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Fly Away...

I sit here at the computer thinking about the spring so far and the upcoming summer. This spring is a real surprise considering the past couple of years. We've experienced a string of nice weekends and warm sunshine. I think last year we had only one sunny weekend at this point in time. This year we have had just one rainy weekend. I can only keep my fingers crossed that the string will continue. Speaking of 'Fly Away', this week has been rainy and windy, just a reminder of how the spring can be here in the Northwest. Today's wind has filled our yard and garden with an assortment of twigs and branches from the local trees and a recent storm blew one of our containers of geraniums over on the deck. Hold on to your hats and plants!

Sticking with the 'fly away' theme, this month we feature a few 'fly away' stories that relate to butterflies. One of my favorite plants is the butterfly bush. These were named invasive a few years ago because they were seeding themselves along some areas around our state. This month William talks about some of the newer varieties that will return this animal friendly plant to Northwest gardens. We also talk about some of the other plants that will attract these winged wonders to your garden. Sarah relives the joy of finding butterflies in the garden and talks about the different types of plants and how you can plant to meet the needs of butterflies throughout their lifecycle.

Also this month we get to learn a little bit more about Jon Denney, the owner of Portland Nursery. For the past couple of years we have showcased a number of local horticultural leaders. It was a surprise to us that we had not featured him before now. I guess it is because Jon has a reputation as a quiet leader. Like the nursery, Jon is involved in his community and doesn't spend a lot of time tooting his own horn. When things happen you just assume that they have always been that way. You don't think about the people behind those events and how much effort goes into them. Jon has always worked behind the scenes to make sure the community is served and that Portland Nursery is more than just a local business. That philosophy was passed down from father to son and now Jon passes that down to his children who both work in the industry! Take some time to read about Jon and the great people at Portland Nursery.

Now a final thought on 'flying away'. I told you back in February that my wife and I had made a trip to Australia. We grew to love the country with all the great and unusual plants we found there (not to mention the great people). Now that spring has returned to our area I can truly say that there is no place like the Pacific Northwest when it comes to natural beauty. We didn't have to fly away to see something spectacular... we just needed to wait until spring! We are blessed to live where we do. It seems like spring is just a succession of flower festivals. We are done with daffodils, tulips and lilacs, but now we are moving into iris and peonies. Next it will be lavender, strawberries and dahlias! Every day there is something new to see in our gardens. Take time to enjoy it!

Enjoy this great spring we are having and Happy Gardening!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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Portland's "tree museum" makes a home for species both common and unique.

by Judy Alleruzzo

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We have all been to museums but have you ever been to a Tree Museum? If not, you need to experience the collection of trees at Hoyt Arboretum, located just a short walk from the Max Stop at The Oregon Zoo. I contacted Laura Zanetto, Program Director of Hoyt Arboretum Friends. She is a wealth of information on the history of The Arboretum.

Beginning in 1928, Hoyt Arboretum has been a wonderful part of Portland's Park System. The Arboretum was named after Multnomah County Commissioner Ralph Warren Hoyt, who was the driving force behind the formation of this urban oasis. It was founded to showcase and conserve endangered species of trees. It's a pretty big park consisting of 12 miles of trails over 187 acres. Being situated in an urban area, The Arboretum is accessible by car, bike or public transportation.

It is truly a special place as Laura told me that Hoyt "possesses the largest group of distinct species of any Arboretum in the U.S. Its plant collection contains 6000 individual trees and shrubs representing over 1,100 different species from around the world."

One other interesting fact is there are 60 species of trees planted at The Arboretum that are threatened or endangered in native habitats. Hoyt is saving these trees from total extinction.

Walking through The Arboretum, you can see that the trees are planted by families, Oaks with Oaks and Pines with Pines and so on. In the 1930s, it was decided to divide The Arboretum by Fairview Boulevard; conifers were planted

to the west and deciduous trees to the east. All trees are labeled so that visitors, scientists and students can identify each tree.

The Arboretum is most proud of three different collections. The Maple and Magnolia collections have been recognized as Official Participating Sites in the prestigious North American Plant Collection Consortium (NAPCC). There are only 70 gardens worldwide that hold this honor.

Highlights of the Magnolia collection is the rarely seen North American native Magnolia asheii and a rare Chinese native species Magnolia zenii. This collection is made up of 134 trees. The Maple collection is equally impressive with 200 trees of 43 different species and 36 cultivars.

Just as the Maple and Magnolia collections have been recognized, the Conifer Collection is also a star at The Arboretum. Recently, The American Conifer Society has se-

lected the collection as a Conifer Reference Garden. It is only the second collection so named in the U.S. Walking through this extensive grouping of plants you can see 238 conifer species.

Laura relayed what the Arboretum curator, Martin Nicholson said about these awards; "This honor gives Portland Parks & Recreation and Hoyt Arboretum the ability to stretch our resources through cooperation with other gardens nationwide. This prestigious national recognition gives Hoyt Arboretum access to other gardens actively involved in conservation programs, seed and plant material of threatened species, and the ability to be involved in collections planning to maximize the resources we have available."

Behind the scenes of this incredible area are The Hoyt Arboretum Friends. They help maintain The Arboretum, manage events and staff The Visitor's Center. Inside the center, a visitor will find

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friendly and knowledgeable people to answer plant questions, get a map of the trails or browse through The Hoyt Arboretum Nature Store.

There is also a Reference Library and The Hoyt Arboretum Herbarium. These are open to the public during visitor center hours. In case you are wondering what an herbarium is, it's like a plant scrapbook. It contains samples of plant leaves that are dried and mounted on museum quality paper. These samples are preserved as a reference of the trees and shrubs in The Arboretum.

Another very important aspect of Hoyt Arboretum is the database and inventory of the tree collections. This detailed and important paperwork is maintained and updated by Arboretum staff and volunteers.

One more duty of volunteers is the Saturday morning guided tours. Leaving from The Visitor's Center at 11 a.m., the tours last about 90 minutes and showcase seasonal in-



Magnolia Vietchii



Contrasting Sizes of Tree Trunks

terest in The Arboretum or just about anything people are interested in seeing. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per person taking the tour. If The Visitor Center is closed there is a kiosk just outside the door with trail maps.

