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Time Flies...

Time really does fly when you are having fun. The past couple of months we have had Garden Time as an hour-long program and the response has been incredible! We have had lots of positive comments on the extra garden stories that we have been able to cover and as a lot of people have noticed, we have also added a few 'home' stories to the show as well. When the *Fusion* show went off the air this spring, a couple of the advertisers still liked our program and wanted to be included in the show, so we expanded a little. We now have a few 'home' type stories each week. Still, the majority of the stories are garden-related. The bad news is that we will have to go back to a half hour show at the end of June because we have fewer sponsors during the summer months. Not to worry, we are looking at returning to an hour for 8 weeks in the fall. Thank you to all our sponsors, garden and home, for letting us stay on the air!

Speaking of 'flies'... nice segue, *right*? The summer is the time for pests, both inside and outside of your home. Be sure when you are battling the insect horde that you pick the right solution for your problem. Due to the mild winter, there are concerns that the insect population is going to boom during the warmer weather of summer. When you are applying a product, organic or chemical, first, you make sure that you have a problem. Second, that you have a product that will address your specific problem, be it bug or disease. And third, that you have read the instructions and apply it according to directions on the label. If you ever have questions you can check out the OSU Extension website (<http://extension.oregonstate.edu>) or the help desk at your local independent garden center.

Since it is June and the change of the seasons, it is also time for schedules to change as well. School is letting out and that means more free time and vacations. In this month's issue, Robin Burke gives us some tips for getting your house ready for the annual family vacation. These tips will not only help keep your house safe, they can also save you some money. We also learn about our Horties of the month, the Royal Rosarians! June is the month of the Rose Festival in Portland and this group is well known as being the 'Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland and the Rose Festival.' They are also sponsors of the Rose Garden Contest every year which promotes the growing of roses in local gardens. They are truly deserving of being a Hortie! How can we pass up a group who has the slogan, "For you a Rose in Portland Grows"? Finally, since we are transitioning into the garden for summer enjoyment, Sarah shows us how to stimulate our senses by adding sound to the garden. What is more soothing than the chirp of a bird, the light breeze through the trees and trickling of water in a fountain? Sarah shares some of the easiest ideas for adding sound to the symphony of color in your summer garden.

As the June weather gets nicer don't let time fly away, take that time back and spend it with family out enjoying all that the Northwest has to offer.

Happy Gardening,

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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Garden Party!

Portland Celebrates the 100th Birthday of its First Public Rose Garden.
by Judy Alleruzzo

Portland is the City of Roses. That phrase is a proud one especially to the many people who volunteer in the 3 city rose gardens, Washington Park International Rose Test Garden, Ladd Circle Park and Rose Garden and Peninsula Park Rose Garden..

These people are dedicated to keeping the rose plants healthy and beautiful for all visitors to enjoy.

This is the story of the renovation of the Peninsula Park Rose Garden and the many people who love it.

Peninsula Park is a bit over 16 acres and includes the oldest rose garden in the city.

The land for the park was purchased in 1909 for \$60,000 from a 1908 bond measure.

The city was in a neighborhood "Beautification Project Mode" so Peninsula Park was created and designed by Ellis Lawrence and Ormond R. Bean.

Many of the original design elements still remain. They include the "lantern style street lights, stone pillars, vast brickwork and the nearly 100 year old fountain in the middle of the Rose Garden".

The park also houses Portland's first community center and the oldest playground. It truly is an historic park!

The Sunken Rose Garden was designed by Emanuel L. Mische and dedicated in 1913. This formal rose garden was the city's first public rose garden and hosted over 300,000 visitors in its first year. The park hosted the Annual Rose show before the show moved to The Washington Park

International Rose Test Garden in 1917.

This year Peninsula Park and the Rose Garden are 100 years old!

In honor of the park's centennial, a very dedicated group of people thought to celebrate this grand event by replanting the sunken garden with a fresh crop of 3000 rose plants.

This monumental task brought many groups together with the common goal of completing the planting for the June 2013 centennial celebration. This was no small undertaking.

The partnership of The Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden and Portland Parks and Recreation brought in over 200 volunteers including Oregon State Master Gardeners to help prep and plant the garden. The other work need-

Three views of the park, circa 1921



ed was to solicit donations of rose plants, mulch, fertilizer and other supplies to make the project a success. All of this was coordinated and completed for the planting in late winter 2013. The planting was completed in late March, and with this year's warm Oregon spring, the roses have gotten off to a fine start.

Since this is an historic year for the park and rose garden, 3 people from Portland Parks; Harry Landers, Mike Grosso and Hillary Maurer decided to go back to Emanuel L. Mische's original design of the garden. The roses are grouped in 4 mirror image quadrants with long rows of the same variety roses. As Pat Frobes, one of the key volunteers states, "this is a French style formal rose garden so the uniform planting of the color blocks is consistent with that style of garden. The other notable planting arrangement is the height of the roses. Taller roses are in the middle of the beds and shorter roses at the garden bed borders". Pat also explained that the crowning effect will be the fragrance of the roses. The rose called 'Sweet Fragrance' has been planted along the grassy walkways to intensify the visitors' sensory experience. Since this is a sunken rose garden, the scent of the roses will be held in this bowl-like space. It will linger a little longer than in a flat level garden. Visitors walking along these stunning quadrants of flower color and heavenly fragrance will experience full sensory overload!

