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Feeling Alive!

The spring is a setting and the garden, a big movie studio. The performers are there ready to play their parts, with new actors showing up every day. There seem to be endless tales happening in the garden and most revolve around a beautiful love story. There is no end to the movie that plays continuously in your garden. Of course, what would a movie be without protagonists? I can also find the recent slug damage, the hints of mildew or rot, somewhere in the garden. These are only the subplots of the movie and will be dealt with accordingly! The music is a symphony of birds and bugs, all vying for attention and a mate. And speaking of a mate, let's not forget the sex. What movie wouldn't sell without a little sexiness. The plants show off their best finery in hopes that they can get a little help from the bees in extending their bloodline. Their beauty is there for all to see! In fact, everything is there... all they need is an audience. That's you! Take some time in the spring to walk your garden. Enjoy the colors, the scents, the freshness of the whole scene. Soon we will be in the middle of summer and those fresh colors of spring will seem tired and faded. These actors are in their prime, it would be a shame if no one enjoyed their performance!

This issue of Garden Time Magazine has its own set of performers. First on stage is Judy with her review of the on-going performance of color at the Inviting Vines Tour. This tour showcases the beauty of two private gardens as well as the public Rogerson Clematis Garden and greenhouse at Luscher Farm. The Rogerson Clematis Garden at Luscher Farm is a hidden jewel in the Metro area, kind of an off-Broadway show, so to speak. The tour is a great benefit for the clematis collection and right now the garden is getting its first blooms from the signature clematis on the property. We give it 2 thumbs up! Next we feature a major actor on the horticultural stage, Ryan Seely. Judy visits with this plantsman and learns about his life on both sides of the stage, both in nursery retail and in wholesale growing. We also talk about the 'bit' players in this grand play, the bees. Actually I share some of the details in setting up a backyard hive in your garden to keep those prima donna flowers happy! Finally, to protect those stars, you need security! David talks about security systems and how they can protect the major players in your family.

Spring is but a stage and your plants are merely players, just don't get stuck on a bard in the yard! Get out and enjoy the show. We hear the (garden) plot is quite unpredictable!

Happy Gardening,

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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You've Come a Long Way, Baby!

Pelargoniums (a.k.a. Geraniums) are now larger, bloom longer and boast more vibrant colors.

by Judy Alleruzzo

Annual geraniums and pelargoniums are actually the same; the old fashioned, usually round red flower plants. In years past, you could see a limited color range of flowers everywhere in gardens and containers. Well, geraniums have come "A long way baby" since those long ago varieties. Plant breeders have created larger, longer blooming, more vibrant colored flowers on better branching plants. It's a whole new world of pelargonium, I mean geraniums....

For ease of this article, I will continue to call the plants 'Geraniums' as that is what everyone calls them!

Zonal geraniums were bred from a South Africa native and have been used in gardens since the early 1800's. They are called 'Zonal' because of the zone markings on their leaves. Their foliage has a burgundy colored splotch in their scalloped crinkly foliage. Zonal geraniums were propagated from cuttings. Gardeners preferred these blooming plants with their more compact habit and good blooming traits over geraniums grown from seeds. Seed varieties of ge-



'Brocade Cherry Night'

raniums are usually a smaller size plant with less blooms and smaller flower heads. Zonal and Seed varieties are not to be confused with hardy geraniums also called Cranesbill which are perennials in the Pacific Northwest. Of course, the confusion can be traced back to botanists disagreeing over the naming of plants. They both are in the same plant family, Geraniaceae, and I think the similarities end there, but I'm not a botanist, just a lover of beautiful flowering plants!

Over the past several years, there has been a breakthrough in the breeding of geraniums. Plant breeders have taken 2 species of geraniums, the standard Zonal and Ivy geraniums and have made a new and improved plant. Actually, the correct term for the new geraniums is Interspecific geranium as they are a cross between the 2 different species. The first results of over 10 years of breeding work have delivered to us, Geraniums 'Callope' and 'Caliente'. These new



'Caliente Fire'



'Caliente Orange'

plants have the very nice foliage and larger, long lasting blooms.

Geranium 'Caliente' began the latest geranium craze in 2006. Its deep green foliage looks more like an Ivy geranium but with a more vigorous habit. Single petal flowers with a selection of flower colors including Fire (Red), Lavender, Bright Coral, Pink and Orange are available in garden centers now. 'Caliente' geraniums withstand heat and are drought tolerant. The flowers are self cleaning so 'Caliente' is a high performer all season with low maintenance. They take full sun and grow about 12 to 18 in. tall and wide.