In showcasing The Hoyt Arboretum for the June Adventure, these are the highlights to see on your summertime walk. Many Magnolias not usually found around your neighborhood can be seen still in bloom in June and sometimes later depending on the weather.

Laura suggested making sure you find these species Magnolias among the highly honored collection, *Magnolia ernestii*, *Magnolia maudiae* and *Magnolia insignis*. Also on her June list are the Dogwoods planted around the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

Make note to see these varieties of Kousa Dogwoods, *Cornus kousa* 'Autumn Rose', 'Moonbeam', 'National', 'Rosabella', and 'Trinity Star.' These trees with white or pink flowers will be a sight to see grouped together.



Emerging Larch Cone

During an early June walk you will see a stunning stand of Golden Chain Trees (*Laburnum anagyroides*), along the Wildwood Trail, just east of the Overlook. You cannot miss them as you will see the long strands of yellow flowers hanging from the branches. The effect is beautiful.

Also be on the lookout for the Japanese Angelica Tree (*Aralia elata*) White flower clusters, Japanese Snowbell (*Styrax japonicus*) White bell-shaped flowers and the Chinese Smoketree (*Cotinus coggygria*) Smokey-pink flower clusters.

June Adventure: The trails are well marked with an easy grade but remember to wear sturdy, comfy shoes and keep your dogs on a leash if they are making the walk with you.

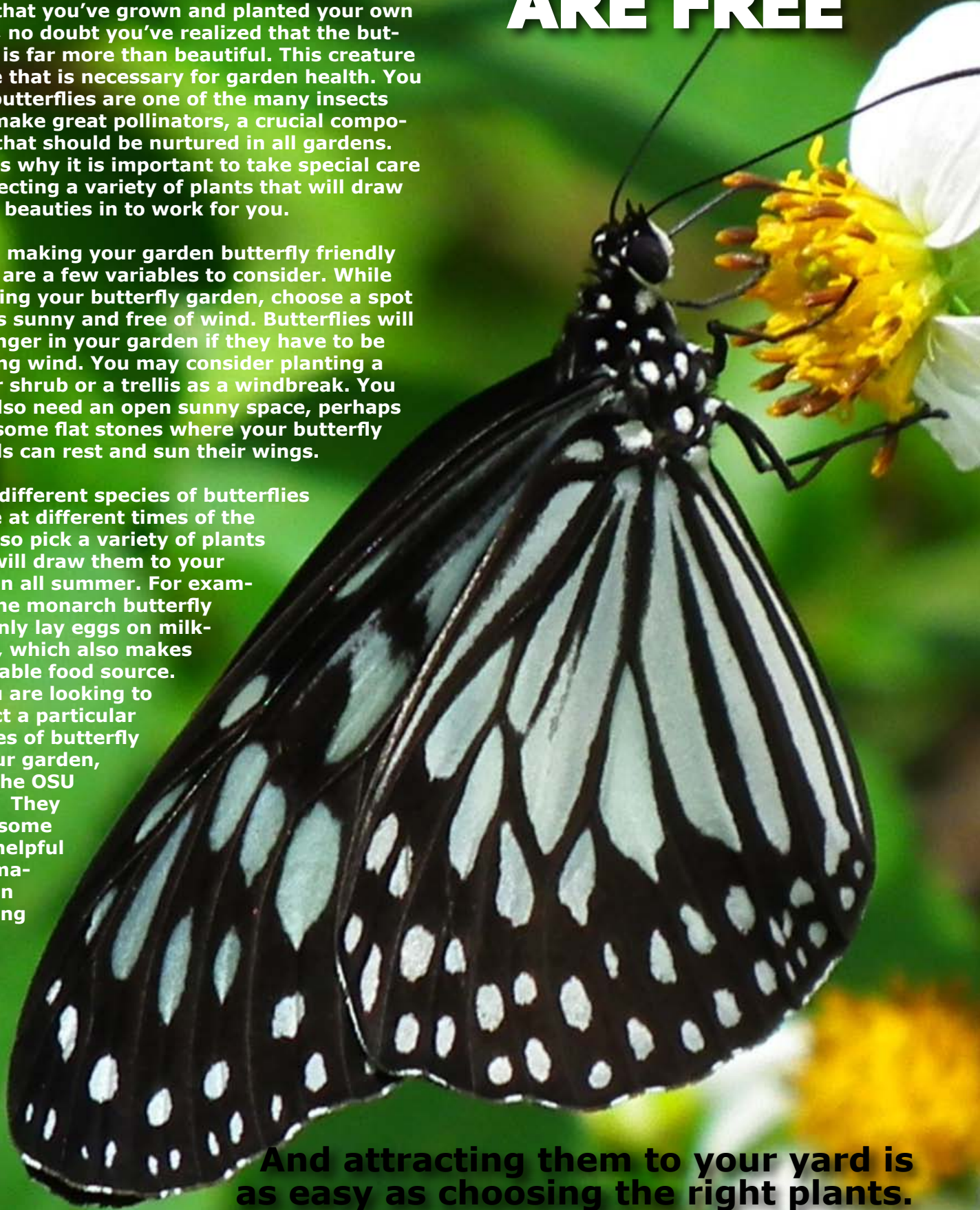
Bring a camera to capture all of the beauty of Hoyt Arboretum and a bottle of water to keep you hydrated. Enjoy your walk among this world renowned Arboretum right in Portland's back yard.

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE

As a child, was there any creature more wondrous and mysterious than the butterfly, so beautiful and enchanting that you couldn't help but to chase it around the garden for hours? Now that you've grown and planted your own roots, no doubt you've realized that the butterfly is far more than beautiful. This creature is one that is necessary for garden health. You see, butterflies are one of the many insects that make great pollinators, a crucial component that should be nurtured in all gardens. That is why it is important to take special care in selecting a variety of plants that will draw these beauties in to work for you.

