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## A Decade of Fun

This November finds me reminiscing about the last ten years of Garden Time. We are just a few weeks away from the end of our broadcast season and this is quite an anniversary for us on the show and for me personally. This year not only marks ten years producing the TV show, it also marks over 11 years of owning my own business. When Therese and I started Gustin Creative Group I didn't think I would be doing another garden show. I had worked on two different garden shows at KPTV channel 12, but I decided to do something else, but something kept calling me back. I think it was the nice people I had worked with over the years in the gardening industry, they're all just really great people! I think anyone who has their hands in the dirt is pretty 'grounded' (pun intended) in life. We try to show that warmth, and 'down to earth' attitude each week on the show. Ten years, nearly 400 episodes and thousands of stories later we still love what we do! We start our shooting days early over a cup of coffee and we even get together on our free time. We have been told that 'good feeling' transfers over to the show each week too. People can sense that we are having fun.

The best part is that we can now call some of our viewers friends as well. We love talking to viewers and those that have traveled with Garden Time on tours know that we love gardening and laughing, not always in that order. Your chance to find out is to visit us at one of the events where we hang out (GardenPalooza, Judy and William appearances, etc.), or by joining us on one of our tours. The next one is in Ireland in June of 2016 and we only have 6 slots left! Of course, William and I both agreed to wearing kilts if the tour sells out...what were we thinking?! Check out the Garden Time Tour link on our website for more information.

Soon, we could be celebrating in Ireland and this month's issue could get us in the mood for celebrating! Therese starts it all off with a visit to Stoller Family Estate to talk about the great wine they make. We recently did an interview with Melissa Burr, the wine maker, about the great harvest they had this year. There should be plenty of wine to taste at their Thanksgiving Tasting event. The holidays also give us another reason to celebrate. We are going to celebrate with a nice wreath on the front door and some of the best we have found are at MyWreaths. Last year we visited with Kenyon Fink, the owner of MyWreaths and Kenyon Growers, on the show. This year Judy profiles Kenyon as our Hortie of the Month. And to show that we are still on the cutting edge, we have Chef David contributing a story on knives! We are still working in the garden as well and we also will show you how to prepare your fountains for the winter.

So, here's a toast, to ten great years, to good friends, and to many wonderful days in the garden!

**Happy Gardening!**

**Jeff Gustin, Publisher**

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**Judy and William with  
Winemaker Melissa Burr**

## **"GREEN" GRAPES**

**Tasting the wine  
at Stoller Family  
Estate will make  
you feel good in so  
many ways.**

**by Therese Gustin**

One of the premier events in November is the Willamette Valley's Wine Country Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving weekend is the perfect time to gather family and friends and celebrate the amazing wines produced in our area by touring the multiple participating wineries and tasting all they have to offer. This year marks 50 years of growing Pinot Noir grapes in the Willamette Valley. In that time the growth of the wine industry has grown from a handful of wineries to over 400 producing some of the best Pinot Noir in the world. One of my favorite wineries taking part in this event is Stoller Family Estate Winery in Dayton, Oregon.

We at Garden Time have had the pleasure of shooting several stories at the winery with their delightful award winning winemaker Melissa Burr and we also learned about pruning grapes from their vineyard manager Robert Schultz. Melissa grew up in the Willamette Valley, completed her Bachelor of Science

degree and studied winemaking and fermentation at OSU. She started at Stoller in 2003 and continues to create and refine the exceptional wines of Stoller. Rob started with Stoller in 2011 after studying at the National Institute of Cava and Wine in Vilafranca del Penedes, Spain and worked for 6 years in Sonoma. There he worked with some of the most highly-regarded organic and biodynamic vineyards in the world. His expertise has continued to elevate the quality of fruit by combining sustainable farming practices, innovative techniques and scientific research. These are just two of

the many young employees of Stoller that collaborate to make some of the best wines in the valley.

What makes this winery so amazing is Bill Stoller's vision for an enduring legacy and the stewardship of his family's land. He purchased the family farm in 1993 and converted it from a turkey farm into the first LEED® Gold certified winery in the world. He has transformed the 373 acre property into the largest contiguous vineyard in the Dundee Hills. 190 acres of the property is planted in Pinot Noir (63%) and Chardonnay (28%) as well as Pinot Gris, Riesling, Tempranillo, Syrah, and Pinot Blanc. The vineyard elevation ranges from 220 to 640 feet and there is no better place to enjoy the view of the pristine sections of vines than from the environmentally "green" tasting room. Open 11am to 5pm daily, the beautiful tasting room offers high-efficiency design and sustainability along with its panoramic view of the meticulously





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### Stoller Family Estate

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• [www.als-gardencenter.com](http://www.als-gardencenter.com)

#### Christmas Open House

November 14, 2015

Garden Gallery Iron Works, Hubbard, OR

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• [www.facebook.com/gardengalleryironworks](http://www.facebook.com/gardengalleryironworks)

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Sat. & Sun., Nov. 21 & 22, 2015 • 10:00am-4:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

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farmed vineyard. The building receives its energy through a 236 panel solar panel installation. It also features a green roof, salvaged timbers, natural ventilation and lighting and even has a charging station in the parking lot for electric vehicles.

Stoller is LIVE (Low Impact Viticulture and Enology) certified. LIVE vineyard practices include planting cover crops between the vines, maintaining natural areas for wildlife and minimizing chemical sprays. LIVE winery certification focuses on energy efficiency, safety, and wastewater treatment. Stoller is also Salm-



Tasting Room view of solar panels

PHOTO CREDIT: MIKE HAVERKATE

Tasting Room interior



PHOTO CREDIT: CAROLYN WELLS-KRAMER

### 3rd Great Northwest Invitational Wine Competition Gold Medal winner

Stoller Family Estate 2013 Reserve Chardonnay, Dundee Hills, \$35: Reserve Chardonnay on a label can mean many things. But in the hands of winemaker Melissa Burr, it means Dijon clones fermented separately and blended with judicious French oak aging. Backdropped by the oak, crisp flavors of lemon, lime and tart green apple play on the palate, creating a bright display perfect for an aperitif and complex enough for a fine dinner. (12.9% alc.; 1,265 cases)

on Safe certified meaning their farming practices are such that they prevent erosion and water runoff that can affect water quality. Their innovative techniques include solar-powered weather stations that supply current data during the harvest, an electrostatic sprayer to minimize drift, and an irrigation system fed by a rain pond and wells on the property. Their winemaking building is situated to take advantage of the terrain by using a gravity flow system. This technique offers a gentler approach to transferring the wine from the tank to the barrel, as well as greatly re-

Tasting Room exterior



PHOTO CREDIT: ANDREA JOHNSON



ducing the amount of energy required for wine production. All of these environmentally friendly vineyard and winemaking practices make for some amazing wines!

This year Stoller added a huge new building to expand their production facilities. With the amazing weather we had this year, Melissa promises over double the wine production.

There are a lot of great reasons to take a trip to the Dundee Hills and enjoy Stoller wines, not the least of which are the stunning view and the outstanding wines

## Vineyard manager Rob Schultz



PHOTO CREDIT: CAROLYN WELLS-KRAMER



## Wine Country Thanksgiving at Stoller

New release wines and turkey sliders? Yes, please! Taste our 2013 Tempranillo and Syrah along with our current flight — the stemless glass is yours to keep. Football fans, Friday we'll be playing the civil war game in our new legacy room. (Lunch available: \$12/person.)