This month, stop out at Peninsula Park and the rose garden. Take a stroll though this beautiful historic

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garden. The official Centennial Party is June 27th from 11:00am to 11:00pm and includes events for all ages.

And remember, we have all heard this phrase so many times but do "Stop and smell the roses."

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The Friends Of Peninsula Park Rose Garden
(penrosegarden@gmail.com) or on Facebook

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Nuts for 'Pistachio'

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by Judy Alleruzzo



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Re-blooming Hydrangeas are relatively new to the gardening scene. In the 1730's American species of Hydrangeas found their way to England, where they were widely planted. The large flowered species, *Hydrangea macrophylla*, are native to Japan and have been enjoyed there so much longer than in the

west. Over the years many international breeders have been creating a huge selection of flower colors and forms for gardens around the world.

The one constant in all the breeding was the formation of flowers on the previous year's growth. In the past, we gardeners had to be careful when pruning our shrubs to not prune off "old wood" that potentially would produce flowers. These hydrangeas were lovely but did not have multiple bloom times.

In late summer 1998, Retired Professor of Horticulture and author, Michael Dirr, saw a Hydrangea that peaked his interest in a St Paul, MN nursery. This Hydrangea was blooming on the current season's growth or "new wood". This account is according to Adrian Higgins in the July, 2006 Washington Post article

"The Hydrangea That Keeps on Giving."

This new kind of Hydrangea is called a Remontant type Hydrangea. Blooms will be formed on both current and last season's wood or growth. This means lots of blooms all summer to fall. From this chance discovery, many new varieties have been bred, including Hydrangea 'Endless Summer'[™] and Hydrangea 'Pistachio'[™].

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You can find 'Pistachio'[™] this fall at Hydrangeas Plus Nursery in Aurora or at your favorite independent garden center.

Check out the Hydrangeas Plus website at: www.hydrangeasplus.com

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A Joyful Noise

If you're enjoying your garden only for the sights and smells, you're missing out on a whole other world.

by Sarah Gustin

"I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order."

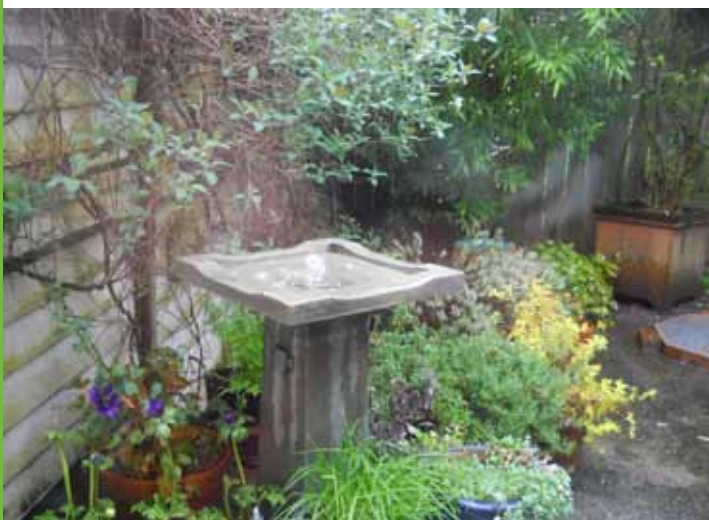
- John Burroughs

"The three great elemental sounds in nature are the sound of rain, the sound of wind in a primeval wood, and the sound of outer ocean on a beach."

- Henry Beston

For me, a garden has always been a place to escape, a sanctuary from the stress of the world. I want to step out my door and feel different, be swept away by the oasis I have created. I lose myself in the colors of my daisies and lilac. I pick a fresh, sun-warmed strawberry and taste my own piece of heaven. And I close my eyes and listen. The sound of a garden is a unique thing, and can take as much care to develop as picking your plants.

One enchanting sound you can easily bring to your garden is water. Even if it isn't readily visible, a small garden fountain will send the relaxing sound of flowing water throughout your garden. For easy



instructions on how to make an inexpensive water element, follow this link to the Garden Time youtube page! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7IaRMZ9PBA>.