When making your garden butterfly friendly there are a few variables to consider. While planning your butterfly garden, choose a spot that is sunny and free of wind. Butterflies will not linger in your garden if they have to be fighting wind. You may consider planting a larger shrub or a trellis as a windbreak. You will also need an open sunny space, perhaps with some flat stones where your butterfly friends can rest and sun their wings.

Also, different species of butterflies arrive at different times of the year, so pick a variety of plants that will draw them to your garden all summer. For example; the monarch butterfly will only lay eggs on milkweed, which also makes a suitable food source. If you are looking to attract a particular species of butterfly to your garden, visit the OSU page. They have some very helpful information on creating



And attracting them to your yard is as easy as choosing the right plants.

by Sarah Gustin

your own butterfly garden specific to the Northwest.

**OSU EXTENSION
INFORMATION ON BUTTERFLIES**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/
catalog/pdf/ec/ec1549.pdf](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec1549.pdf)

Butterflies are attracted to two different categories of plants: host plants and nectar plants. A host plant will provide a place for butterflies to lay eggs. When an adult butterfly hatches, it will begin looking for a bright and fragrant nectar plant for food. Butterflies do not drink from open water, so if you wish to keep your butterflies hydrated, you can fill a bucket or birdbath with moist sand or soil.

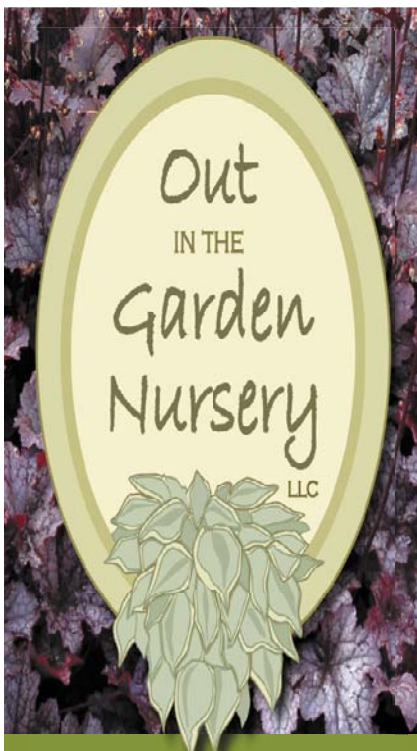
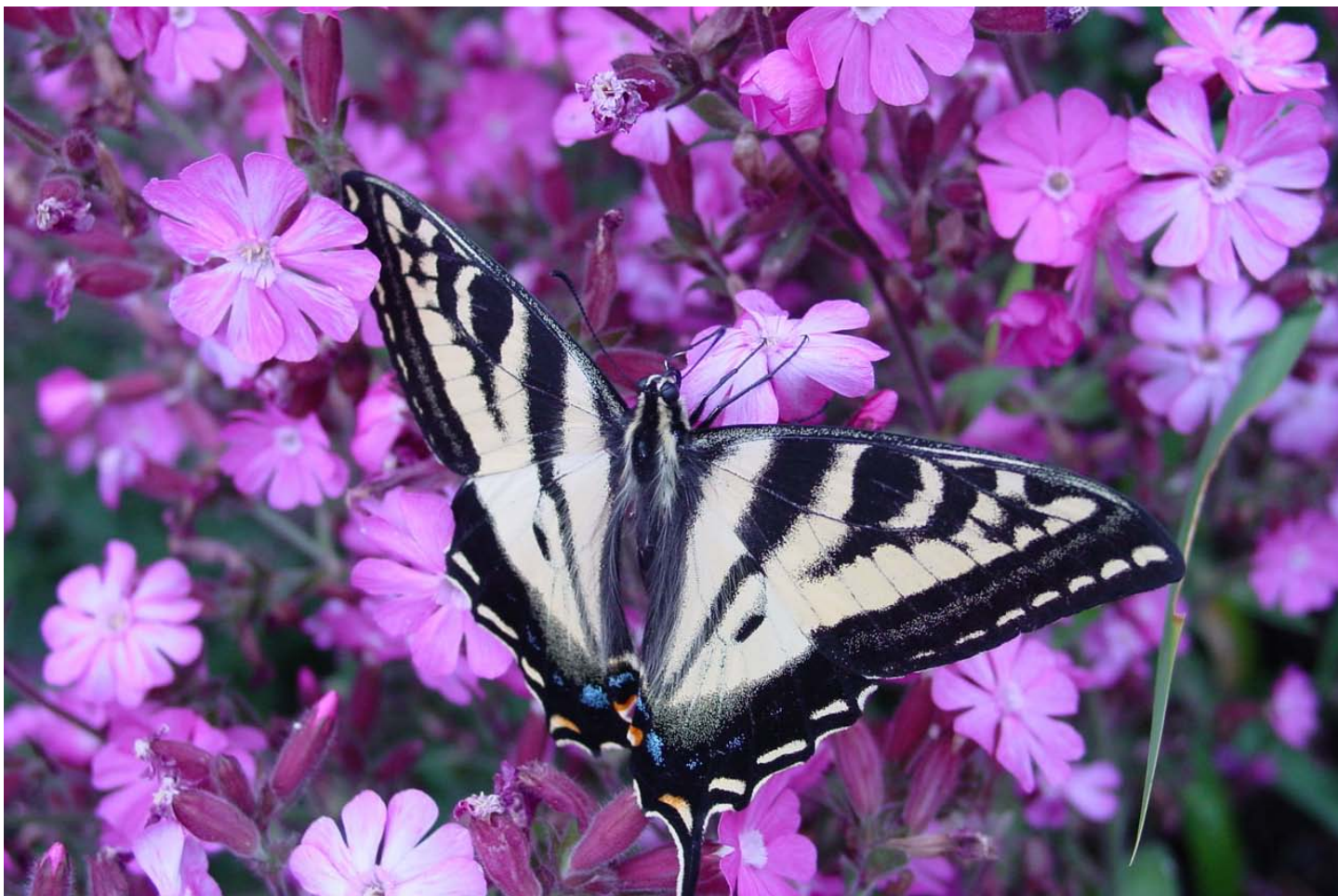
One of the most common butterfly attracting plants is the butterfly bush, whose bright flowers and fragrance butterflies find irresistible. As a shrub, butterfly bushes can make an attractive border and come in a variety of colors. Though butterfly bushes were once considered an invasive species, that is no longer a worry; Oregon banned the sale of all invasive varieties in 2010 and currently the Oregon Department of Agriculture monitors the fertility of all new butterfly bush species.