## Winemaker Melissa Burr



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## View from the Tasting Room



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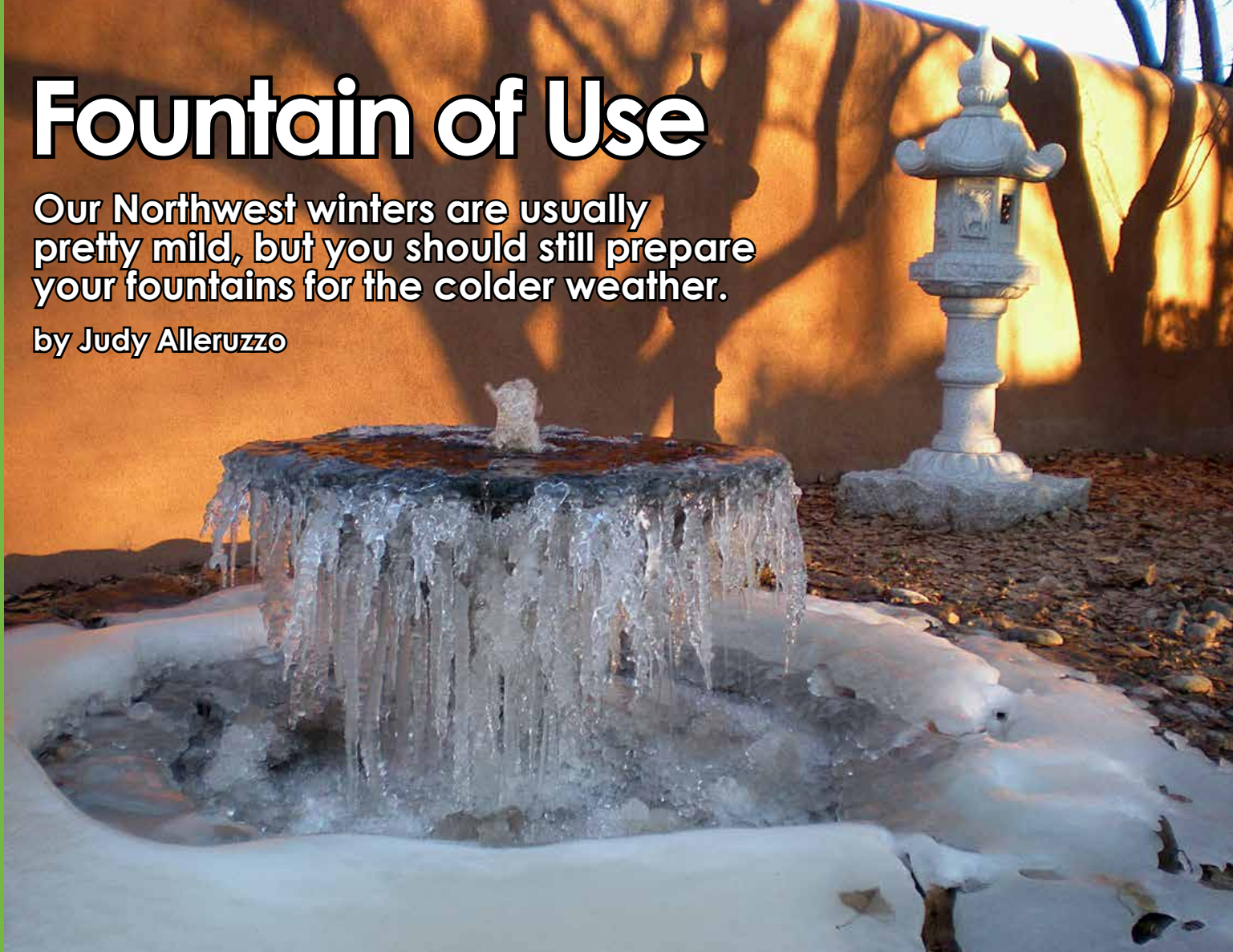
but what I love most about visiting Stoller is the people who work there. From the knowledgeable professional tasting room staff to Melissa Burr the winemaker, everyone at Stoller is so down-to-earth. They make your wine tasting experience relaxed and memorable. The tasting room is such a welcoming place to get comfortable, sip wine and appreciate this beautiful slice of paradise. Whether you visit Stoller Family Estate Winery this Thanksgiving weekend or any other time of year you are sure to experience the same sense of enjoyment as we have every time we visit.



# Fountain of Use

Our Northwest winters are usually pretty mild, but you should still prepare your fountains for the colder weather.

by Judy Alleruzzo



Northwest winters are usually mild so it's a toss up to cover it and wait until spring to enjoy it again or let the water run all winter long.

Fountains in our gardens are nice to see even in this colder season. If you choose to enjoy your fountain during the winter, there are just a few tips to ensure that it does not incur any damage.

- Clean fountain of fallen leaves as much as possible during autumn leaf drop
- Check to see if the fountain needs cleaning during the winter
- Make sure the water level stays full if the fountain is not getting any rain water
- If the weather turns very cold and ice forms, make sure the





pump has enough non-frozen water to enable it to work

- If the water totally freezes, shut off the pump's power until the weather warms up and the ice thaws out

Many of us want to tie up the last of the fall chores and not have to worry about fountain care during the coming months. These steps will help you shut down your fountain and ensure it from damage during the winter season.

- Unplug the fountain and drain water
- Remove pump if possible or if it stays outdoors, run a bit to dry it out
- Clean any algae buildup on outside of pump
- Clean the fountain with a natural cleaning product like Simple Green
- Let air dry
- Leave a towel or piece of burlap in the fountain basin to absorb any water

This will prevent ice from forming in the fountain.

- Cover with clear plastic which lets sunshine deter algae buildup
- Secure with twine
- Using a pen, punch a few holes in the plastic to let out any excess moisture.

Don't use a knife as these cuts may split the plastic cover.

Which ever method of winter fountain care works for your lifestyle, you know that the lovely sounds of your fountain will be waiting for you in the spring garden.



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# Pros and Conifers

**A strange and wonderful tree species, the *cryptomeria japonica*, has changed my mind about conifers.**

by William McClenathan



Conifers have never been one of my favorite gardening plants. Generally, throughout my career, I would tolerate them, rather like one does a stranger's bratty child in a restaurant.

Their purpose in my mind was only for large landscapes, background plants or the bones of a garden. They were work horses and not a plant which took the spotlight.

But a few years back, things began to change.

No longer were we relegated to a handful of regular, old traditional conifers.

New ones started showing up. Both hybridized and newly found specimens began to hit the market. All of a sudden, my icy heart started to melt.

*Cryptomeria japonica* 'Knaptonensis' was the one that finally warmed me up completely.

It's almost snow white new growth was eye catching. And like many conifers



with new growth which is not green, the color of *Knaptonensis* tends to remain for a much longer period of time.

*Knaptonensis* *Cryptomeria* has dense light green foliage that is tipped in bright white.

*Cryptomeria japonica* is the only species in its genus, and *Cryptomeria* is one of only 10 genera in the ancient family, *Taxodiaceae*, which once shared the landscape with the dinosaurs.

Today these strange and wonderful trees (only 18 species in the whole family) occur nowhere but eastern Asia, North America and Tasmania. Some well-known species in the *Taxodiaceae* are the dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*), California redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*), and baldcypress (*Taxodium distichus*).

*Cryptomeria japonica* 'Knaptonensis' is a small growing conifer. If you Google it, the size seems to change from website to website.

This often occurs with new introductions as no long term information is readily available. Some say 18" tall and spreading. Some say 4' tall and conical shaped. Others say 2x2' while still others say bun shaped.

My personal experience is this plant is small and slow growing. I suspect the spreading concept is completely wrong, as mine does not have that feature at all in the 3 years I have had it. And since it is already well over 18", we can delete that idea of height.

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provides four distinct categories for coniferous trees and shrubs. The categories are extremely important because they include annual growth rate and mature height after 10 years — crucial information for gardeners looking to integrate dwarf conifers into their own gardens. Miniature conifers grow less than 1 inch a year and are less than 1 foot after 10 years; dwarf conifers grow 1 to 6 inches a year and are 1 to 6 feet after 10 years; intermediate conifers grow 6 to 12 inches and are 6 to 15 feet after 10 years; and large conifers grow more than 12 inches a year and are taller than 15 feet after 10 years.

I suspect that this is truly a dwarf conifer. Perhaps in decades it could reach 6' and a little less in width.

It also is like the Tsugas and Taxus families in that it prefers, no, requires afternoon shade.

Otherwise, the brilliant new white foliage does burn.

It also can be used in rock gardens. So if you desire a rock garden but have a lot of shade, this is a plant for you.

Good drainage is important as well. But the soil can be almost anything but dense clay.

I adore this conifer so much that it is placed right by my front door. During twilight it glistens, lighting up the darkness by reflecting the smallest amount of any light.

I also read that it is hard to find. I have not found that to be accurate. And while you may not find it at chain stores, a lot of independent garden centers do carry it. It may require a few phone calls, but with a little effort, you should be able to purchase one.