It is easy to highlight the sound of water in your garden, especially here in the Northwest! Many local nurseries have rain chains. Personally, I am a huge fan of Cowdawg Creations. Lindsay Scott creates some of the most beautiful copper rain chains I've ever seen. She is a recurring face at GardenPalooza, and you can



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also find her making appearances at other garden festivals around Oregon. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMQVcGBqVF4>

This time of year we are seeing a rise in a very familiar sound: birds. I can't help but feel peppy in the morning when I wake up to the sound of birds chirping outside my window, like I'm a Disney princess! One of the simplest ways to make birds flock to your garden is with a suet bird feeder. Readily available, a suet feeder is not just for winter. The fat from this feeder will provide your backyard friends with extra energy even in the spring and summer, when mating season is at its peak. A bird bath can also be a beautiful addition to your sound-enlightened garden. Enjoy watching the birds as you listen to them play in the shallow water. The experts at The Backyard Bird Shop told us that birds are attracted to the sound of moving water. They recommend adding a small bubbler or fountain to your bird bath to make it more appealing to your feathered friends.

Birds are not the only wildlife you can bring into your garden. Creating an open pond and not just a simple bubbling fountain will be an open invitation to your local frogs and toads. But be careful! Having a



pool of still water will also attract other loud critters: insects! And that may not be the kind of auditory ambiance you're looking for.

One of the most obvious ways to bring sound into your garden is chimes. Though it is one of the more explicitly man-made sounds, it is nonetheless a cheery and musical sound to encounter in a garden. Any local garden center will have a selection of beautiful wind chimes, check for any created by local artisans! If you want to see how the professionals do it, you can visit A Sound Garden located in Seattle Washington. It is composed of twelve steel towers, each with an organ pipe suspended in the air. As the wind blows around and through these pipes, you can hear the most haunting tune.

Another beautiful way to hear the wind is through your plants! Nothing screams summer quite as much as hearing the wind rustle through the grass. As a masterful gardener, you can be the conductor of this symphony! Plant bamboo, or some tall ornamental grasses, and walk through your garden listening to the sound of the wind.

The most important sound you will hear in your garden is the chatting and laughing of friends. Even as you stroll proudly through your garden, listening and looking (and occasionally tasting!) remember that the greatest reward for all your hard work is sharing your sanctuary with those you love.



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Black Mulberry



**Mulberry Tree
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'Round the Mulberry Bush

by
William McClenathan

There are many, many fruit trees available to us in the PNW which perform quite well here. One of my favorites is the mulberry (*Morus*). As with so many plants, the mulberry has a rich history, but not about its delicious fruit alone.

Centuries ago, the white mulberry (*Morus alba*, native to China) was an intricate part of silk production. It was discovered that these beautiful trees were perfect for silk

worms to thrive in, and with silk being a commodity that has long been desired by humans, these trees became very popular. Later, the trees were grown in Turkey which is famous for its woven silk rugs. In the 17- and 1800s, America even made an attempt at silk farming. Although that never really took off, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson both planted mulberries extensively in their gardens. The white mulberry was the primary tree used for



Red Mulberry



Silk Worm

silk production, but the black one (*Morus nigra*) worked as well and is native to western Asia. It was grown in Europe for its fruits before Roman times. There is also a red mulberry (*Morus rubra*) which is native to the eastern United States. Of these three, the black is the least cold hardy but it also seems to depend on the clone. The black one is also the smallest of the mulberries, getting to around 30 feet tall whereas the other two can get 70-80 feet tall.

Surprisingly, for trees of such grand stature, the black ones can do remarkably well in large pots. The black one also has the most longevity, having been known to bear fruit for hundreds of years. It is also generally the last of the group to leaf out in late spring.

The one growing in the orchard at Viscaya is *Morus nigra*. Although the common name does not necessarily dictate fruit color, the black one does tend to consistently be a very dark, almost black fruit.

And let's talk about the fruit; In a word, delicious. Because of the amount of sugar in mulberries they are often used in jams. But for me, eating them right off of the tree is the first step toward Nirvana. And not many things beat the taste of a mulberry pie. A few years ago I started freezing them so I could make frozen margaritas in the summer time (the next step toward Nirvana!)

Although the fruits look rather like a blackberry, they are not. Botanically the fruit is not a berry at all but a collective fruit, in appearance like a swollen loganberry. When the flowers are pollinated, they and their fleshy bases begin to swell. Ultimately they become completely altered in texture and color, becoming succulent, fat and full of juice. In appearance, each tiny swollen flower roughly resembles the individual drupe of a blackberry. White mulberry fruits are generally very sweet but often lacking in needed tartness. Red mulberry fruits are usually

deep red, almost black, and in the best clones have a flavor that almost equals that of the black mulberry. Black mulberry fruits are large and juicy; with a good balance of sweetness and tartness that makes them the best flavored species of mulberry. Mulberries ripen over an extended period of time unlike many other fruits which seem to come all at once.

They have little pest and disease issues, but do be aware of the mess they can make if you do not gather the fruit when it is ripe. I would not ever suggest planting them by a driveway, patio or sidewalk. They also desire full sun as well and all seem to do well in our area. If you are looking for a plant that handles wind, mulberries have even been used as wind breaks in the plains. They are fast growing, up to several feet in just one year.