Of course there are many other excellent nectar plants. Zinnias are beautiful, colorful, love full sun, and attract the Anise swallowtail and the Painted lady. Echinacea, also known as Purple coneflower also attracts the Painted lady. In addition, the dandelion and lavender plants attract many species of butterflies.

If you want your butterflies to stay for many seasons, consider adding some host plants to your garden. Milkweed is an excellent host plant, and produces lovely pink blooms. Lilac is another host plant that will also feed your butterflies come summer. Common host plants include many trees and grasses, like elm, dogwood, pine, and apple.

Of course you can always head down to your local garden center and ask for their expert advice. Many of them have their own favorite butterfly friendly plants, so you may find yourself walking away with more than just another butterfly bush.





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Jon and Bob Denney

Jon Denney has made Portland Nursery a “favorite destination” for local gardeners. by Judy Alleruzzo

A few weeks ago, I attended the 75th Anniversary of Collier Tree Care, which in itself is a great company of arborists and worthy of its own article.

Stay tuned...

It was a fun celebration, plus I ran into Jon Denney, owner of Portland Nursery and his wife Carol Finney. It was a great surprise to see them and a perfect reminder for me to catch up for this article. Jon and I had been exchanging emails with questions and information but here he was in the flesh for a live interview.

As we talked, it made sense that Portland Nursery so mirrors Jon's own personal philosophy. Jon is interested in all aspects of the gardening business plus he is a grand supporter of his community, so it made sense he was helping the Collier's celebrate their milestone. Gardening and plants are a natural way to make a connection with people. That's the start of why Portland Nursery is so involved in the community.

Jon said it all started when “organizations asked for donations and we helped out as much as was possible”. In the spirit of this mission statement,

Portland Nursery has School Outreach programs, Senior Gardening Day, and The Apple Tasting Festival. They also host an assortment of Plant Society's plant shows; flower displays and sales that benefit that society. They do help out in many aspects.

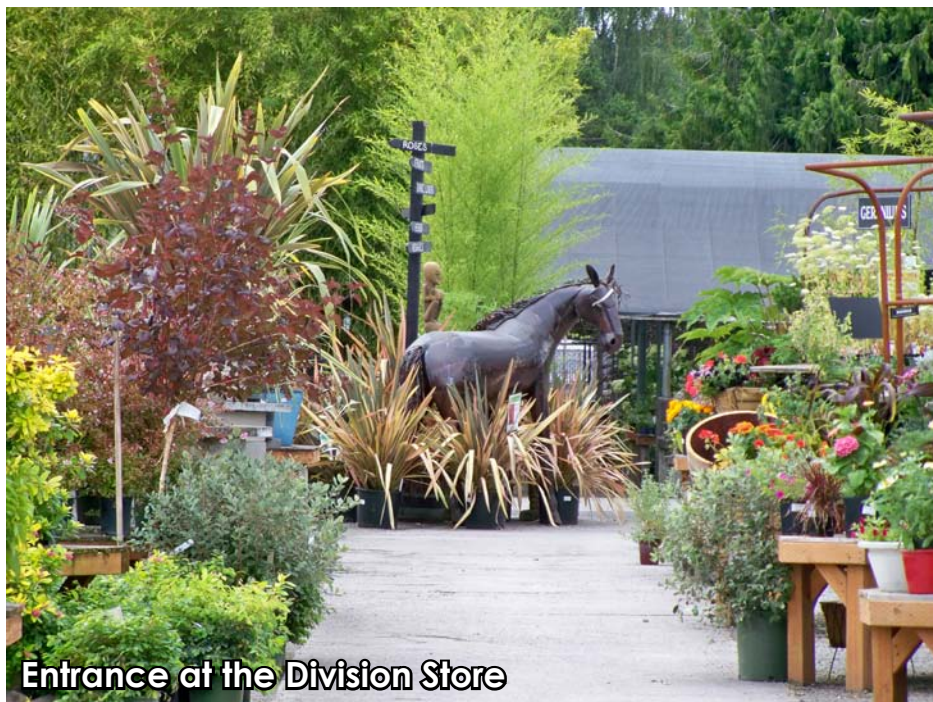
To go back to where Jon got started in plants, I learned that the original “Green Industry” runs in his family. Jon's Dad, Bob Denney, ran an orchard in Iowa and was a county extension agent and a nursery plant salesman. The interest in Horticulture continued and Jon went to Iowa State and graduated with a Horticulture degree. By this time, the Denney family had moved to Portland, so Jon joined them here after graduating.

In December, 1980, Jon purchased the Nursery on Stark Street and named it Portland Nursery. Several years later, in 1991, he purchased the Division Street location. Both stores are very successful garden centers catering to the urban gardeners of Portland and surrounding areas.

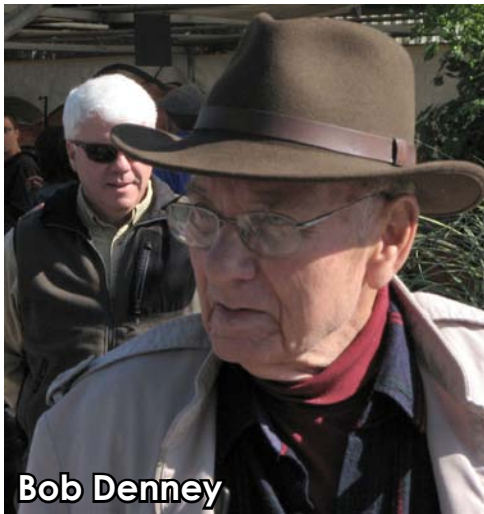
So to go back to being a part of the community, the fall Apple Tasting Festival is one big party where everyone comes together to taste over 60



Sara Denney



Entrance at the Division Store



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varieties of apples and pears plus enjoy a whole list of events offered during the October festival. This huge event brings the community into the Stark Street location to enjoy the time honored tradition of celebrating the harvest. Jon's idea behind the festival was "Spring is too busy to invite the community but fall is the perfect time for a festival." Apple tasting has become a signature event for Portland Nursery plus I think Jon really loves apples! This year they will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the event.