Years ago, I had a white garden. I suspect somewhere in my near future, I shall install another one.

*Cryptomeria japonica* 'Knaptonensis' will certainly be on the list of plant that I use to create it.

I have seen this available at Portland Nursery [www.portlandnursery.com](http://www.portlandnursery.com) and Drake's Showroom and Design Center [www.drakes7dees.com](http://www.drakes7dees.com).





# Holiday Open House

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# JUST PLAIN NUTS

**Add these nutrient-packed kernels to your holiday cooking this fall!**

by Therese Gustin

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One of my favorite activities in the fall is baking! The aroma of a scrumptious dessert baking in the oven warms my home on a damp chilly day! It's such a pleasure to snack on a freshly baked treat warm from the oven. Whether it's chocolate chip cookies, banana bread or brownies, these sweets are made even better by tossing in a sprinkling of walnuts to the recipe. Just a few walnuts add flavor, nutrition and crunch.

Walnuts are one of the healthiest natural foods we can eat; packed with protein, healthy fats, fiber, plant sterols, antioxidants, and many vitamins and minerals. Although high in calories, about 14 walnut halves per day is all it takes to benefit from their nutritional properties.

They are a rich source of heart and brain healthy omega-3 fatty acids. These brain-shaped kernels contain the essential fatty acids needed to keep the brain functioning normally. Walnuts are known to raise melatonin levels. Research has shown that low intake of omega-3 fatty acids can be linked to depression and cognitive degeneration. So if you want better sleep and less chance of depression add some brain food to your diet; eat a handful of walnuts every day. Their phyto-nutrients also help protect against metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular problems and type 2 diabetes. They contain anti-inflammatory properties and anti-oxidants which can help prevent cancer. That's a lot of nutrition packed into one

little nut!

Now normally I include growing information when I write about edibles and I will include it with this article as well. I do want to add one warning. Growing walnuts in your own yard is not for everyone. When these trees are mature they are enormous! The English walnut (*Juglans regia*) can grow to 50-60 feet tall and 50-70 feet wide. The Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) is a fast growing tree reaching 40-70 feet tall and 50-60 feet wide when mature. As you can see, they are not exactly the best tree for an urban landscape but if you have a lot of space it makes a stately tree for the backyard! It can take 5 to 8 years for the trees to produce nuts although grafted trees can produce nuts



a bit sooner. Both English and Black walnuts need full sun and deep, well drained soil. They should be planted a minimum of 20 feet from a building to protect the foundation. Compost should be added in the spring and walnuts require adequate water during the growing season. Fun fact...walnuts produce a growth inhibitor called juglone in its leaves and roots. This chemical can have an adverse affect on quite a few plant species including other fruit and nut trees and some grasses. It's best not to plant much under a walnut tree.

The actual walnut is encased in a smooth-skinned green husk. When the nuts from the English walnut are ripe, the husks split and the nuts drop. Black walnuts remain in their husks when they drop. They are significantly more difficult to harvest. The husks are dark and can stain your hands if you are harvesting by hand and they can also stain driveways. You can remove the nut from the husk by driving over them, hitting them with a hammer or stomping on them. Once extracted from the husks, both types of walnuts can be washed and left to dry for a couple of weeks. They can be stored in a cool dry place for several months and even longer if they are frozen.

Franquette is the most common English walnut grown in this area. It is partially self-fertile and doesn't require another variety of walnut to pollinate it. You will however get a bigger nut crop with another variety. A great source for both Black and English walnut seedlings is One Green World ([www.onegreenworld.com](http://www.onegreenworld.com)). You can also check with your independent garden center for the trees.

Whether you pick up your walnuts from your backyard or from your favorite market, add these nutrition-packed kernels to your holiday cooking this fall!



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## Light Brownies with Walnuts

6 T. light corn oil spread  
(Smart Balance works well)  
1 C. sugar  
1/2 C. Hershey's Cocoa  
1 t. vanilla  
1/2 C. frozen egg substitute, thawed or  
(2 lightly beaten egg whites)  
1/2 C. all purpose flour  
1/4 C. chopped walnuts

Powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350° F. Lightly spray an 8-inch square baking pan with cooking spray. In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt spread. Add sugar and stir until well blended.

Remove from heat; stir in cocoa and vanilla. Add egg substitute; stir to blend. Stir in flour and walnuts. Pour batter into pan. Bake 25 minutes or until edges start to pull away from the sides of the pan. Cool in pan on wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cut into 16 squares.



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# Grower of Cool Stuff

**Kenyon Fink's reputation, like his business, just keeps growing.**

by Judy Alleruzzo



**Kenyon Fink with Hydrangea Wreaths**

Each time I am assigned a "Hortie of the Month" for *Garden Time Magazine*, I am amazed at the story I get to tell to our readers. For this month's Hortie, I talked over a few different modes of technology to get the story of Kenyon Fink. Cell phone, emails and faxes didn't slow us down to get this interview. Kenyon is a busy guy, even at this time of year. Plant growers never rest, do they?

His main business is Kenyon Growers with a company tag line of, "Growers of Cool Stuff for Floral Design". That kinda says it all, but first a little of Kenyon's background.

Kenyon grew up in California and went to California Polytechnic State University as an art major.

He became interested in plants and united the two paths of study. This melding of majors eventually led Kenyon to begin his business of growing beautiful artwork for the floral industry.

Kenyon Growers began in California in 1984 and soon after, a drought hampered his growing operation. Kenyon decided to look for a new location with better water resources and affordable land to expand his business. In 1989, he found that piece

of ground in Forest Grove, Oregon. The land has rich soil with the added benefit of the temperate climate of the Pacific Northwest. It is the perfect choice for Kenyon Growers. I didn't get a chance to see the 60 acres of growing grounds this fall but I'm putting a bug in the ear of Garden Time's Producer Jeff Gustin, to visit the farm in 2016.

The breadth of plant material pictured on Kenyon Growers website is staggering and the photos by their web guy, Joel Bechtolt, are fabulous. He also is responsible for the timely quotes that dot the website. Kenyon Growers ships about 100 varieties of cut flowers and ornamental branches locally and across the United States. Their high quality plant material is in high demand. I'm sorry to say they only sell to floral designers, event planners and retail shops, but check out their website for eye candy! A





few of the varieties available this time of year are Beautyberry branches (Callicarpa), ornamental grass stems and rose hips of every size, color and shape. Kenyon's favorites for the Fall/Winter season are Bittersweet vines, Holly berries and wreaths. More about wreaths in a bit... I asked if he can divulge what's new for 2016. Kenyon said they will be growing new varieties of Peonies and Hydrangeas.

Can't wait to see these flowers next year!

Kenyon has a great staff that keeps everything growing to the utmost degree. His wife, Maria Thi Mai also is a sometime consultant with his businesses

I asked how they coped with the extra hot weather this summer. Kenyon said, "Farm

practices pretty much stayed the same but foreman Jose Guzman was out every night changing watering areas". He made extra sure no plants were water stressed endangering the quality of flower production. All in all it was a normal flower harvest.

Last year on Garden Time, I interviewed Kenyon about his other 'flower' business.

The story revolved around his decorative wreath business called "MyWreaths".

This creative outlet for Kenyon actually began in 2009 by a suggestion from his Field Foreman, Jose Andrade. Jose noticed that the extra pieces left over from the flower business of Kenyon Growers could be used to make decorative wreaths. Kenyon is the artistic force in the







**Bittersweet Vine**



**Winterberry**

beautiful designs of the fresh material wreaths. Jose Andrade and his staff make them with final "Quality Control" under Kenyon's watchful eye.

Each season, "MyWreaths" offer unique designs for home decor.

The wreaths are multi use decorations, as you can display them on a front door, protected from rain or inside your home. Made from fresh plant material, the wreaths hold their color

and beauty as they dry. I had to ask Kenyon what fall wreath material he likes best this year. His favorites are "Hydrangeas, berries and colorful sticks". Imagine a wreath made of these favorites with a few chili peppers and Nandina leaves added in too. My favorite is the Lichen and Curly Willow Wreath. These are just a few of the wide assortment of plant material used in the fall selection of wreaths.







