8.19.2024 ► Rooster's: DJ WADE

### **TUESDAY 8.20.2024**

► Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)

- ▶ Off Square Books: GABINO IGLESIAS in conversation with WILLIAM BOYLS for House of Bone and Rain (5:30 pm)
- ► Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3-6:30 pm) ► Rooster's: OPEN MIC NIGHT

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am)

### WEDNESDAY 8.21.2024

**HOKA DAYS** Old Armory Pavilion: OXFORD ON SKATES (3:30–5 pm; free) ► The Powerhouse: SPILLIT (6 pm) ► Funkys: LADIES NIGHT ► Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm-close) Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm) Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm) Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)

### **THURSDAY 8.22.2024**

160th Anniversary of the Burning of Oxford ► Moe's: BINGO (8 pm) ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (9 pm)



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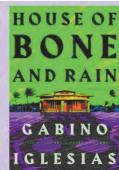




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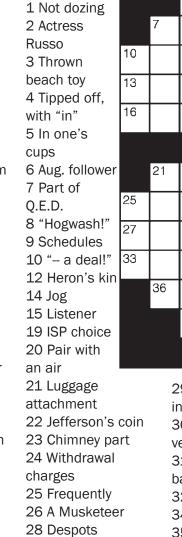




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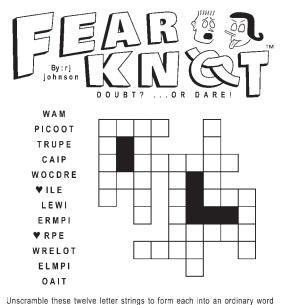
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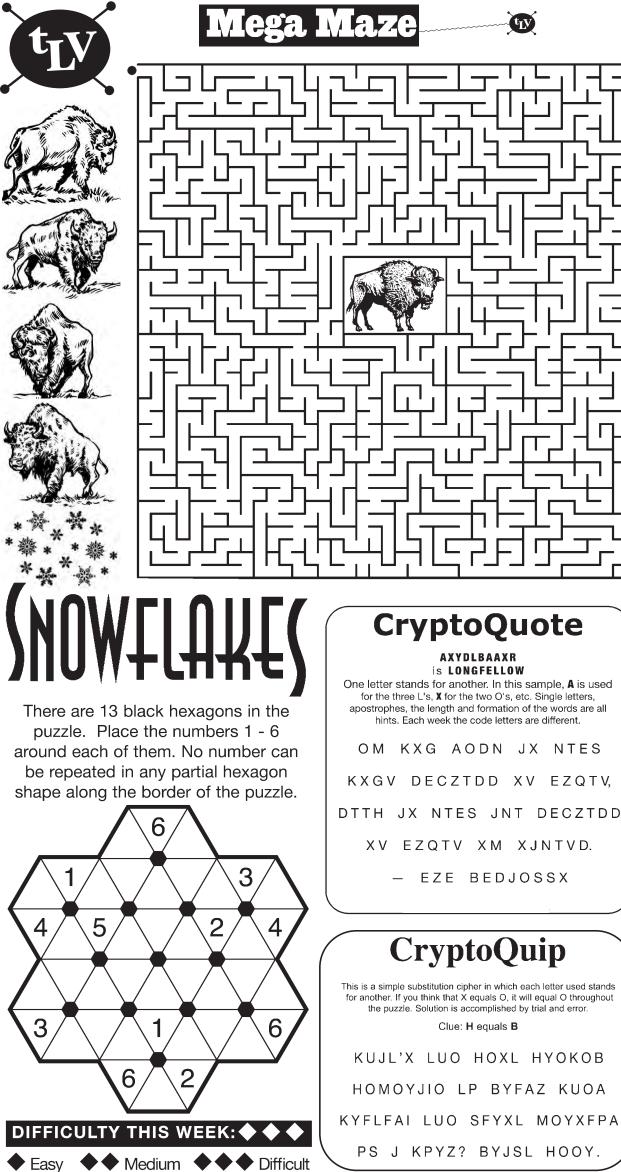
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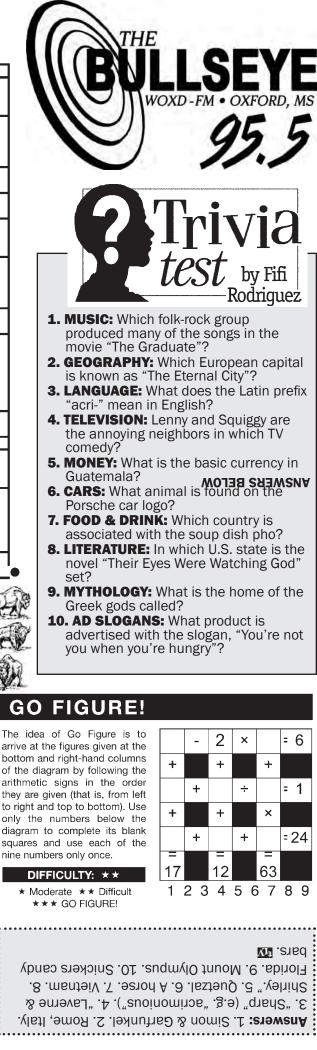
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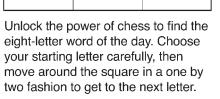




