

Old Geezers - By Stan Southwick



I'm realizing that the older I get, the wiser my father becomes. Another thing I've noticed is that as I get older, I'm getting less tolerant of some of the views of the up and coming generation... I know, I'm working on that one. When I try to share a little of my wisdom, I'm met with silence and a look in their eyes that says, "That's not how we do it now-a-days, you old Geezer!" The older generation may not understand what some of those emojis mean, but we can text... albeit a little slower... and we do have a boat load of experience. I'm reminded of this story. I hope you enjoy it.

A retired doctor became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500. If not cured, get back \$1,000." Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$\$\$\$. So, he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh! - This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory; I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't ... that is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak; I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis

Favorite Flora:

Leucaena retusa - Goldenball Leadtree - By Jon Marenfeld



Well the heat is on. We knew it was coming but at least May was a welcome change from the norm. With the increase in temperatures comes the need for a good shade tree. One tree that's a good courtyard or patio tree is *Leucaena retusa*, commonly known as the Goldenball Leadtree. Native to southwest Texas and the northern Chihuahaun Desert it's a semi-evergreen vase shaped tree that casts filtered shade and produces sweet-smelling bright yellow puff-ball flowers from spring through fall. The Goldenball Leadtree is very drought tolerant, can handle reflected heat, has cinnamon-colored flaky bark, and reaches up to 20 feet tall and 15 feet wide. It can be grown as a single or multi-trunk tree.

One thing to consider is that the wood can be a bit brittle so some branches could snap in high winds so plant it where it could get some protection. Plant the *Leucaena retusa* in well-drained soils and in full sun for the best results. Once established supplemental irrigation is only needed during the hottest and driest parts of the year. The only care the Goldenball Leadtree needs is picking up the leaves when it goes cold dormant, the seed pods it drops, and any twigs that may snap off. Because it's a great choice for xeriscaping pair it with boulders and other xeriscape plants such as *Yucca elata* (Soaptree Yucca), *Dasylyrion wheeleri* (Desert Spoon), *Opuntia* sp. (Prickly Pear Cactus), *Ocotillo*, barrel cactus, and agave.



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