Rose Hips



Flowering Quince

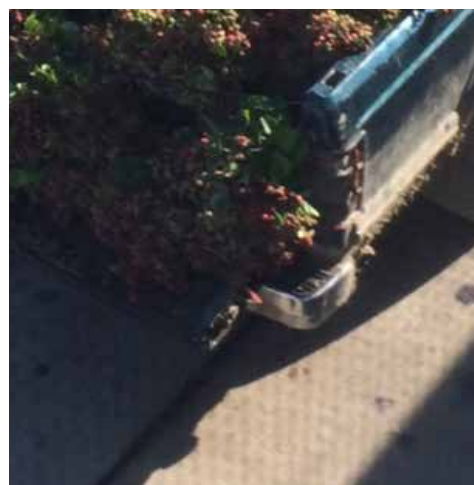


I have good news that these beautiful wreaths are available through [www.mywreaths.com](http://www.mywreaths.com), Etsy and The Portland Farmers' Market.

Being in the gardening industry, I had another question for Kenyon about the future. "What new trends are you seeing in the cut flower market"? Kenyon said, "Quality can't be beat and stay local".

I think Kenyon Growers and MyWreaths have always followed these words of wisdom.

Kenyon is the artistic director and grower for his two businesses. At Kenyon Growers, he produces ornamental plants and flowers as art material for florists and at MyWreaths, he creates the artwork on site, using his homegrown flowers and branches. At either business, beautiful art is bountiful.



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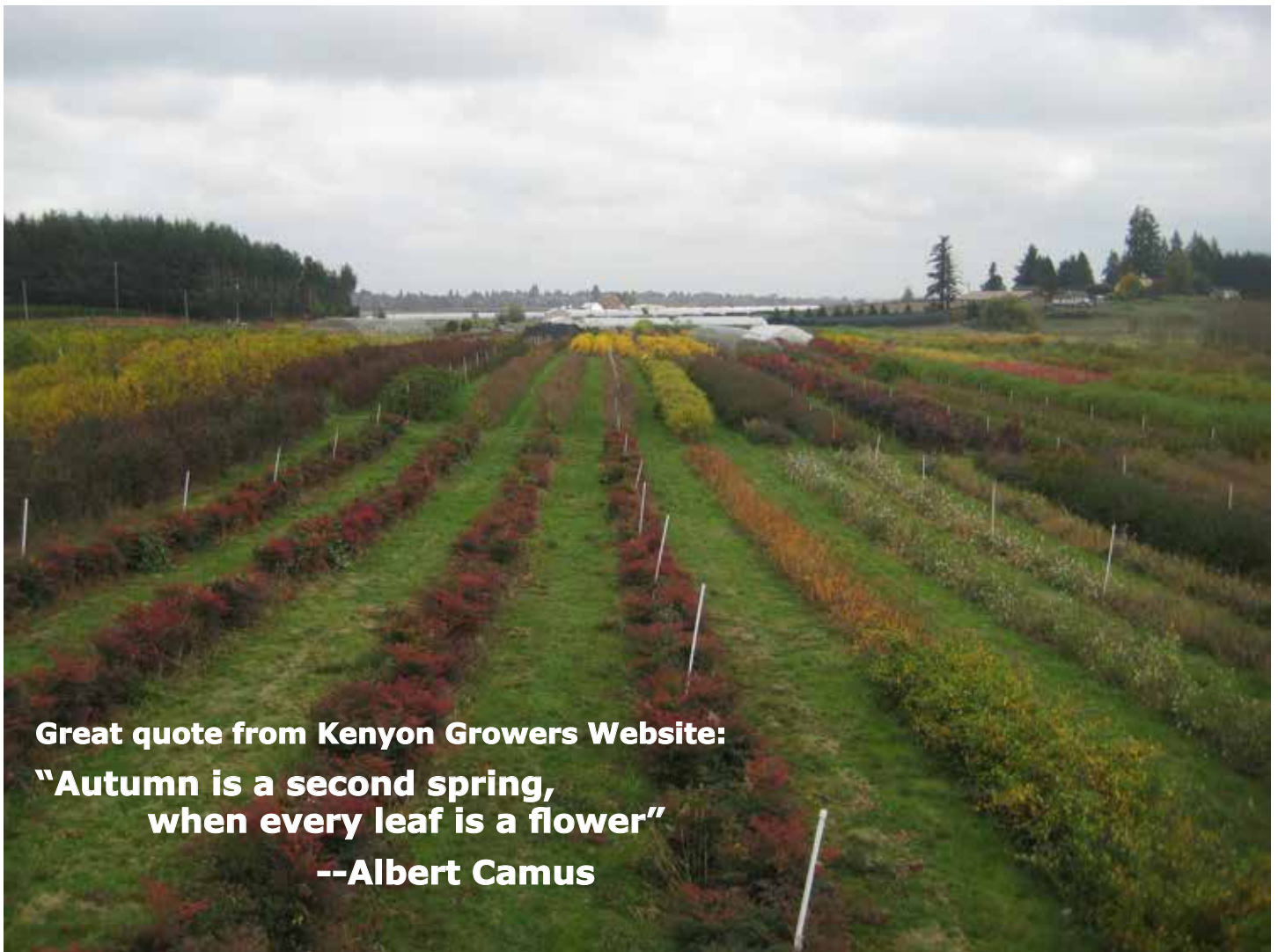
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A photograph showing a collection of kitchen knives and a sharpening tool on a light-colored cutting board. In the foreground, a large chef's knife with a black handle and a wide blade is prominent. Behind it, a smaller paring knife with a similar handle is visible. To the right, a long, thin honing steel with a black handle lies horizontally. The background is a wooden surface.

My favorite knives-chef's, kitchen and paring, along with my sharpening or honing steel.

# The Cutting Edge

## A professional's guide to kitchen knives.

by David Musial

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Talk to a professional chef and you'll find that their knives are one of their most prized possessions. Carefully selected and protected. If knives are that important to a chef, why do so many home cooks settle for a boxed knife set from the local department store? Speaking for myself, my wife and I received our set as a wedding gift. It contained a knife block and an assortment of knives that were dull out of the box and remained that way until they were donated to Goodwill.

To be fair, not all knives sold at department stores are of poor quality, but to choose properly a little cutting edge knowledge will be helpful. Learning a little knife anatomy, followed by materials and types of knives and their use, will have you chopping in no time flat.

When shopping for an unfamiliar product, being able to talk the lingo is always helpful. Knives are no different and learning the parts of the knife will help in understanding what the sales clerk is talking about. Note that although there are several types of knives, the parts of the knife are still the same.

Here goes:

**Edge** – The edge is the cutting part of the knife

that extends from the heel to the tip. It's the part to keep your fingers clear.

**Spine** – The top of the knife opposite the edge is the spine.

**Tip** – The tip of the knife is as you'd expect, at the tip. It is not however always pointy. In some knives designed for slicing, it can be rounded.

**Heel** – The heel is the rear portion of the edge, away from the tip.

**Bolster** – The bolster is situated between the handle and the heel. It creates balance and protection when cutting. Not all knives have a bolster.

**Tang** – The tang is a continuation of the blade into the handle. It provides balance and strength. Knives can be made with a 1/2, 3/4 or full tang. Full tang is considered the best.

**Handle** – The handles are, as you guessed, where you put your hand. Materials include wood, plastic or composites, and metal. Additionally, the shape of handles vary and what may look like an attractive handle may not be the fit for your hand.

**Butt** – The end of the knife handle is the butt.





**To protect your fingers, make a claw with the hand holding the food item to be cut.**

Culinary knives are made of many materials, but the most common are stainless steel, carbon steel, high carbon stainless steel and ceramic.

Stainless steel does not keep a sharp edge and in knives, is fairly brittle. Although resistant to corrosion, it is not the best choice for a knife. This is the material that most inexpensive boxed set knives are made.

Carbon steel knives have been in use for years. They are able to hold a sharp edge. Downsides are that they stain, rust easily and can impart a metallic taste when cutting acidic ingredients. A good choice if you are diligent with cleaning and drying.

and carbon steel. These knives do not discolor or rust, and are able to maintain a sharp edge longer than carbon steel. This is the most common material that you will find in high end knives and my personal choice.