Countless children throughout the ages have had some of their

best memories connected to mulberry trees. On the warm days of summer, every child in the neighborhood would know when the mulberries were ripe and they would climb the trees to delight in the succulent fruits, hands and mouths blackened by the sweet bounty, giggling all the way home. Those memories are to me, the last step to Nirvana, bringing me full circle.

There are many varieties to choose from but I prefer the flavor of just plain old *Morus nigra*. So if you are looking for a plant that is easy, hardy, beautiful and delicious and you have the space for one, consider planting a mulberry tree! If you don't like the fruit, you could always start silk production.

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The Presence of Royalty

The heart and soul of the Rose Festival lives in the Royal Rosarians.

by Judy Alleruzzo

June is the month of The Portland Rose Festival and we at Garden Time want to bestow another honor on The Royal Rosarians as "Horties of the Month". This illustrious organization has been officially deemed by charter of the mayor's office "the Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland and The Rose Festival.

The Royal Rosarians began as a group of business people and civic leaders in 1912. Their intent was to be a welcoming committee to important visitors and to promote goodwill in the region. They adopted the well recognized white suit and straw hat which is still worn today.

The one change since 1912 is the admittance of women in 1989. They became known as Dames of the Realm. In 2010, Sue Klobertanz became the first female Prime Minister. Last year was The Royal Rosarian's Centennial anni-

versary. The historic occasion was marked with a handsome Rosarian bronze sculpture in the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden. It is a great photo-op for all to enjoy!

The Royal Rosarians are seen out and about during The Rose Festival events. They walk in The Grand Floral Parade and sponsor The Rose Garden Contest. This contest seeks to celebrate roses in private gardens or commercial landscapes. The contest was established in 1938 to promote rose gardening in Portland.

The rules are simple. The gardens must be within 20 miles of Portland and include roses. There are many different divisions in the contest to make room for all levels of gardeners and sizes of rose gardens. Unfortunately the contest deadline was May 23rd 2013, but you have time to get your roses ready for 2014. You may attend the award ceremony on

June 18th at The Royal Rosarian Garden at the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden.

The Rose Festival is but a portion of the duties of the Royal Rosarians. They travel the Pacific Northwest and beyond promoting Portland. They represent Portland at the many regional events and festivals. They travel to international events and to the many sister cities of Portland. They can be seen in parades or planting roses to honor special people like Portland's new mayor, Charlie Hales. They are a busy group!

The Royal Rosarians have a signature slogan, "For you a Rose in Portland Grows". This phrase is a beautiful sentiment that they strive to keep alive through their activities. It's June and Rose Festival time in Portland. If you happen to run into a smiling person with a white outfit and straw hat, give them a smile back and a thank you for all they do!



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Greeting the President of Liberia



Get Away From It All

...Really!

Prepare your home so you can vacation worry-free.

by Robin Burke

Vacations can be stressful. What? Stressful? Think about the amount of energy needed to prepare for vacation and you may just want to throw up your hands and say, "Forget it!"

Well, almost.

You've earned some rest and relaxation! To make sure you get it, take care of what you leave behind.

First Things First: Security

Your home gets a rest when you're gone, too. But, don't let it look obvious. Create the illusion that you're at home and it's business as usual. The easiest way to do this is to ask a trusted friend to house-sit while you are gone, or hire a house sitting service. If this is not an option, start your vacation early by making a checklist.

- Let at least one neighbor know you're going to be gone and ask them to keep an eye on things. (This is when a nosy Mrs. Kravitz-type comes in handy!)

- Have the neighbor or a friend pick up your newspaper. Nothing screams "We're on Vacation" like a pile of rolled up newspapers. If this is not possible, call the paper and have them stop delivery for the time period of your vacation. (However, I would still have a neighbor check in case



the request doesn't go through as has happened to me.)

- Mail. Easy enough to ignore, but even easier to go online and put a hold on it until you return. <https://hold-mail.usps.com>
- Extra House Keys. If you have one hidden outside, don't forget to remove it. It's also a good idea to give an extra set to a relative, trusted neighbor or friend along with emergency contact numbers.
- If you do only one thing to prepare your home, this may be the most important: Purchase several timers for lights and a radio. Light and sound will make your home come alive even if no one is home. Put a timer on your porch light, and a few lamps around the house to brighten up the evenings and early mornings. Do not leave a lamp on the entire time you are gone as this is a fire hazard.
- Remove potted plants from the front porch unless you have someone to water them. Make arrangements for your lawn to be mowed if you are going to be gone longer than a week.
- Park your locked car in the driveway or ask a neighbor to park there.

- If possible, ask a neighbor to put your trash cans on the curb on trash pickup day and then replace them.

- Keep your blinds and

curtains as you normally would when at home.