'Caliente' has a less vigorous habit so it's great to use in smaller containers and looks good with all colored plant combinations. I talked with Margie at Margie's Farm and Gardens in Aurora and she gave me a long list of favorite geranium varieties. I know it's so hard to choose but I pinned her down and



she said **'Caliente Orange'** is her must have favorite orange flowered geranium this season.

Geranium 'Calliope Dark Red' was introduced in 2010 and has the look of Zonal geraniums with heat and drought tolerance. The velvety textured dark red flowers have become the new standard in geranium varieties. I heard over and over from garden center owners and staff, this is the best new red flower geranium! There are 2 other varieties in the series, Lavender Rose and Burgundy. The plant's branching habit produces many large double petal flowers and will thrive in sun to a little shade. Its 10-12 inch mounding to semi trailing habit is quick to fill in a hanging basket, window box or container. The dark red flower color is so strong. Plant with contrasting colors like blue or yellow to really make an outstanding combination in your containers.

Mark Bigej from Al's Garden Center told me, "The most popular – by far – is the variety 'Calliope Dark Red'. It has a nice vigorous growth habit with an amazing



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Garden Care Tip for all Geraniums

Remove spent flowers as needed; fertilize with a slow release fertilizer and add water soluble fertilizer every two weeks.

deep red bloom. It has proven to be a very easy geranium for people to grow – its garden performance is amazing. Customers who have tried it are raving about it. It's always the first one to fly off the table in the garden center."

Geranium 'Brocade Cherry Night' is a 2016 All America Selection (AAS). This new variety has deep bronze scalloped-shaped foliage with a thin green edge. The 5 inch semi-double petalled deep pink flowers are a striking contrast to the dark colored foliage. Add in heat tolerance and this new geranium is a winner! M.J. at Farmington Gardens is so taken with this new variety, she named it her favorite for the 2016 season.

The 'Dynamo' Series geraniums are another of the new breed of Powerhouse Geraniums. The breeders have seen to adding in more blooms per plant, more disease resistance and a consistent habit for every vibrantly colored bloom in the series. Flower colors are Bright Lilac, Strawberry, Hot Pink, Scarlet, Violet, Dark Salmon, Red and White.

'Tango' Series geraniums offer a compact habit plant with large flowers in Pink Splash, Dark Red and White. Brenda Powell from Garland Nursery loves these bright colors. She recommends them to all her customers and uses them in her own containers.

Pelargoniums or geraniums, whatever the name, you'll love the performance of these new generations of geraniums. Check out your local nursery to pick up a new favorite to grow this year.



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A Healthy Buzz

**How a case of hives can help
to save the environment.**

by Jeff Gustin



Top bar hive comb

What is all this buzz about bees? In the past few years our attention has been drawn to these small but essential garden helpers. The numbers of bees were dropping in alarming numbers over the past decade and scientists, farmers and gardeners alike were concerned. Colony collapse became a buzz word (excuse the pun) and the public in response, became interested in bee keeping. It was then that we found out we can all lend a helping hand. Just about anyone can raise bees in our area, but before you head out and throw up a bee hive there are a few tips for being successful and not doing more harm than good.

First of all, do your homework, get a good bee keeping book or check out local resources for bee keeping. In the Portland area that might be one of the bee businesses in the area like Ruhl Bee or Bee Thinking. Another resource is the Portland Urban Beekeepers.



Bee frame for Lang hive

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They are a non-profit that provides support and education about bees and beekeeping. There are a lot of classes offered by all these groups and a ton of practical knowledge that you can gather just by dropping by their stores and meetings. Also, learn about local regulations dealing with hives and where you can place them. Contact your city or county for codes and restrictions.

Second, determine if you have the space for a hive. It is recommended that you have at least 15 feet of clearance around the hive for the bees to not feel crowded. Be sure to check with your neighbors so they won't feel crowded either. Bee keeping in an urban atmosphere is a group endeavor. Your neighbors can positively impact your bees by how they garden and what they use in their yards.

Next we need to look at tools. You will need tools and protective clothing for yourself. A bee veil,

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thick clothing and gloves for the beginner work well. These will ease the concerns of being stung. You will also need tools to maintain the hive like a smoker (to calm the bees), a hive tool (to pry the frames out of the hive), a bee brush (to gently remove the bees from the frames when you harvest them), a top feeder (this supplies nectar or sugar water to the bees when there are no plants blooming in your area), a spray bottle and a Queen catcher (a clip that holds the queen while you work on the hive).

Then you become the landlord. That means getting a home for your bees. Though you can start with one hive, most experts say to start with at least two, with three being the best. There are two main hives that you will find just about everywhere. The Lang-

Resources

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stroth and the Top-Bar are both very good hives to start with. The Langstroth is the hive you have seen everywhere. This is the tower of stacked boxes out in orchards. As the hive needs more room you add more boxes, called supers. This hive has various benefits, one being that it is used by so many people that all the bugs have been worked out and spare parts are easy to come by, and it is easier to maintain. The Top-Bar is a hive that is designed to be a more natural home for your bees. Where the supers of the Langstroth come with preformed wax frames where bees can build their combs the Top-Bar has just wooden bars that are on top of the hive and the bees do all the work of building a more natural comb.