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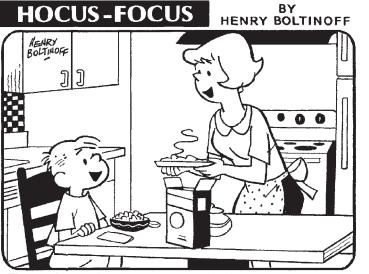
"Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be President, and anyone who doesn't grow up can be Vice President."
 — Johnny Carson
 (October 23, 1925 - January 23, 2005)

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KNIGHT MOVES

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A PRICKLY PROBLEM! See if you can find the two cactus plants that look exactly alike in less than 30 seconds.

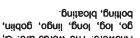
Answers: Plants 3 and 7.

A BUSTED BAFFLER! Clumsy Calvin will never be able to use this broken vase. However, can you think of two things that have to be broken before they can be used?

Answer: One is an egg. The other is a horse, which must be "broken in" before it can be ridden.

THE "G" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the G's. Here are some hints from the top down:

- 1. Slang for \$1,000 (given).
- 3. Unhewn timber.
- 5. An unfamiliar language.
- 7. Locking the door.
- 2. Move along. 4. Of great duration.
- 6. Elfin creature.
- 8. Swelling with water.



Yonda. 8. Otis. 9. Troy. 11. Eaton, 12. Angle. 13. Tracy. (Down): 1. Atta, 2. Orion. 3. Meade. 4. Leeds. 6. Minot. Answers: (Across) 1. Avon. 3. Milo. 5. Amory. 10. Iola.

#### Exchange Even by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Raise one's voice	_ н	Tonto's mount	C
2. Four quarts	N	Fast trot	P
3. Starsky's partner	T	Sleuth's intuition	N
4. Royal realm	E	_ Baseball official	U
5. Lewis's partner	A	Judicial assistant	E
6. Aeronautical	L	Scary experience	R
7. Writing style	S	Investigate	B
8. Linger	A	Thirsty fabric	_ E
9. Witch's curse	E	Tip the glass over	I
10. Sell abroad	0	Specialist	E

# WORD LADDERS

Can you go from YOLKS to WARMS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

YOLKS

WARMS

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Avon lola Milo Otis

that you will need to complete the puzzle above. Use the trial-and-error method. 4-Letter 5-Letter 5-Letter Names

Below are the names of 15 American cities

Names Amory Angie Ea Le M Μ

Names Orion Ronda

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Illustrated by David Coulson

PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

TROY

Answers: The words are: G,

Troy

Alta

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# **Notes in My Phone VIII**

# The notes in my phone are real and not the fabrication of a twisted mind—for the most part.

Situationship • The difference between New Yorkers and Southerners is that New Yorkers don't have to smile to slit your throat. • It's a schlong story. • An unworried mind •I just got used to dating Karma and her little sister, Carmelita, as well. •Al Cornpone •The only path is the one behind you. •Yes you could. •Too thin to sin •Hard-core sinners •Things you don't stick in your underwear • Don't leave home without your boundaries. •Misnomer prison •If I were sane it would drive me crazy. (Tip of the hat to the late, great Waylon Jennings) •The younger I was the more I



# **"Kiamie's Diner"**

When **Three Dog Night** released "Joy to the World", it would go on to be its signature song in the eyes of most. And for the 12-, 13-, and 14-year-olds of **Oxford**, it was an anthem. We were carefree and ripping and running with our friends as the jukebox belted it out at the only place we wanted to be on those weekend nights... **Kiamie's**. The original diner now houses **Domino's Pizza M**  saw things in black and white. Now that I'm old I see most things in grey. Maybe someday I'll see things in color. • The Gospel according to T-rump. •I look nice but I'm not. •Sometimes you just gotta get outta your head. •Keep Oxford Quaint. • Your knees are okay by me. • Cracked glass in the sanctuary •All things will pass, but sometimes they pass like a kidney stone. • It's gonna be a one-Tequila night. • I'm a private person in a very public way • Sitting in the shadows • Sometimes we make the wrong choices to get to the right place. The Equalizer • When you pray for rain you've got to deal with the mud. Burned with friends • The darkness will come. • Ghost town days • Be careful about them farcicales. • It's a cicada town. • It's raining tequila. • Not today, Satan. • People come, people go.