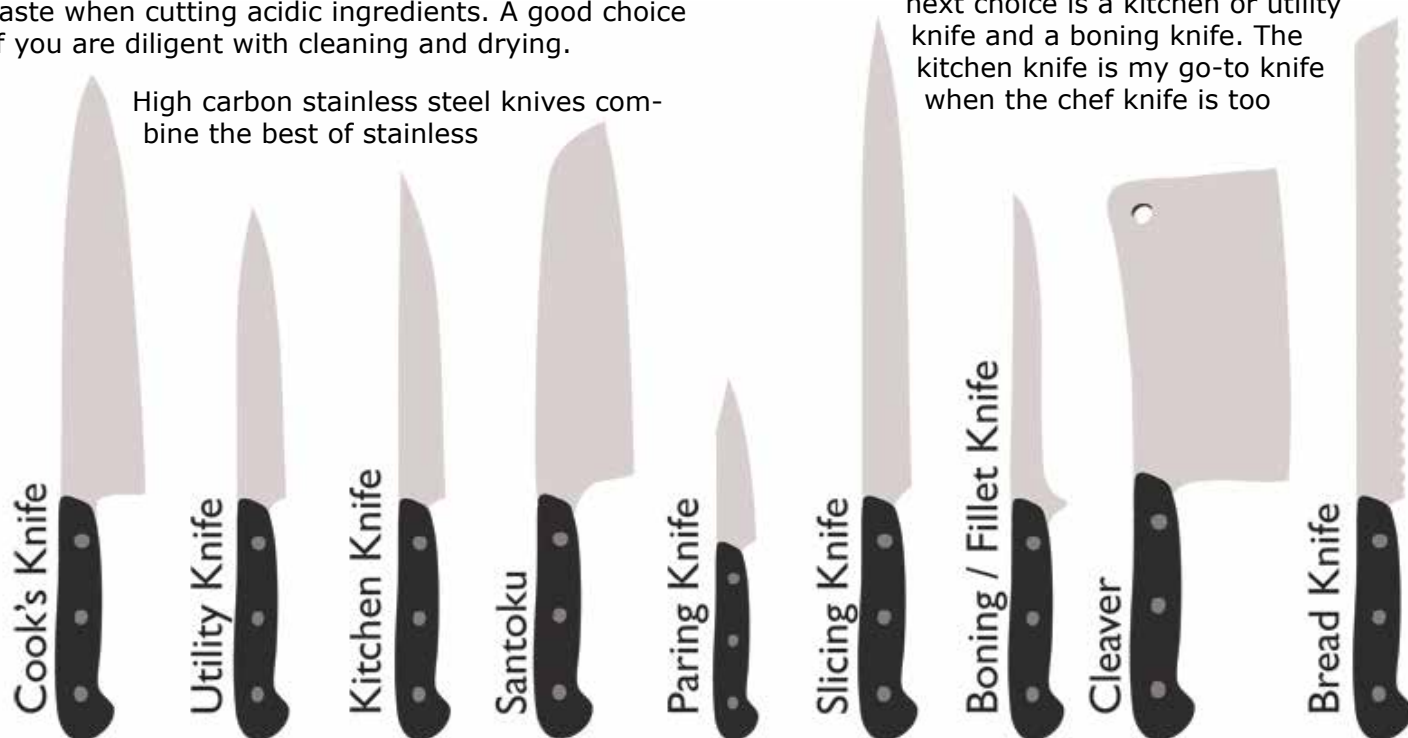
Ceramic knives are light and sharp. They retain their edge for a long time, but are also brittle and can break if dropped. For me, they are uncomfortably light, but have a place in the kitchen for those looking for less weight in a knife.

Listing the types of knives is fairly exhaustive. There are knives designed for specific tasks and those that can handle a multitude of tasks. To get started, there are two knives that you should own. First is a chef's knife. It is the work horse of the kitchen and can chop, slice, dice and mince. An 8" knife is ideal for most, but 6" works for small hands and for large hands a 10" may be more comfortable. When purchasing, you should handle the knife to see how it feels in your hand. It should be balanced and comfortable. Some stores even have a station set up to give the knife a try on some vegetables.

The other knife to own is a paring knife. It is small and useful for delicate and precision cuts such as slicing small fruits and vegetables. Remember that the paring knife does not have to be from the same manufacturer as your chef knife. Again, hold the knife to make sure it will work for you.

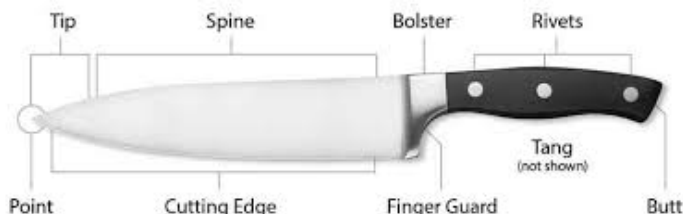
After these two basic knives, the choice is yours and the type of food prep and cooking will dictate what additional knives you may want. For me, the next choice is a kitchen or utility knife and a boning knife. The kitchen knife is my go-to knife when the chef knife is too

High carbon stainless steel knives combine the best of stainless



**A partial list of types of knives. Note in this diagram, the chef's knife is called the cook's knife.**





## Parts of a knife.

large and the paring knife is too small. It is in between the two in size and is great for everyday use.

The boning knife is not for everyone. It has a specific use and if you don't bone meat products, you probably don't need one (even though the boxed set has one). They come in a rigid and flexible blade. The rigid is for boning things such as chickens and the flexible would be used for fish.

Other knives of interest may be a slicing knife to be used for carving the Thanksgiving centerpiece turkey. Or maybe a bread knife for the bread lover and baker. Last year we bought our son a yanagi knife for making sashimi. This knife has a cutting edge on only one side of the blade. The list goes on and on.

For the maintenance of your knives, you will need a sharpening steel to hone your knives. Honing does not actually sharpen your knives, but rather realigns the cutting edge. It should not remove the metal of your knife as sharpening will. Steels are made of steel, ceramic and diamond encrusted steel.

Steel sharpening steels have been used for years and some feel that the models without ridges do a better job of aligning the edge. The diamond encrusted steel has mixed reviews. With the strength of diamonds, there is concern that it actually sharpens; removes metal, when all that is needed is honing. Ceramic sits somewhere between steel and diamond encrusted, and is the sharpening steel that is most commonly recommended today. When shopping for a sharpening steel, the length of the rod should be at least two inches longer than the knife.



A knife block designed for the kitchen drawer.



## Magnetic knife wall mount.

Once you have acquired your new knives, it is simple to provide proper care. Knives should be honed regularly while in use, cleaned by hand with soap and water (no dishwasher), completely dried and stored in a knife block if possible. They also make a drawer knife block that doesn't take up counter space.

A few general knife tips should prove helpful:

- Try before you buy. Knives, taken care of properly, will last a lifetime.
- Do not cut on glass or stone surfaces as they will dull your knife. Stick with wood and plastic cutting boards.
- If you will not be storing your knives in a block, you can purchase plastic knife guards to protect you and your knives. There are also magnetic strips that can be used to store knives on your kitchen counter wall.
- Protect your non-knife hand fingers from cuts by curling your fingers into a claw.
- Hone your knife before, during and after use at a 20 degree angle to keep the blade sharp, and have them sharpened by a professional once a year.

My last tip and pet peeve, use the knife for what they were intended for...cutting food. Just because they use a knife to open a can on a cooking competition, doesn't mean it is good for the knife. It isn't! And don't let me catch you opening that delivery from Amazon.com with my prized chef knife.

One final thought. They say that a dull knife is more dangerous than a sharp knife. Although that may be true, both are capable of cutting fingers. This I know from personal experience. Enough said. Happy shopping and chopping. Be safe.