An offshoot of Jon and his dad's love of helping out is they helped publish, *Apples for the Twenty First Century* by Warren Manhart in 1995. This is a great reference book describing 50 different varieties of apples. Over the years, they have given away many copies to Master Gardener groups.

Jon has always been a believer in helping the customer be successful in their gar-

dens. In an interview last year Jon stated that he is seeing a whole new generation of gardeners coming to the stores. He believes, "there is a great opportunity to create classes to help them be successful." Each year, both Portland Nursery locations provide interesting and varied gardening classes. Classes like "What to Do in The Veggie Garden in June and July" and "Native Plants for Attracting Wildlife" will be held in June. Check out the Garden Time or Portland Nursery websites for the June Class listings.

Portland Nursery has also prided itself for carrying an eclectic and extensive inventory of plants and products. The best example of that is the over 200 varieties of tomato plants. That is a wow! Most gardeners plant the same varieties every year but Portland Nursery buyers are ever

searching out new varieties to tempt their customers into trying a new tasty tomato. Now Jon is not the vegetable buyer but his handiwork shows through by encouraging his staff to think for themselves to be successful. "We have a great mix of incredible people" working at the stores. They are the driving force in keeping the plant selection so varied during the season.

Jon is involved with the marketing of Portland Nursery. The phrase, "passion for plants" came about with Jon's involvement. The newest tag line, "Make your backyard your favorite destination", is also a Jonism. He likes to get creative.

Daughters Sara and Jillian have



Entrance at the Division Store

worked at the two stores on and off over the years. Now in college studying business and sociology, Sara Denney is working at the stores full time. She is seen on the television commercials and on *Garden Time* as a fresh face for promoting gardening to a younger generation.

Jillian is at OSU studying Horticulture Therapy and helps out when she can. Jon is happy that his daughters are interested in plants and in the business.

I asked Jon if he has favorite plants, always a hard question for a plant person. I said I have to mention plants in the article so think of a few favorites. He said as he has matured around plants he now enjoys the subtle shades and textures of foliage. "As you get more into Horticulture, color is less important

but texture is everything."

He does have a favorite tree, Redbud, *Cercis*. He loves the flowers growing right on the bark of the tree before the leaves emerge in spring time. It's unique to that tree and as he said, "the new flower buds signal spring is finally here." We can all agree with that idea. Spring is everything to a gardener.

'Horties' come in many packages. This topic in GT magazine has featured many different people in many different aspects of the Oregon gardening industry. The one common thread among these people is their love of plants and gardening. The other common chord is being active in not just their businesses but in the community surrounding their business. Jon Denney and Portland



Apple Tasting Kids' Day

Nursery are no exception to this common link.



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The Measure of Success

In cooking, like any
fine art, having the
right tools makes
all the difference.

by
David Musial,
Fusion co-host



It's Christmas morning. You're ten years old and filled with anticipation and excitement. Running down the stairs you can't wait to see all the gifts under the tree with your name. You turn the corner and see the beautifully decorated tree. Your stocking is bursting with goodies, you see carefully wrapped gifts and then you stop in your tracks. There it is, right at the base of the tree. The dreaded box! It's large, rectangular and could only come from Sear's and Roebuck Department Store. In an instant, you know what's in it. Underwear... and it wasn't even on your Christmas wish list.

Fast forward. I'm twenty-one years old and driving to my parents for Christmas morning. Childhood memories flood my head with the sights, sounds and smells of Christmas. Upon arrival, I can't wait to see the family Christmas tree. My eyes see the familiar angel on top of the tree and all the ornaments I helped place for years. Then at the base of the tree, I see it... the dreaded box!

This time though, it turns out not to be underwear, but filled with bakeware. It was a treasured gift as I was just setting up my new

apartment, loved to cook, didn't have any cooking equipment and didn't know what to buy.

Setting up a kitchen can be a daunting task. What do I buy... how many should I buy... where should I buy it, are just a few of the questions you may have. Whether you love to cook or cook because you have to, the basic kitchen tools are the same. With the right tools, cooking will be easier, more fun and the results

more successful.

So if you're ready to set up your kitchen, let's start shopping!

Cutting

Prepping food requires lots of cutting and a good knife gets the job done quickly and safely. High carbon stainless steel is a good choice. Stay away from knife sets as they come with knives that you will probably never use. When buying knives; especially a chef's knife, be sure to hold the knife to make sure that it feels comfortable.

- 8"-10" Chef's Knife
- 3"-4" Paring Knife
- Chef's Steel (learn how to use to keep an edge on your knife)
- Kitchen Shears
- Serrated Knife (optional)
- Plastic Cutting (14" x 17" or larger)

Cooking

Pots, pans and skillets are the backbone of cooking. The choices are almost unlimited. Buying a starter set can save money; over



fusion cooking

individual pieces (open stock), if it is made from quality material and the pieces you need are in the set. A ten piece set will normally have the sizes you need and come with covers. Whatever you buy, be sure it has a heavy bottom to provide even cooking without burning.

- 2 and 4 Quart Sauce Pan
- 8" and 10" Saute Pan
- 8 Quart Stockpot
- 10" Nonstick Skillet (optional)
- Baking and Roasting

The items listed here are for both savory and sweet food preparation. If you are never going to bake a cake or make a pie, you can omit these two items. However, even a muffin pan can be used for more than cupcakes. You can make meatloaf or individual servings of stuffing in them. Also, most items in this category are inexpensive.

- 2-Cookie Sheets with Sides (sheet pans)
- Medium Roasting Pan
- 2-Cooling Racks
- 2-6 Cup Muffin Tins
- 2-9" Round Cake Pans
- 9"-Pie Pan
- 2-Loaf Pan

Measuring

Being able to measure accurately in the kitchen is a key to success. You will be measuring liquids, dry ingredients and bulky chopped foods like diced potatoes so you will need a variety of measuring devices.

