MONTHLY GARDEN CALENDAR

JANUARY (Cool, Dry Time)

- **Maintenance/Prune**: Use pine straw or hay to protect from freezing. Time to enrich beds with lots of organic matter, peat moss, compost, manures. Prune fruit trees, roses, late in month.

- **Plant**: As crops finish, replace with cool season plants. Plant – peppers & tomatoes seeds.

- **Annuals**: Carnation, pansy, petunia, delphinium, viola, snap-dragons, dianthus, fox-glove, hollyhocks.

- **Perennials**: Angelonia, blue sage, bush daisy, butterfly weed, heliconia, jacobinia, lantana, salvia, yellow alder.

- **Vines/Ground Cover/Omamental Grasses**: Beach sunflower, bromeliads, purple heart.

- **Vegetables**: Carrots, beets, broccoli, collards, and lettuce are maturing.

- **Watch for**: Aphids, nematodes, white flies, caterpillars, red blotch.

- **Bulbs**: Plant Rhizomes, tubers-crinum, amaryllis, ginger, gladiolus, cannas.

- **Shrubs**: Winter is good time to plant crape myrtle, hibiscus, ixora, oleander, plumbago.

- **Water**: When soil is dry to touch. Make sure soil is moist before cool temperature/freeze arrives.

- **Fertilize**: Wait another month for most.

- **Trees/Citrus**: Protect lemon/lime if temperature drops below 30 degrees.

- **Tropical/Temperate Fruit**: Good time to mail-order and plant delicious ornamental fruits; avoid root rot scale by not over watering. Protect from the cold-apples, blueberry, peaches, pears, nectarine and persimmons.

- **Lawn**: Mow every couple of weeks to keep unwanted greenery under control.