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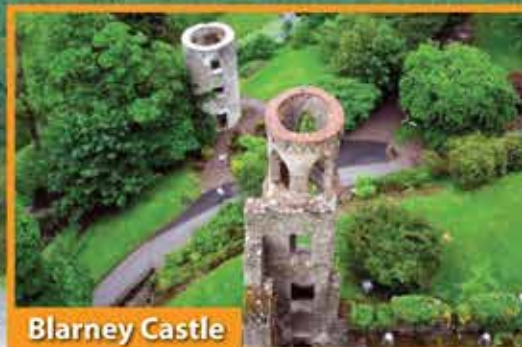
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# WTDITG

**We know the days get shorter beginning in June, but somehow it becomes most evident in November. Suddenly, it's dark when we get up and dark when we come home. For many gardeners, their time in the yard is confined to weekends. But less time doesn't have to mean unproductive time. There are many simple tasks you can perform in the fall that will improve your garden next year.**

## PLANNING

- Consider purchasing a live tree this year. Live trees brought in the house for the holidays are such a great tradition. Discuss the idea with your family this month and then get set to pick out this year's tree early while the selection is best.



- Force some Paperwhites for some great smelling indoor flowers for the holidays. Pick them up this month before they are all gone. A tip; give them a shot of vodka (really) after they

begin to send up foliage. The alcohol helps to keep the growth shorter, not so tall and lanky that they fall over.

- Watch for very wet areas and begin planning how to tackle your poor drainage issues. One solution is to create a rain garden, something you see more and more in new developments and commercial sites. An area of a depression in the ground that collects the rainwater and allows the water to percolate downward instead of running off. You can plant red and yellow twig dogwoods, small bush type willows, like Arctic or Dappled willow to help soak up the water.



## PLANTING

- Get the garlic planted. Fall is the time to plant garlic and if you haven't gotten them planted yet, do so this month. You'll be harvesting the tasty garlic next July.



long so plants don't mind being tucked into the soil now. In fact, they'll like it much more than sitting above ground this winter in a pot!

- Plant a cover crop in the veggie garden if you haven't yet. This is the last chance to get a green manure crop growing in winter.



- Feel confident to plant your landscape plants this month. Roots will grow a little all winter

- There is still time to get the spring bulbs planted. Don't put this off much longer. The sooner you get them in the ground in the fall the better the root development will be encouraging the best blossom display for next spring.





# What To Do In The Garden NOVEMBER

## TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- Time to clean out the Mason Bee condos and clean up the cocoons. Many of your local garden centers have information on how to manage your overwintering bees.



a registered spray. Dormant oils help to smother overwintering insects.

- Dormant spray the trees and shrubs as needed this month with a registered spray. Dormant oils help to smother overwintering insects.
- Don't freak out when the evergreen conifers get some brown foliage showing now. Every fall the evergreens lose their oldest foliage; from the bottom upward and the center outward. This is normal and there is no need to panic.
- WAIT! Don't trim back shrubs and evergreens hard now. Cutting back plants now cuts away the parts of the plants that are signaling the rest of the plant that

cold weather is coming.

- Cut the roses to about 3-4' tall, no shorter. Cutting back too hard now exposes too much of the lower portions of the bush to the winter cold. You can cut them back lower next March.

- Don't cut back ornamental grasses. The seed heads are super pretty with frost on them and the birds get the seeds when they are ripe. The plants go through winter best



when intact. Next spring, the end of January or the first week of March, cut back the growth to 3 to 6 inches tall.

- Mulch the beds for winter cold protection. Leaves work well or a compost mulch. Mulches are great at stopping soil erosion and keeping the soil from compacting as a result of all the rain. Mulch-



ing the beds includes; the cane berries, shrubs, bulb areas and perennial flowers.

- Rhubarb and asparagus beds: Protect and insulate these plants with a good dose of manure for winter.

- Lawn mower cleaned up and set for next year. If there is gas left in the tank you can get something called Sta-bil to add to the tank. This helps keep gas fresh for up to 12 months in stored equipment like lawn mowers.



- Get the irrigation system put away or blown out so no freeze damage takes place.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN



- Check the stored potatoes to make sure nothing is rotting. Discard anything that is soft or rotting before it affects more of the stored tubers.

- Create a row cloche over crops of winter vegetables. A cloche is a small structure made of glass

or clear plastic or with reemay cloth, like Harvest Guard. It's placed over the top of cold sensitive

plants. Harvesting veggies all winter is going to be so yummy!



- Keep weeds from taking over in the winter. If you didn't plant a cover crop in time for winter protection, consider laying down wet black and white newspapers, 6 layers thick and covering with an organic compost mulch or manure.





# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town

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### **Houseplants and Their Care**

**Sunday, November 1, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

As the weather turns gray, we turn our focus indoors to liven-up the home with houseplants. In this seminar we will review some of our top picks of houseplants and how to care for them throughout the year. No registration required. Free and open to the public.

### **Japanese Maple Pruning**

**Sunday, November 1, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Holly Beare of Eshraghi Nursery. Japanese maples provide distinctive color and texture to Northwest gardens. A lot of thought goes into choosing the right one, but then what? Join Holly Beare of Eshraghi Nursery to learn about how to prune your Japanese maple so that it thrives from planting to maturity.

### **Holiday Decorating Lantern Class**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015 • 11:00am**

**Garden Gallery Iron Works, Hubbard, OR**

Class size is limited so sign up today on [gardengalleryorders@gmail.com](mailto:gardengalleryorders@gmail.com).

### **15th Annual Evening of Lights & Poinsettia Greenhouse Tour**

**Thursday, November 5, 2015 • 4:00-9:00pm(S)**

**Friday, November 6, 2015 • 4:00-9:00pm(W)**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 4:00-8:00pm(G)**

**Poinsettia Greenhouse Tour:**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 3:30pm(G)**

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

Enjoy the sight, sounds and scents of the holidays at this magical event. Stroll through designer decorated Christmas trees as you listen to live holiday music. Relax in the warm greenhouses filled with colorful, freshly grown Poinsettias. Enter to win one of our several festive prizes, and enjoy delicious food and wine for sale. Cost: Free and open to the public. Registration: [als-gardencenter.com/EOL](http://als-gardencenter.com/EOL).

### **Kids Club: Forced Fragrance: Plant a Pot of Paperwhites**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 11:00am(W)**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 • 11:00am(S)**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 11:00am(G)**

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

Paper white bulbs produce tiny white flowers bursting with fragrance! A fun indoor garden project is forcing Paper whites to bloom during the winter. Plant some to take home or give as a gift. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: [als-gardencenter.com/kidsclub](http://als-gardencenter.com/kidsclub). Speaker: Al's Expert.

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### **What To Do In The November Veg Garden**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 11:00am-12:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Donna Smith and Robyn Streeter, Your Backyard Farmers. Don't miss your chance for questions with Donna Smith and Robyn Streeter, Your Backyard Farmers at this monthly lecture series of what you need to be doing now in your vegetable garden.

### **Put Your Garden to Bed with Elise**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 11:00am**

**Farmington Gardens, Beaverton, OR**

The seasons are changing and it's getting colder. Come and learn about what you should be doing in your garden to get things ready for winter. Elise will go over all the basics about each section of your garden from your lawn to your flower beds to vegetable gardens. [www.farmingtongardens.com](http://www.farmingtongardens.com).

### **Annual Chestnut Roast**

**Saturday-Sunday, November 7-8, 2015 • 12:00pm-4:00pm**

**Nella Farm, Hood River, OR**

Here at Nella Chestnut Farm, we combine our efforts with a local winery, Hood River Vineyards, and celebrate a chestnut roast with red wine, Italian Style. This 2015 event will be held on November 7th and 8th from noon to 4pm. Come join us for a fun filled day of enjoying chestnuts hot off an open fire and vino. Directions: From Interstate 84, take exit 64. Turn southbound on Hwy 35, then left on to Neal Creek Road. Continue south for 1/4 mile, then turn left at orchard chestnut sign and you are there! 3435 Neal Creek Road, Hood River, OR 97031. [nellachestnutfarm.com](http://nellachestnutfarm.com). Phone: 800-400-3658.

### **Cooking Seasonally with Medicinal Herbs**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Felicia Ferruzza, of Alberta Healing Arts Center and Mano Verde Herbals. A Certified Herbalist with Western and Eastern herbalism training, Felicia Ferruzza, of Alberta Healing Arts Center and Mano Verde Herbals, joins us to talk about diet therapy integrating Chinese and Western medicinal herbs with seasonal foods. She'll discuss how to use your own backyard culinary and medicinal weeds in your delicious cooking! She will also speak about 5 element theory and how it relates to the seasons, body systems, flavors, and colors in your diet.