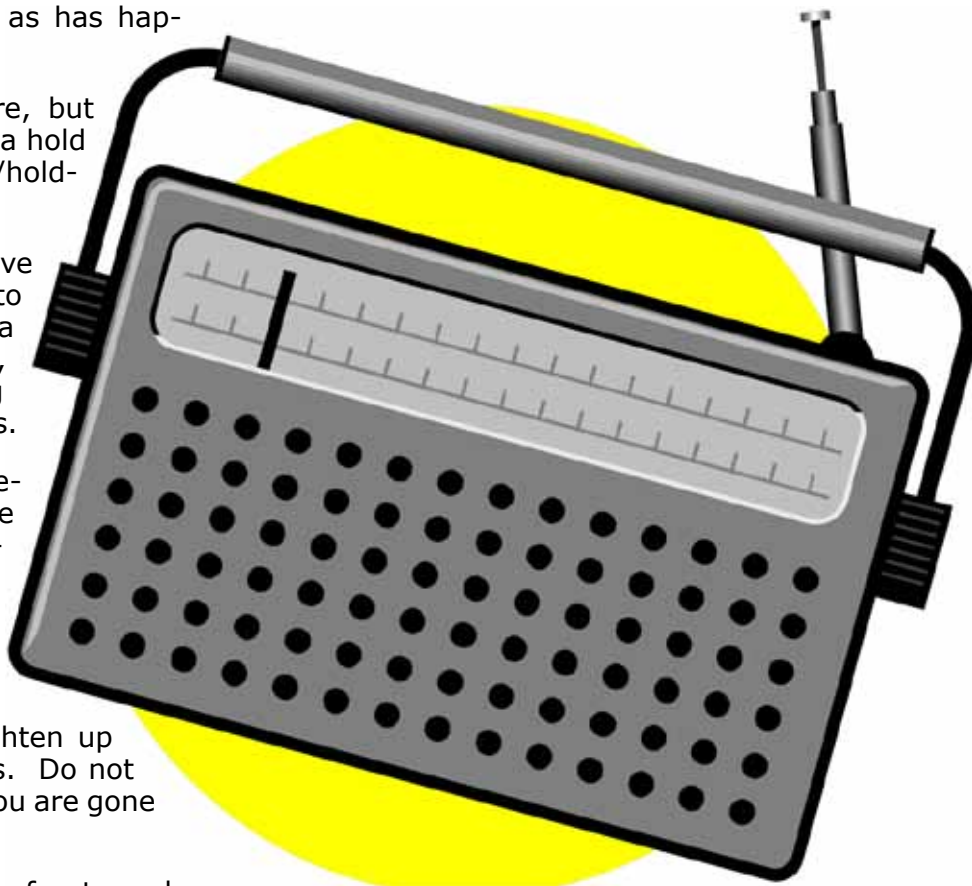
- Put small valuables in a home safe or a safety deposit box.
- Set the ringer to mute on your land line phone, especially if you live in an apartment or townhouse with shared walls.