- Measuring Spoons
- Nesting Measuring Cup Set (1/4, 1/2, 3/4 and 1 Cup)
- 1 and 2 Cup Glass Measuring Cup
- 4 Cup Glass Measuring Cup (optional but nice)

Mixing, Scraping and Serving

A wide assortment of spoons and spatulas; made from different materials, will come in handy for a variety of tasks. They will be used for mixing ingredients, stirring,



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- Metal Ladle
- Assortment of Wooden Spoons
- Rubber Scraper Spatula
- Spatula for Turning (heat resistant)
- 2-Wire Whisks (small and large)
- Hand Held Electric Mixer
- Nesting Mixing Bowls

Miscellaneous Tools

Several of these items are the little things that if you don't have, you aren't cooking. Take, for example, a can opener.

No can opener, no open can. Do not use your chef knife to open the can like they do on TV. Bad idea! Or, another scenario is when you're ready to pull the roast out of the oven and remember you didn't buy hot pads.

Can Opener

- Hot Pads (several)
- Instant Read Thermometer
- Corkscrew
- 2-Tongs (one with Teflon or silicone gripper)
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Nice to Have

The list here could go on and on. The decision to buy any of these items will be how often you cook and your type of cooking.

- Blender
- Food Processor
- Toaster Oven
- Salad Spinner (time saver and cost saver)
- Microwave Oven

Food for Thought

Here are a few things to think about before shopping.

- When it comes to pots, pans, skillets, and knives, buy the best you can. They will last a long time.
- Price doesn't always dictate quality. Victorinox Fibrox knives are a highly rated knife at one fourth the price of top brand name

knives.

- Research before you buy the more expensive items. Cooks Illustrated magazine is a great resource for product reviews as are your friends that enjoy cooking.

- Shop at thrift stores. Some of my best buys have come from Goodwill. Especially, bakeware and various mixing implements.

- Shop at restaurant supply stores. These stores sell cooking equipment built to last, not necessarily for aesthetics. Not all sell to the public, so check first.

If you're not lucky enough to receive an 'underwear box' full of cooking utensils, you now have the tools to buy your own. Have fun shopping and happy cooking!

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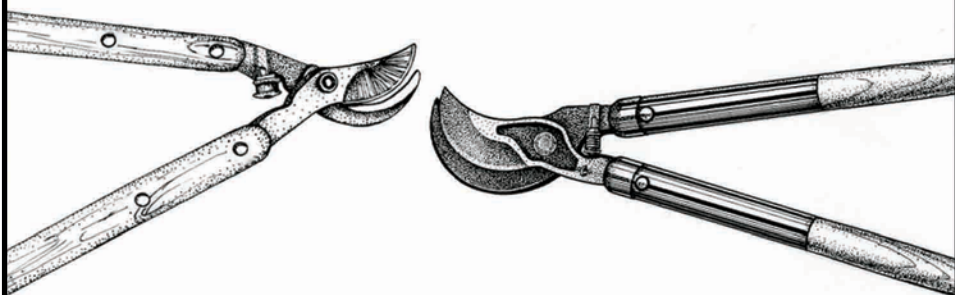


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By Any Other Name

Are green onions,
scallions and shallots
the same thing?
I did a little digging
to find out.

by Therese Gustin

For the novice cook, it can be a bit confusing when a recipe calls for green onions, scallions or shallots. Are they all the same? Are they interchangeable? I did a little digging to find out just what the actual differences were. Shallots or *Allium ascalonicum* is a member of the onion family and typically produces a cluster of pointed bulbs on one plant, similar to the way garlic heads form. These bulbs have a milder flavor than their larger onion cousins and can be used anywhere you would use an onion. The milder flavor of a shallot works well in dishes where you would like the hint of onion flavor but not the strong sulfuric notes of a regular yellow onion.

Shallots are often confused with scallions. Scallions are actually very young onions that are harvested before forming a mature bulb. They are also called 'spring' onions or 'green' onions. Green onions feature a dark green stem and a white base with roots. Both parts of the onion are edible. Green onions are one of the easiest vegetables to grow and do especially well in raised beds.

Whether grown from sets or plants you can be harvesting green onions to add to your salads in about 7 weeks. If you choose to start with seed, expect to harvest your scallions in about 12 weeks or so. Plant the seeds about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep and about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart in well-composted soil with good drainage in full sun. You can find onion sets in garden centers in the early spring. Sets are generally less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in size and require the same soil conditions as seeds or plants. Sets are generally sold for producing bulb onions, but they can be picked early as spring onions. They are easy to pop in the ground. Just plant them about an inch apart and make sure the tip of the bulb is covered with soil. Harvest some early for green onions and leave the rest in the ground to mature into large onion bulbs.

My preferred method of growing green onions is with plants. Onion plants look like miniature onions and are super easy to plant. I just make furrows in my raised beds, lay the plants 2 to 3 inches apart and cover with a couple inches of soil. As with sets, you can harvest plants early for green onions and leave the others to mature into large bulbs.

The characteristics responsible for the strong odor of green onions are also what offer some of the biggest health benefits. Allyl propyl disulphide is a compound in onions shown to lower blood sugar levels. Green onions contain the anti-oxidant Quercetin, which offers anti-inflammatory and anti-histamine benefits. Chromium, an essential mineral used by the body to regulate glucose and vitamin C which boosts immunity and offers protection from cardiovascular disease, eye disease, and skin wrinkling are also found in onions. Green onions also contain fiber, manganese, vitamin B6, potassium, and copper.

Green onions may bring a tear to your eye, and pungency to your breath, but they will most certainly bring pleasure to your taste buds. Tuck some green onions into your garden for a continuous supply of this tasty treat!



Fried Rice Recipe

- 1 - 2 green onions, as desired
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons oil for stir-frying, or as needed
- 4 cups cold cooked rice
- 1 - 2 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce

Wash and finely chop the green onion. Set aside. Lightly beat the eggs with the salt and pepper. Set aside.