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It was my fake birthday.
(The Untouchable Man)
I've been a shitty renter.

• It breeds its own kind. •

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You must do what your heart whispers in your ear. • Randall is my government name. • My spiteful cat • Tums spelled backwards is smut. • God was watching but my feet was my own. (Harriet Tubman in the movie *Harriet*) • Embrace the suck.

• I went about doing good things in a bad way.

• Boundaries are the distance at which I can love you and love me all at the same time. • I'm still here.

... and that's the View from The Balcony.

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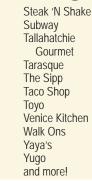
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Local Voices: Lafayette County Master Gardeners by Bronwynne Bailey

# Curcuma Ornamental Ginger"

There are 47 genres and more than a thousand distinct species of ornamental ginger plants. There is great variation among species with presentations that look like pinecones, pineapples, mutant orchids, or alien insects. A visit to Hawaii will provide you with a large variety but most are not native.

### **Colors and Varieties**

Norman Winter (from Central Mississippi Research & Extension Center) provides the following recommendation for Mississippi gardeners.

The scarlet ginger is exotic looking with 10-inch-long orange to red floral spikes produced on 6- to 7-foot canes.

The crepe ginger (Costus speciosus) produces white flowers in a 4-inch bracted red cone. After the flowers have dropped, the red bract cone remains pretty for an extended period of time.

For fragrance, you should buy butterfly ginger, Hedychium coronarium. The white, butterfly-shaped flowers produced this time of the year are full of fragrance. The plant is one of the easiest to grow and hardiest for Mississippi.

My favorite is the hidden ginger or Queen Lily, Cur*cuma petiolata*. With canna-like leaves, this plant produces one of the prettiest blooms rivaling the bird of paradise,

heliconia, or bromeliad. Tucked down in the plant, the flower is quite showy. This variety may be invasive so avoid planting along native areas to prevent unwanted spread.

The variegated shell ginger Alpinia zerumbet variegate has leaves with a green and zebra-like band of creamy yellow. Although they bloom from time to time, the foliage is the showstopper! In Zones 7–8, you may want to dig it up and grow it in a container during the winter.

### Growth Habits

Temperatures below 50°F will spell trouble for a ginger flower. This limits outdoor growing as a perennial

to hardiness zones 9 through 11 unless you have a heated greenhouse. Expect an average growth size of 2 feet wide and 4 to 5-feet height.

It is important to note that though they smell remarkably similar, ornamental ginger plants do not yield the ginger root we use as a spice in the kitchen. Those are commonly referred to as culinary ginger plants, and they have their own species classification called officinale. Most ginger rhizomes you purchase in the grocery section are treated to limit leaf production and are not likely to root.





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### Soil Preferences

Tropical plants need tropical growing conditions, so before planting any in your yard, you will need to evaluate your surroundings closely. Moist, well-draining soil is ideal. Ginger prefers a neutral to slightly acidic ph.

## Planting Depth & Spacing

Size and shape vary depending on the variety. For practical purposes, leave plenty of space between plantings. Most ornamental ginger plants produce exceptionally large blooms and grow to be quite tall. Ornamental gingers do not need harsh direct sunlight; they perform better in a little bit of shade.

When potting, select a container at least two feet wide and deep because the rhizomes will grow and replicate throughout the growing season and because the ginger will grow at least two feet tall and need a solid base to prevent destruction from winds.

Ginger needs at least one inch of

water per week. Monitoring weekly

rainfall is critical with supplemental

watering as needed. Drought con-

ditions with deeply limit flowering.

or monthly application with a high-

nitrogen content to increase blooms.

the ground but allow leaves to die

off naturally as pulling them can

damage the rhizome. Preserve rhi-

zomes in peat moss of sphagnum

moss to overwinter. You can leave

ginger in pots to overwinter. Store in

a cool dry place. Avoid humid areas

such as kitchens and restrooms.

As for fertilizer, try a biweekly

Remove spent flowers down to

## Watering & Fertilizing & Pruning



Curcuma Siam Shadow Photograph by Bronwynne Bailey

### Propagation

via seeds. 🗤

When slicing off rhizome pieces, make sure each new piece contains more than one node, and you can immediately plant each piece in a tall grow pot. Use a rich, well-draining growing medium and bury the baby rhizomes deep with the nodes facing up. Water generously, keep warm, and wait three weeks before you expect to see signs of

healthy new plant sprouts. Professionals can propagate

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 Medicine cabinets are one of the worst places to store medicine because of the high temperatures and humidity in bathrooms.