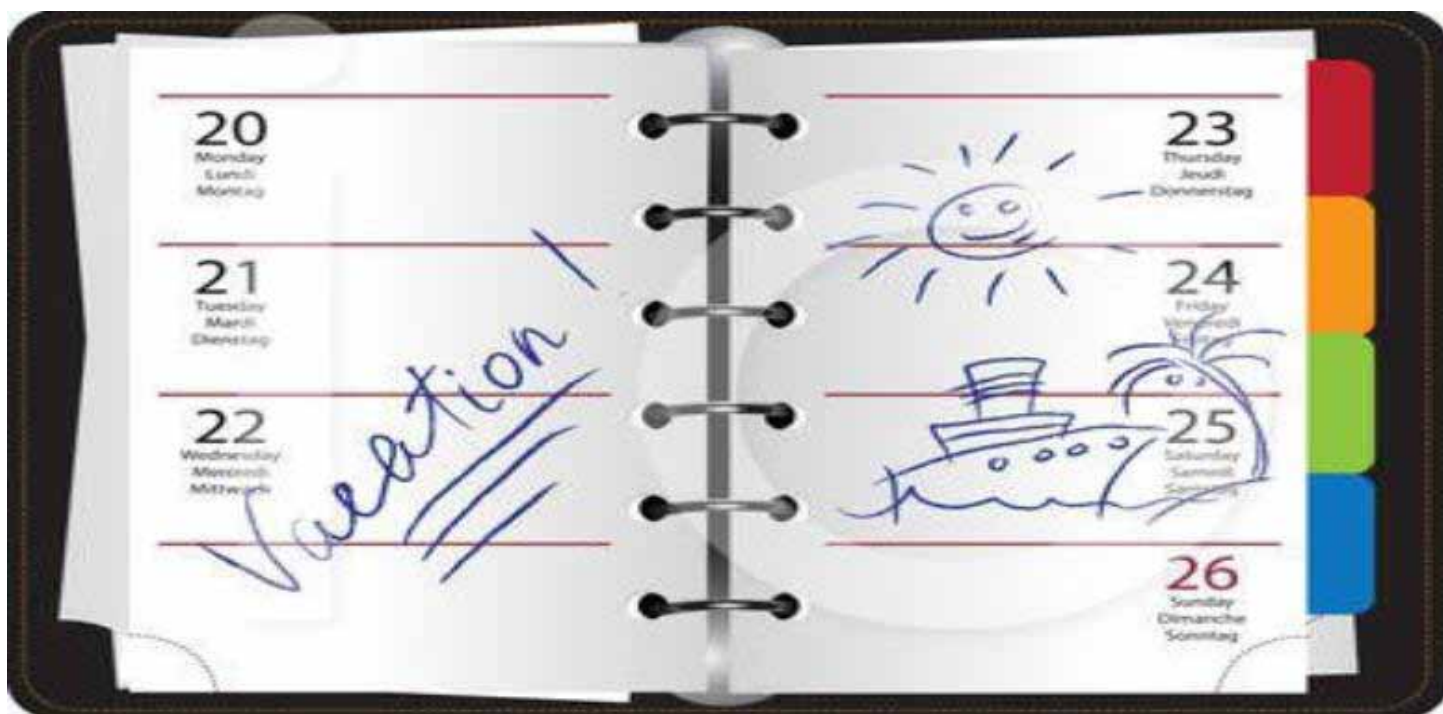
Save Money While on Vacation

- Unplug all small appliances, televisions and computers.
- Unplug the garage door opener if no one will need access. (It's an energy-drain.)
- Set your thermostat at 78-degrees or higher if you have air conditioning. If it's still getting cold at night, set the heat between 50 and 60 degrees to prevent pipes from freezing.
- Turn down the temperature on your water heater to save energy.
- If you have a gas grill, make sure the propane cylinder valve is off.

Pet Care

Some people opt to stay at home when they get vacation-time, because they're too afraid to leave their pets behind. Once, I brought two cats on-





board an airplane and every time someone looked at me I felt this intense need to explain that I was moving, not just vacationing. Apparently, taking your cat on vacation with you is viewed as well, kinda weird.

So, the best advice I have is: "Hire a pet sitter." You can kennel your animals, too. The worst advice is: "Just leave out enough food and water for a week, and they'll be fine"-- because, they probably won't be.

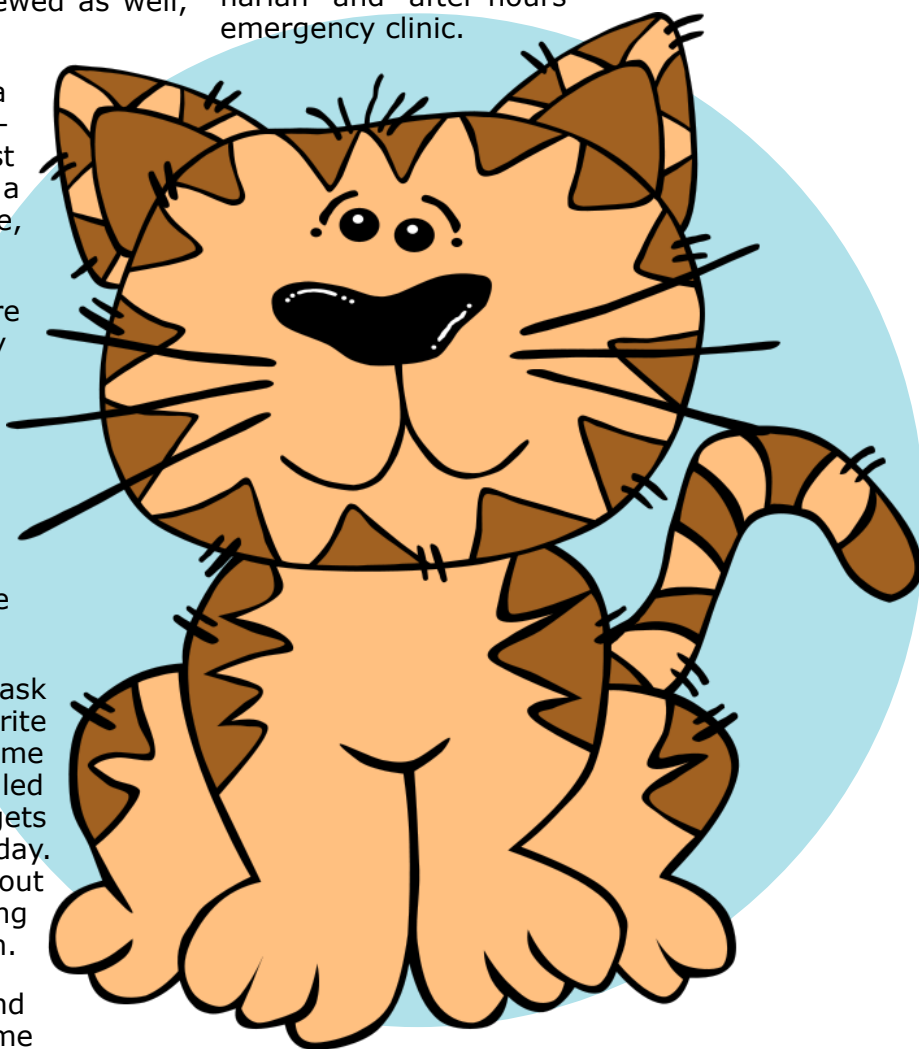
Pets get lonely when their people are gone. Jennifer Kveton of Kozy Kitty & K-9 Pet Care says, "Pets are often an extension of the family. There is so much that can go wrong in just 24 hours with a pet. What if a cat isn't used to having her family gone and gets stuck behind the washer and dryer, or gets a nail caught in the rug. You'd be surprised at the trouble they can find."