### **Plan Now.... Spring is Closer Than You Think**

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

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With Bonnie Bruce of Celilo Gardens. Winter is a perfect time to plan for changes and improvements to your garden but few people think of this until spring really blooms. But by that time contractors are already busy and you are left in the queue waiting. However if you plan now and get a jump on the season you will not only be one of the first on the installation schedule but it is very likely you will get a lower bid because contractors are hungry for work NOW.

#### **Health Benefits of Urban Gardening**

**Sunday, November 8, 2015 • 11:00am-12:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Dr. Daniel Delapp. Dr. Daniel DeLapp, backyard organic food gardener for over 50 years, will share his insights on the expected and unexpected health benefits of having a backyard garden all year long. Backyard gardens have the potential to: boost our immune system, optimizing nutrient intake, improve gut health and enhancing our mental and physical well-being. It also has positive effect for our environment by reducing pesticide exposure and improving the soil microbiome. Come share your enthusiasm for gardening, whether you are new to gardening or an experienced gardener already.

#### **Gardening with Low Back Pain**

**Sunday, November 8, 2015 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Dr. Jeremy Katz of Right As Rain Chiropractic LLC. How do we hurt our backs while gardening? Join Dr. Jeremy Katz, with Right As Rain Chiropractic LLC to learn about the habits of injury and how to develop simple strategies for ergonomics and self-care in the garden. This class will specifically address back pain prevention.

#### **Dividing Perennials**

**Sunday, November 8, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Laura Altvater of Portland Nursery. Fall is the perfect time to divide many perennial plants. It allows you to make more plants to spread around the garden and share with friends. Also some perennials need to get divided so they don't crowd themselves out of a happy home. This class will talk about some techniques and particulars to dividing hardy perennials.

#### **Holiday Preview**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015**

**Farmington Gardens, Beaverton, OR**

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#### **Christmas Open House**

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#### **November 14, 2015**

**Garden Gallery Iron Works, Hubbard, OR**

Our Christmas open house is set for November 14th. And it will be our best ever. Start working on your list for Christmas wreaths, it's hard to beat a fresh wreath from Oregon, and we'll take care of the shipping, just bring us the address. [www.facebook.com/gardengalleryironworks](http://www.facebook.com/gardengalleryironworks).

#### **Composting Basics**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 • 10:00am**

**Al's Garden Center, Woodburn, OR**

Good compost is a fantastic mulch, a great soil conditioner, and a nutrient-rich additive for both flower and vegetable beds. There are hundreds of methods for making home compost but it really isn't a complicated process and it doesn't take a lot of effort. This class will walk you through the basics for starting your own compost. Cost: Free and open to the public.

#### **Little Sprouts: Fresh Green Centerpiece**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 • 11:00am**

**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

We have a special treat for this month's Little Sprouts. Our young gardeners will be taking fresh greens and creating beautiful centerpieces they can take home and display on their holiday tables or give as a gift to a friend or family member. Registration required. Call (541) 753-6601 to register. \$7 per child.

#### **Seasonal Center Pieces**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Cody Phillips. Create your own fresh and beautiful seasonal centerpiece for the holidays with Cody Phillips of Portland Nursery. She will guide you through the process of making a table centerpieces that is unique to you and guaranteed to bring cheer into your home! All materials are included in the class fee. Feel free to bring your own special decorative elements to add to your centerpiece. Cost: \$30 (pay at register on day of class). Bring gloves and pruners. Limited to 12.

#### **Plants for Lovely Winter Gardens**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Magi Treece of Living Structures. The grey months don't have to be barren ones in your home garden! Magi, a talented and experienced garden designer, will share plant and design ideas for keeping it interesting with color, form and texture all winter long. It's not all conifers and evergreens – think berries, bark, and winter flowers for lively

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# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town (Continued)

scenes outside your windows.

### **Fruit Tree Grafting Theory & Technique** **Sunday, November 15, 2015 • 1:00pm-2:30pm** **Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Monica Maggio of Core Home Fruit. Did you know you can custom make many of your own fruit trees to be the ideal size and variety for you and your yard?! It's true! Come learn about the theory and technique of grafting fruit trees with Monica Maggio of Core Home Fruit. Learn how to graft apples, pears, plums and more, and see it demonstrated live, in this fast paced introductory class!

### **Rose Classifications** **Sunday, November 15, 2015 • 1:00pm** **Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Rich Baer of the Portland Rose Society. Roses have been cultivated for their beauty, culinary, and medicinal uses for centuries. As a result of this history, we have developed many different types of roses that give us the most desirable characteristics we can think of. However, the difference between modern and other types of roses can be confusing to the home gardener. What is the difference between a grandiflora and a floribunda, a rugosa and other landscape roses? Join Rich Baer of the Portland Rose Society to clear up some of the confusion about rose types so you can plan your rose garden with confidence.

### **Garland Nursery's Annual Holiday Open House** **Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 21 & 22, 2015 • 10:00am-4:00pm** **Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

The weather is finally feeling like fall, the smell of spice is in the air, and the Garland Nursery Holiday Elves have been busily readying the barn with festive cheer in anticipation of our annual Garland Nursery Holiday Open House. We couldn't be more excited! Join us for warm spiced apple cider as you stroll through the barn, decorated with traditional Christmas and holiday wonders and displays. We will have our amazing array of poinsettias, both plain and creatively decorated wreaths, fantastic gifts for gardeners and non-gardeners alike, and everything you'll need to deck-out your entryway with Holiday Spirit. Our Holiday Elves have not been the only ones who are busy, the fairies and gnomes have the holiday spirit, as well! Be sure to visit the special displays our clever friends have put together for the holiday festivities. Also on display will be beautiful garden art and statuary perfect for any time of year, signature furniture and wind chimes, and unique succulents and terrariums. Along with these traditional and exclusive gifts we will have special classes and workshops throughout the weekend for the whole family. We are excited to have spe-

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cial guests William and Judy of TV's Garden Time joining us on Saturday to host two seminars: Bringing the Holiday Spirit to Your Indoor and Outdoor Planters and Succulent and Terrarium Gift Ideas. On Sunday, The White Rose Custom Floral Design will continue their Holiday Centerpiece Series by hosting a workshop on creating beautiful Thanksgiving Centerpieces (\$25 per person). We will follow-up that class with another festive workshop on creating Holiday Fairy Gardens (\$25 per person), open to all ages. (Pre-registration required for centerpiece and fairy garden workshops.) As always our Holiday Open House is a weekend full of fun, activities, gift ideas, and most of all... holiday wonder! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please register ahead for the Thanksgiving Centerpieces and Holiday Fairy Garden Workshops by calling (541)763-6601. The Thanksgiving Centerpieces and Holiday Fairy Garden workshops have a \$25.00 supplies cost.

### **Olive Bonsai Demo and Workshop** **Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 • 11:00am Demo** **Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 • 12:00pm Hands-on Workshop** **Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA**

This month we are changing up our Bonsai! class to focus on the olive bonsai. These longliving Mediterranean beauties have unique gnarled and twisted trunks and silvery evergreen foliage that add such character to your indoor or outdoor décor. We will start at 11:00 a.m. with an informative demo on potting, trimming and wiring an olive bonsai. At noon we will start the hands-on workshop for those that would like to create their own. Demonstration is free. Workshop cost is dependent on the materials chosen.

### **Grow Your Own Mushrooms** **Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 11:00am-12:30pm** **Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Tony Migas, member of the Oregon Mycological Society. Learn how to grow your own mushrooms with Tony Migas, member of the Oregon Mycological Society. They will share great tips and techniques for how to successfully grow many different types of mushrooms in the comfort of your own home and garden. Mushroom starter kits of Oyster, Shiitake, Stropharia, and Hericium mushrooms available for \$20.00 each, and plug spawn of Shiitake and Oyster mushrooms for growing on logs available for \$10.00/ bag of approx. 100 plugs. User friendly instructions included. If properly cared for, these kits can provide years of fungal fun, potentially for a lifetime! Pre-order to make sure you get the ones you want by contacting Tony at thefungi@comcast.net or phone/fax at 360-576-8520.