Heat a wok or frying pan and add 2 tablespoons oil. When the oil is hot, add the celery and cook til crisp tender.

Add the rice. Stir-fry for a few minutes, using chopsticks or a wooden spoon to break it apart. Add the egg mixture and stir til egg is lightly cooked. Stir in the soy sauce. Mix thoroughly. Stir in the green onion. Serve hot.

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Return of the Wing

Labeled invasive and banished by the government, butterfly-attracting Buddleia makes a triumphant return.

by William McClenathan

For decades in Oregon, Buddleias were a gardener's favorite shrub for long term color in the summer time. Then, a few years ago, they became banned here because of their invasive nature. I have seen pictures of the Buddleia near the Willamette River around the Eugene area that looked like a small forest, all cropping up from seeds each year. And although they were not a wide spread invasive plant, the areas that were hit hard caused enough concern to banish this hot weather beauty.

As retailers, many of us were concerned, and tried to find a plant to replace Buddleias in the garden. Because they are such great butterfly, hummingbird and bee attractors, we certainly did not want to completely lose this plant. But thankfully, these beauties are returning to our garden centers with new forms that are sterile, thus removing their ability to be invasive. Flowers that do not go to seed will not spread nearly as quickly.

And with that edict from the government, hybridizers came out with a host of new varieties to sell. Ball Horticulture gave us their Flutterby Grande Series; Blueberry Cobbler, Peach Cobbler, Tangerine Dream and Vanilla. PW (Proven Winners) also came out with their own Buddleias with names like Purple Haze, White Chip and Lilac Chip.

While these series are sterile, they also have lost some of the brilliance in color and certainly their



Lilac Chip



Tangerine Dream



Peach Cobbler

grandeur. Many of them top out at just 3 feet tall and wide. This does not, however, keep them from being great late season bloomers and attractors of butterflies and hummingbirds. It also allows them to be better used as container plants.

But I would also like to encourage you to seek out some of the Buddleias that you might not have heard of that did not fall under the ban (which only effected the species 'Buddleia davidii' and its cultivars, until breeders could introduce the ones that are now sterile); great species like Buddleia globosa, lineyana and kewensis, all of which are unique and have amazing blooms in color and form. B. globosa has golden spheres of blooms instead of the arching blossoms of davidii. And lineyana has the arching blooms but they are much thinner and bloom on lovely long, arching branches. Kewensis, perhaps my current favorite, has large individual bell shaped flowers that hang in graceful clusters more like a wisteria's bloom than a traditional Buddleia, and come in a soft reddish-pink hue.

The beauty of all of these plants is their ease of maintenance in the garden. They can handle some late afternoon shade but really do thrive in the sun. Buddleias have the ability to adapt to almost all types of soil. Keep in mind that clay soil will keep them slower growing though. And as for water, I have seen them grow in the cracks of concrete and by a river as well, so your regular routine of watering would be fine, especially once they are established.

Remember that the older species I mentioned are going to get very large, so spacing in the garden is something you will need to be aware of. They can be maintained with pruning too if you want to keep them smaller. Once they're established, they tend to all get over 8' tall.

Although they may be difficult to find they are well worth the search. Nurseries like Cistus at www.cistus.com, Dancing Oaks at www.dancingoaks.com or Viscaya at viscayagardens.com, would be great places to start.

Whether you go with a new sterile variety or try one of the older ones, gardeners and retailers alike can now rejoice as the Buddleia is back... but it is much better behaved now.



Kewensis



Vanilla Cobbler



Purple Haze

WTDITG

June is a great time to work on landscaping. The weather is drier and we start to spend more of our time outside. This year, get a head start on those summer parties and barbeques and get your landscaping done early. Then, you can spend the warm summer months enjoying the beauty of your own garden oasis.

PLANNING



~ Look at the landscape to see where you can infuse some fresh color. Plan on where to plant some of the newer re-blooming lilacs or spring, summer and fall blooming ever-green azaleas.

~ Get going with the garden supports needed for the tomatoes, pole beans,

cucumbers, squash and any climbing ornamentals. Use branches, fencing, a trellis, old ladders or anything that allows the plants support. Get creative!

~ How is that garden journal coming along? Now is a perfect time to play catch up if you haven't been keeping up with the gardening notes.



PLANTING

~ This is a good time to work on the landscape. The weather is usually a bit drier and it feels so good to be outside. Cut down on the lawn and make a bigger patio or vegetable garden. Create some raised beds to grow the crops in.



~ Perennials do so well in our climate.

This is a good month to divide and plant the early spring flow-

ering perennials like aubrietia, arabis, primroses and bergenia. Planting new perennials now is perfect because there is so much more to choose from this time of year and they take off rather quickly in the warmer soil.

~ Since the soil is finally drying out it's a good time to do the lawn aerating and de-thatching. Water will penetrate deeper allowing roots to grow deeper too. By de-thatching, you remove the thick mat of dead grass stems and other lawn crud. Your lawn will look a bit rough after this,

but with a good fertilizing, some garden lime and some deep watering, the lawn usually bounces back quickly.

~ June is a good month to start a new lawn from seed or over seed an old tired lawn. If you are planning a de-thatching and aerating job, you probably should follow that with more seed. Great month to revive the lawn!



TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

~ Prune Rhododendrons and azaleas after they are done blooming. Prune lilacs this month.

~ Water the lawn no more than once a week with 1" of water. For 1"- time how long it takes your sprinkler to fill an empty tuna can with one inch of water. Using automatic watering systems set for 5

minutes twice a day is a bad practice for lawn care. This causes shallow roots. Deep, less frequent watering promotes longer roots and healthy thick turf.

~ Keep ripe strawberries picked. By keeping up with picking ripe berries, the ever bearing types of strawberries will produce over a longer time. Cover

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JUNE

the berry patches with bird netting to stop those pesky hungry birds from robbing all your fruit!



~ Mow the grass higher as weather warms. Grass roots will go deeper with taller grass blades and the taller grass

shades the soil against water lost through evaporation.