Whether you hire a professional, or ask a friend to take care of your pets, write down everything for them. "In some cases clients will write out detailed amounts of exactly what the pet gets and they're typical routine for the day. As a professional though, I also fill out my own pet sitting agreement during my initial meet & greet," says Kveton.

- Be sure to provide enough food and treats for your pets, and possibly some

back up in case you are delayed.

- Provide contact information for your veterinarian and after-hours emergency clinic.



- Ask the sitter to spend at least 30 minutes per day with your pets, and longer if you have an energetic dog who should be walked.

- No animal should be left alone for longer than 48 hours, says Kveton.

- Some pets find comfort in having a radio or television play on a timer.

In the Portland and Southwest Washington area, a great resource for finding a pet sitter is www.portlandpetsitters.com. Most of the pet sitters on this list know each other and provide back up for one another in emergencies.

Before you walk out the door...

Last, but not least, give yourself 20 minutes to walk around the house. Take this, or your own checklist with you, and make sure everything is complete, including shutting and locking windows and doors.

Now, get out there and enjoy yourself!!



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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

What To Do In The Garden

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 often 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

Small Space Gardening

Saturday June 1, 2013 • 10:00am(W); 1:00pm (G,S)

Al's Garden Center, Woodburn, Gresham, Sherwood, OR

Whether you have a small yard, a balcony or a patio you can grow beautiful flowers as well as delicious berries, vegetables and even some fruits. Let us show you how to maximize your space to produce a colorful 'urban garden'! Registration not required. Cost: No charge. Speakers: Al's experts at each location.

What to Do in the Garden in June

Sunday June 2, 2013 • 12:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Summer is coming and with the beautiful spring we've had, it is showing all the signs of being an incredible one! In this month's WTDITG we will have a special guest, Randy Ritchie, founder of Malibu Compost, joining us. Find out his best techniques on ensuring this summer's growing season is the best yet!

Berries, Brews, & BBQ's

Saturdays June 8 & 15, 2013 • 9:00am-6:00pm

Sundays June 9 & 16, 2013 • 10:00am-5:00pm

French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR

Join us for our 4th Annual Berries, Brews, & BBQ's Festival for Oregon Craft Brews & Barbeque! Oregon Craft Brewers will showcase their best brews! An all Amateur BBQ competition, any one is welcome to compete! Our Competition BBQ teams will compete in 3 categories daily: Chicken Wings, Tri-tip and Baby Back Pork Ribs. 17673 French Prairie Rd., St. Paul, OR 97137. 503-633-8445.

Garden Tour

Saturday June 8, 2013 • 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday June 9, 2013 • 11:00am-4:00pm

Eugene, OR

The Eugene Symphony Guild offers its 16th annual benefit garden tour Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9. Visit six local home gardens on Saturday, June 8, 10am-4pm or Sunday, June 9, 11am-4pm. Live music will refresh you at three locations, and food will be available at three gardens, along with plants, garden art, bird houses, etc. You'll love the variety and find great ideas to enhance your own garden. Proceeds will support our Eugene Symphony.

Home locations are 415 Brae Burn Dr., 175 W. 52nd Ave., 1722 Sweetbriar Lane, 1133 Rio Glen Dr., 4350 Wendell Lane, and 4820 Old Dillard Rd.

Buy your tickets at: Bloomer's Nursery, The Bookmine (Cottage Grove), Down to Earth Stores, Plant Fashions, Eugene True Value Hardware, Gray's Garden Center, Shamrock Flowers & Gifts, Jerry's Home Improvement Centers, Junction City Flower Gallerie, Little Red Farm Nursery, or the Eugene Symphony Office.

Ticket prices are \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at all homes the days of the event. For further information, call Kaye at 541-683-4220 or visit us at www.eugenesymphonyguild.org/.

Coffee and Koi

Saturday June 8, 2013 • 11:00am

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

Join Brian Drake here at the Tsugawa Water Garden as he imparts his knowledge of that magical aquatic creature so many of us know and love – the koi. You'll have an opportunity to meet the koi who live here at the nursery full-time as well as some koi you may just want to take home with you. You provide the curiosity and the questions; we'll provide the coffee and the knowledge.