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**Season Extension for Winter Veggies**  
**Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Ian Wilson of Portland Edible Gardens. Do you ever feel like the growing season is just too short? Well, it doesn't have to be!! In this class, Ian Wilson, owner of Portland Edible Gardens, will discuss cold frames, low tunnels, row covers, and other methods for extending your vegetable harvest deep into the winter!

**William and Judy of TV's Garden Time: Bringing the Holiday Spirit to Your Indoor and Outdoor Planters**  
**Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 12:00pm**  
**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

Let's face it, we all have indoor and outdoor planters that need a little seasonal sparkle. They are probably at the point where they go unnoticed. William and Judy are here to show us how to spice-up things for the Holidays. They will share how to use simple accessories, fresh plants, and cut greens to bring some added Holiday Spirit to your home, indoors and out!

**William and Judy of TV's Garden Time: Succulent and Terrarium Gift Ideas**  
**Saturday, November 21, 2015 • 2:00pm**  
**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

Big or small, succulents and terrariums make wonderful gifts even for people who are not born with a green thumb. Succulents are hardy and provide color and beauty all year-round. Terrariums allow plants to live in their own lush, contained ecosystems. William and Judy of TV's Garden Time will share some amazing succulent and terrarium gift ideas, perfect for the holidays. No registration required. Free to the public.

**Bonsai is for Everyone**  
**Sunday, November 22, 2015 • 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

Please join Lucy Davenport of Bonsai Akira (meaning brilliance or clarity), for a hands on introduction to pruning and styling of Bonsai, in this combo DIY (bring your own plant), lecture, and slideshow class! Lucy is an avid gardener with a lifelong love and self-taught focus on bonsai plants that thrive in our climate, including native species, and plants from China, Japan, Korea and Australia. Two convenient times are available, so don't miss this opportunity at starting a bonsai before the holidays take over your time; plants will be for sale! Materials provided: wire and raffia for shaping during class, along with wire cutters. Cost: \$5 (pay at register on day of class). Please bring plant, own gloves, needle nose pliers and clippers! Dress warm as you will be taking a

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tour of the nursery. Limited to 20.

**Overwintering Tender Perennials**  
**Sunday, November 22, 2015 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Megan Porter of Portland Nursery. Many of the annuals sold in nurseries are actually perennials in warmer climates. It can be sad when the weather turns and a beloved plant is lost to the cold. With the right actions taken, it's possible to overwinter many plants that would otherwise not survive our winters. Join Megan Porter of Portland Nursery to learn about overwintering techniques for some favorite tender perennials. Registration: Not required. Speaker: Al's Expert.

**Mini Orchid Terrarium**  
**Saturday, November 22, 2015 • 1:00pm**  
**Al's Garden Center, Sherwood, Woodburn, Gresham, OR**

Mini orchids have all the beauty of their full sized cousins, but in a pixie-sized package. This workshop will send you home with a terrarium containing a delicate orchid that can be used as a lovely decoration in your home, or a unique gift for others. Cost: \$35 - Price includes glass container, decorative stones, decorative stakes & a mini orchid. Registration: [als-gardencenter.com/workshops](http://als-gardencenter.com/workshops).

**The White Rose Presents:**  
**Beautiful Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop**  
**Sunday, November 22, 2015 • 1:00pm**  
**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

The White Rose Custom Floral Design is continuing their fantastic holiday season workshops with the Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop. The White Rose will walk you through how to create a beautiful and unique centerpiece that will perfectly dress your table for the coming holiday. Call (541) 753-6601 to register. \$25 per person.

**Holiday Fairy Garden Workshop for All Ages**  
**Sunday, November 22, 2015 • 2:00pm**  
**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

We all know that fairies love the holidays just as much as we do (especially those little twinkling lights) and they can't wait to come to your home to see what you might have! So join us for this all-ages workshop and create your own festive holiday fairy garden to bring home! But we warn you: Just like that Elf on the Shelf, they might "spring from" the garden and have lots of fun "exploring" your home. If this happens, please share those caught-in-the-act photos! Call (541) 753-6601 to register. Cost: \$25 per person.

**Holiday Open House**  
**Beginning Friday, November 27, 2015**

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# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town (Continued)

### **The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR**

Ice skating, artisan Christmas Market & Christmas lights. Hours and activities vary by date, visit our Schedule page for details. On arrival, you will enter the Garden and board the Holiday Express, where you will be whisked to the beautifully decorated Rediscovery Forest. Here, you can: ice skate with your family, shop with 18 artisan vendors at a traditional German Christmas Market, walk through 400,000+ Christmas lights in the forest, sip gluhwein and other holiday beverages, listen to festive music & carolers, enjoy the smells and tastes of holiday foods, warm up next to fire pits, take photos with Santa, who will visit regularly, meet live reindeer, presented by Dallwig Bros Building Supply, Dec. 10-13, enjoy pony rides from Canyonview Camp, Dec. 5. <http://www.oregongarden.org/events/christmas-in-the-garden>.

### **Wine Country Thanksgiving**

**Friday-Sunday, November 27-29, 2015**

**Willamette Valley Wineries, Willamette Valley, OR**

Check out <http://willamettewines.com/event/wine-country-thanksgiving> for participating wineries.

Start: November 27, 2015 11:00 am; End: November 29, 2015 5:00 pm. Cost: tasting fees vary.

### **A Vintage Flea**

**Saturday, November 28, 2015 • 9:00am to 5:00pm**

**Sunday, November 29, 2015 • 10:00am to 5:00pm**

**Margie's Farm and Garden, Aurora, OR**

Antiques, vintage, repurposed, handcrafted items.

### **Seasonal Center Pieces**

**Saturday, November 28, 2015 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Cody Phillips. Create your own fresh and beautiful seasonal centerpiece for the holidays with Cody Phillips of Portland Nursery. She will guide you through the process of making a table centerpiece that is unique to you and guaranteed to bring cheer into your home! All materials are included in the class fee. Feel free to bring your own special decorative elements to add to your centerpiece. Cost: \$30 (pay at register on day of class). Bring gloves and pruners. Limited to 12.

### **Brilliant Fragrant Paperwhites**

**Saturday, November 28, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Megan Porter of Portland Nursery. Forcing paperwhites is an easy way to add life and fragrance to your home around the holidays! These lovely flowers can be rustic or elegant, depending how you deploy them. Bring your

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6" diameter watertight vessel (or come early and buy one) and we will pot up some bulbs to grow through the winter in your home. Think wide mouth glass jars and/or bowls, glass or ceramic. Three bulbs will be provided and they fit in a vessel with a 6" diameter. Bring in more than one container if diameters are smaller. \$10 materials fee.

### **Make Your Own Wreath or**

**Holiday Greens Basket Workshop**

**Saturday & Sunday, November 28 & 29, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR**

We are creating beautiful holiday wreaths or holiday greens baskets in this wonderful holiday workshop. We will be taking fresh trimmings and changing them into spectacular pieces to deck out your doorways. Would you like to add a little more of your own unique flair? Our gift shop is bursting at the seams with holiday items! Before and after the workshop, feel free to check out all the great items that you can purchase to customize your wreath. Call (541) 753-6601 to register. Cost: \$25 per person.

### **Enjoying the Winter Garden**

**Sunday, November 29, 2015 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**

**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Paul Taylor, OCNP. When you hear Winter Garden do you think, "huh?..." Come hear Paul Taylor, OCNP talk on Sunday November 29th from 1:00-2:00pm and you'll think "Ah-ha!" instead. Local garden designer Paul Taylor will talk about some important aspects of the garden in winter. He'll give you ideas to think about and use in your own garden whether you have a patio garden or an acre.

Seats are limited to 30 only, so sign up today on our website.

### **Backyard Arthropods and Birds**

**Sunday, November 29, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Marion Dresner of PSU. Gardening with native plants is thought to help maintain biodiversity in our city. Under what circumstances do native plants in your garden help support insects and other arthropods. Can this be linked to greater bird abundance? Join Marion Dresner and students from PSU to learn about their study of garden plants and arthropods and have an opportunity to participate in citizen science!

### **LOOKING FOR MORE?**

You will find more events and updated information on the Garden Time Events Calendar  
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