Garden Party
The flowers of the elephant foot yam bloom only for a few days before the arrival of the monsoons in India. The flowers themselves are unique; the velvety funnel-shaped flower is made of purplish-pink thick-skinned petals. The flower reeks of rot to attract pollinators. Before it begins to smell, it can be picked and eaten, but it must be soured so that it loses its alkalinity, which can cause throat irritation. Below the ground, its massive yam is a nutritious meat substitute, but it also must be boiled to release irritants to the throat and tongue.

Word Wise
Which word is not like the others?

febrile frere
algid gelid

ANSWER: Frere. Febrile means “to have a fever.”

Who Said So?
This president who held office at the start of the Great Depression said, “Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt.”

ANSWER: Herbert Hoover