Native Plants for Birds, Bees and Butterflies

A presentation by Metro

Saturday June 15, 2013 • 10:00am

Farmington Gardens, Beaverton, OR

Cost: Free

Create Your Own Bonsai

Saturday June 15, 2013 • 11:00am

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

Greg will walk and talk you through the process of creating your own bonsai to take home with you at the end of class. There will also be discussion of Pomegranate bonsai as well as Wisteria and other vines suitable for bonsai training. Let's see what wonderful things you can create! Fee includes a starter bonsai plant, a plastic bonsai pot and soil for your creation. Space is limited to 25 participants. \$50 per participant.* Silent observers are welcome free of charge.

Get Dad Cooking—Making an Herb Container for Father's Day with Maggie Stuckey

Saturday June 15, 2013 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

Whether it's french tarragon for the omelettes or rosemary to skewer the kebabs for the barbecue, a bit of fresh herbal magic will enhance dad's cooking. Join Maggie Stuckey in making a decorative and useful herb container as a gift for



Father's Day—or keep it for yourself! We won't tell. Hands-on workshop, \$30 materials fee, bring your gloves.

Intro to Outdoor Bonsai with George Bowman
Sunday June 16, 2013 • 11:00am-12:30pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

If you've always been curious about growing outdoor bonsai, this is the class for you! Join Portland Nursery bonsai enthusiast George Bowman, to learn the basics of growing outdoor bonsai. George will provide a great overview of bonsai styles, tree and pot selection, planting, pruning and training. This is a great primer for our make-and take-home bonsai classes.

Freezer Jam-Making Class
Saturday June 22, 2013 • 1:00pm-2:00pm
Bauman Farms, Gervais, OR

Bonsai Event
Saturday June 22, 2013 • 10:00am-3:00pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

Portland Nursery and the Bonsai Society of Portland (BSOP) want to Rock Your Bonsai with a showing of Your Best Bonsai! Any customer can exhibit! For your participation, you'll get a 10% off coupon (one per customer). Participate by entering one or more trees into the exhibit. All entries will be judged by the public and the staff. Awards will include: Customer's Choice \$25 Gift card, Staff Choice \$25 Gift card, Entry ticket lottery \$25 Gift card. Contact George Bowman, Portland Nursery, Division Street Location Manager, Portland Nursery and the Bonsai Society of Portland are excited to bring you this community event!

Create Your Own Small Water Feature in a Day
Saturday June 22, 2013 • 11:00am
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

Water features can provide enjoyment and awaken the senses in many areas of the home – bringing relaxation and tranquility to your garden or an added layer of interest to your backyard or patio. Come out to the nursery and participate in a hands-on workshop where you'll assemble your own small water feature with the help and knowledge of one of our staff members. Space is limited to 12 participants. Fee is dependent upon materials used during the seminar.*

Conifers & Summer Colors Garden Tour
Sunday June 23, 2013 • 12:00pm-5:00pm
Stayton, OR

The Santiam Heritage Foundation is sponsoring its thirteenth annual garden tour, 'Conifers & Summer Colors' on Sunday, June 23 between 12 noon and 5 p.m. Six beautiful gardens in the Stayton area will be featured. Proceeds will benefit

the restoration of the Charles and Martha Brown House and garden. Tickets go on sale for \$10 on May 20, 2013 at The Bird & Hat Inn and Jensen-Kreitzer Family Clothing in downtown Stayton.

Clever Containers to Planters Workshop
Sunday June 23, 2013 • 1:00pm
The Garden Corner, Tualatin, OR

Before you throw out that old frying pan, let us show you how to get creative and make an unusual planter. Bring in your most bizarre containers and we will show you the perfect combination of plants that will bring new life into a repurposed object. We will provide the soil, fertilizer and expertise all at no cost. Simply pay for your plant selection.

100th Birthday Party at Peninsula Park
Thursday June 27, 2013 • 11:00am-11:00pm
Peninsula Park, Portland, OR

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/finder/index.cfm?ProperlyID=507&action=ViewPark>. 700 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217. Phone:(503) 823-3620.

Mid-Season Care for Your Food Garden
Saturday June 29, 2013 • 11:00am
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

It's summertime! Your vegetable garden is really starting to put on an edible show. So what's the best way to care for all those generous plants to ensure they continue providing delicious fresh treats for you all summer long? There's feeding, weeding, pruning and hilling to be done and we'll walk you through the steps you can take to keep up with care on your backyard produce section.

Smart Succession for Winter Veggies
with Polly Gottesman of Pumpkin Ridge Gardens
Sunday June 30, 2013 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

It may seem like summer's just started, but now's the time to start planning your winter veggie garden! Polly grows veggies year-round on her farm, and will give you some tips on how to extend your harvest season with good planning.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

You will find more events and updated information on the Garden Time Events Calendar
www.gardentime.tv/events.htm

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