• A Hershey's Kiss contains 26 calories that take about four minutes of kissing to burn.

 You say money doesn't grow on trees? Try telling that to a certain dog in Colombia. After seeing students pass money to a food stall attendant, the pooch began a regular practice of "paying" for dog biscuits with tree leaves!

· Screenwriter Bob Gale confirmed that Marty McFly's nemesis in the Back to the Future trilogy, Biff Tannen, was modeled on Donald Trump.

 As novels became more prominent during the 1700s, society and the media became increasingly concerned that young people spent too much time reading books. They even went so far as to call it "reading rage," "reading fever," "reading mania" and "reading lust."

• A regular **BIC** ballpoint pen can draw a line that's about 2 kilometers long-more than six times the height of the Eiffel Tower.

· Nazis planned to kill Sir Winston Churchill with a bar of chocolate. A bomb made of thin steel was covered by real chocolate that would explode once a chunk was broken. Luckily, British Allies discovered the plan.

 At his presidential inauguration, Theodore Roosevelt wore a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair.

 Before Usain Bolt won the 100 meter sprint in the **Olympic** finals, he ate only McDonald's chicken nuggets, as he didn't want to risk getting an upset stomach from local cuisine.

· Yamaha produces some of the world's most popular motorcycles, but the company started off as a piano manufacturer.

 Thought for the Day: "Motion feels like progress. Action is progress." -James Clear M

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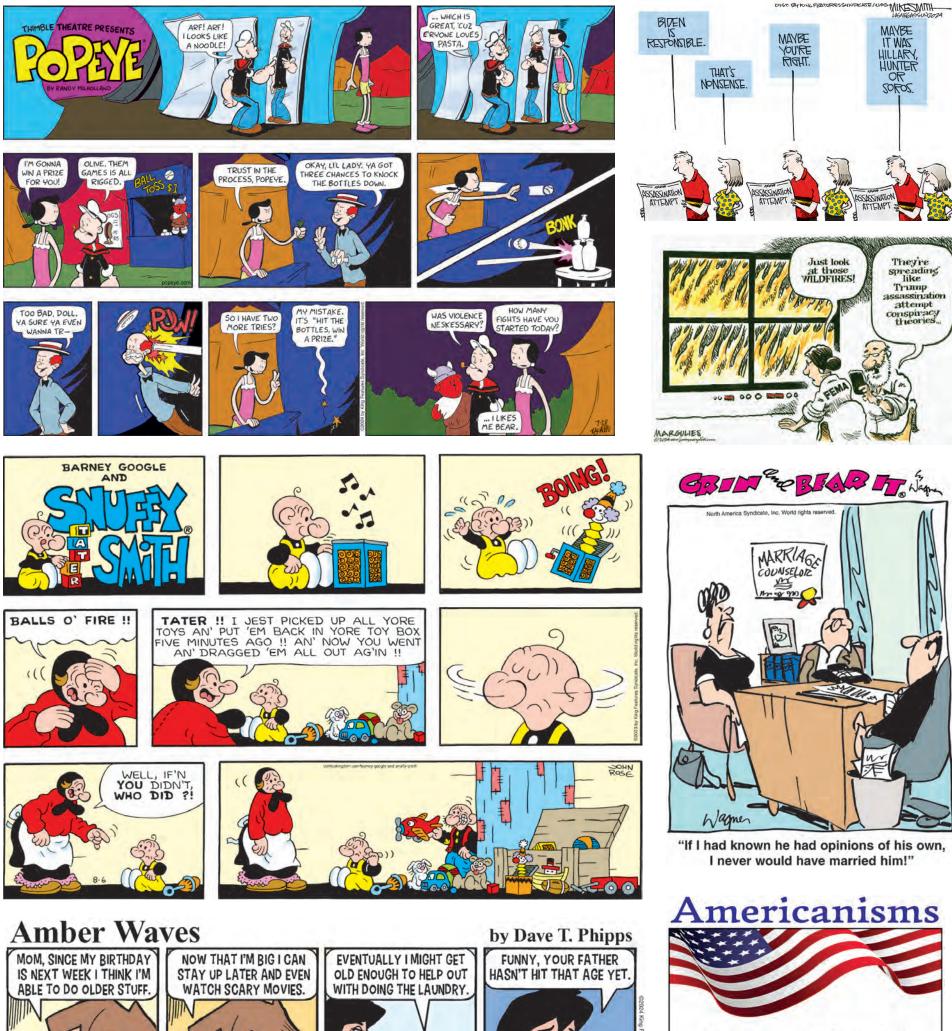




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"Wisdom is what's left after we've run out of personal opinions." - Cullen Hightower

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