~ If you maintain your lawn all summer get a good quality lawn

fertilizer applied this month. By using Dr. Earth brand lawn food you'll not only have greener grass, but the thatch is digested by the microbes introduced with the fertilizer. Roots grow deeper and thicker with applications of organic fertilizer.

~ Thin fruit from fruit trees After the normal fruit drop on peaches, pears and apples, go back and thin more fruit from the trees. If you thin out the fruit, what is left will be bigger and better tasting. If you don't thin out the fruit of ten trees will get into a pattern of bearing only every other year.

~ Keep up the slug patrol. New foliage is so tender and tasty to slugs.

~ Keep a sharp eye out for aphids and other insects attacking the garden and produce. Usually a sharp burst of water from the garden hose is enough, but occasionally stronger



methods are called for. Dr. Earth and Bonide have some dandy organic remedies against insects.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

~ Plant succession crops of some of your favorite veggies like beans, beets, carrots, summer squash and slow bolt spinach to name just a few. This will extend your harvest of the finest food available, the produce grown in your own garden. Look on the back of the seed packets to see how many days it'll take to produce a crop. Usually with warmer soil the plants will germinate and grow more quickly.

~ Interplant fast growers with slower growers. Planting radishes, arugula and spinach (fast growers) with the tomatoes, corn, beans or peppers is the best use of space. The fast growers will be harvested much sooner than the longer season needed by the other plants.



~ The warm soil lovers can go out now for sure; tomatoes, melons, peppers, squash, corn and eggplants. Basil likes the warmer weather too.

~ Fertilize the vegetable garden one month after plants emerge by side dressing with Dr. Earth's Vegetable Garden Fertilizer.

~ Apply a mulch of organic compost. Make sure you have gotten mulch laid down on the soil to

conserve moisture and retard weed development. Do not use lawn clippings as a mulch on veggies (or ornamentals) if a weed killer was used on lawn.

~ Grow some mint for Mohitos. Traditionally spearmint is used in making a mohito. Mint plants go crazy and can really take over a part of the garden. Grow a pot of spearmint on the patio or deck for fresh leaves to muddle when guests come over this summer!

~ Thin out garden plantings of lettuce, chard, mustard leaves and onions. Eat the thinned out plants on a salad...tiny but yummy!

~ Plant basil seed or transplants frequently to make sure you have a steady supply of this fantastic herb. Find a sunny warm spot for this tasty plant to grow. Being from Iran, India and tropical Asia, basil loves the warmth. We sell plant starts as well as seed. Try both and see what you have the best luck with.



~ Watch for the potatoes to flower. That is the signal that it's OK to snitch some new potatoes from the hills. Yum!



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

Spring Sale 2012

Saturday June 2, 2012 • 10:00am-4:00pm
LoneSomeVille Pottery, Portland, OR

Vegetable Gardening Class

Saturday June 2, 2012 • 1:00pm
Bauman Farms, Gervais, OR
Every class is FREE unless otherwise noted.

Intro to Clematis with Suzy Hancock

Saturday June 2, 2012 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR
For years Suzy has had a passion for growing clematis. Come learn about some good beginner varieties as well as the newest introductions available from our very own clematis buyer.

WTDITG in June - What To Do In The Garden

Sunday June 3, 2012 • 12:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Berries, Brews & BBQs

Saturday June 9, 2012 • 9:00am-6:00pm
Sunday June 10, 2012 • 10:00am-5:00pm
French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, Oregon
Join us for our first weekend including a new twist incorporating the two things that Dad loves, BBQ & Brew! Bring the whole family out to enjoy a great new festival featuring U-pick Strawberries, Hayrides, Obstacle Course, 20-ft Hay Slide, Toddler Play Area, Animal Barn, & much more!

Bloom Season Open Garden

Through Sunday June 10, 2012
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Rose Days

Saturday-Sunday June 9-10, 2012 • 9:00am-5:00pm
Heirloom Roses, St. Paul, OR
Come see William and Judy on Saturday, June 9th, 11am to 3pm at Heirloom Roses. Roses, perennials, wine, music and more at our annual celebration of the Rose.

Peony Nursery, Fields and Display Gardens
Through June 15, 2012 • 9:00am-6:00pm Daily
Adelman Peony Gardens, Salem, OR

Our Peony Nursery, fields and display gardens are open to the public. Plants in containers are available only at the nursery.

Lesson 2: Biodynamic Composting

Saturday June 16, 2012 • 11:00am-12:30pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

Learn how to build a biodynamic compost pile, the specifics of composting for various soil types and plants, and the effects of biodynamic composting on your soil and food crops.

Plants for Small Spaces

Saturday June 23, 2012 • 10:00am
Al's Garden Center, Woodburn & Gresham, OR
If your planting space is limited, attend this class and learn about some great plant choices for smaller spaces. Speaker: Al's Experts. Registration is not required. There is no charge for the seminar.

Fearless Bamboo

Saturday June 23, 2012 • 10:00am
Al's Garden Center, Sherwood, OR
If you've always loved the look and sound of bamboo, join us for this special class as Frank Babcock from Mary's Peak Bamboo shows us how to have bamboo that behaves. Frank will cover the basics in bamboo and also demonstrate his special method for using bamboo in large ceramic containers. Speaker: Frank Babcock, Mary's Peak Bamboo. Registration is not required. There is no charge for the seminar.

Summer Pruning of Fruit Trees

Saturday June 23, 2012 • 11:00 a.m.
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA
The primary objective to summer pruning is to develop a strong tree framework that will support fruit production and to maximize light penetration. Join us for this informative class to learn how to care and maintain your fruit trees throughout the summer months.

When a Fish Becomes a Pet Named "Lucky"

Saturday June 30, 2012 • 11:00am
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA
Come learn about a fish named "Lucky". A simple fish that rose to pet status through sheer will and determination, surviving raccoon and heron attacks and an accidental dive out of the pond. Let Doug, our certified pond specialist; demystify filtration systems and what it takes to make your own pets happy and healthy in their ponds.

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www.gardentime.tv/events.htm