Spring is the best time to start a hive, but where do you get bees?



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Harvesting Lang hives



Most hives are started with a three-pound package of bees that you get from a local supplier (call your local bee store) or sometimes they actually come in the mail. Some people actually try to get a swarm to go into the empty hive by rubbing citronella or bees wax inside the hive. The spring and early summer are when bees are most likely to swarm. They are pretty docile and at this point, they are just looking for a home. All hives have 3 types of bees. The queen who runs the show, meaning she just lays eggs. The worker bees who do all the work. And then there is the drone. He just hangs around to mate with the queen (after which he dies a horrible death). If you are a drone, and you survive the season, you will be kicked out in the fall as the hive gets rid of all non-essential members of the hive,

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and they don't get a 'sweet' severance package either!

Now where to place your hive. You will want a sunny area that doesn't get a lot of wind. A water source nearby is good and make sure it is shallow (bees don't swim), and a proximity to flowering plants is good, though they will find blooms anywhere in the neighborhood.

When you get your bees it is time to install them. You can do this yourself with tips from books or the internet, but you will find lots of help from experienced bee keepers at the stores or at local meetings. Once you get your bees installed you can start to enjoy your bees and know that you are doing something good for the environment.

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by Judy Alleruzzo

Clematis sp., wild-collected, Anniston, AL

There is a special collection of plants growing at Luscher Farm in West Linn.

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This year, three gardens are highlighted on the 9th annual Inviting Vines tour.

The main activities will take place at Ainsworth House in Oregon City. The home and gardens have been beautifully restored and contain many clematis. The new owners have become addict-

ed to their beauty. This historic house and gardens will be open for touring with two talks on the day's agenda.

- Bob Bowden, Co-Owner of Ainsworth House will be narrating a slide show and history of the property and gardens.
- Linda Beutler, President of the International Clematis Society and Rogerson Clematis Collection Curator will be speaking about “Tips on Using Clematis as Cut Flowers.”

The second garden is the Charlene and Bill Tuttle Garden located in Rivergrove, just south of Lake Oswego. This garden is about 1 3/4 acres and contains a wide variety of plants beside their own collection of clematis. The Tuttle's enjoy fruit and vegetables from their orchard of 40



Ainsworth House

trees, a large vegetable garden and raspberry patch. They also have ornamental flowering plants including hydrangeas, fuchsias, peonies and roses.

The third garden open for touring will be the Rogerson Clematis Garden at Luscher Farm, complete with docents to answer questions about the collection. Clematis will be available for purchase at the garden.

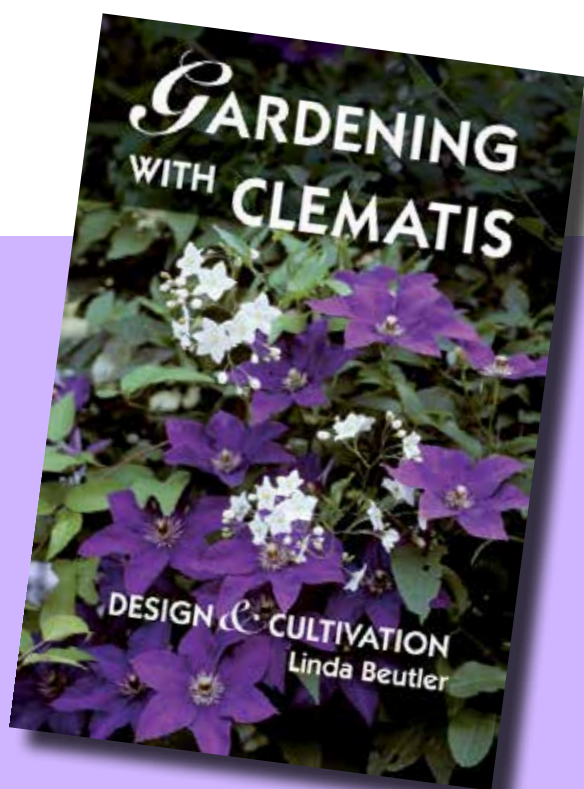
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and The Rogerson Clematis Garden. The seminars and a light lunch including wine or a soft drink at Ainsworth House are included in the ticket price. Buying a ticket to this day of strolling through pretty gardens is a wonderful way to spend a Saturday in May. This special tour gives so much more by supporting the future of The Rogerson Clematis Collection at Luscher Farm.



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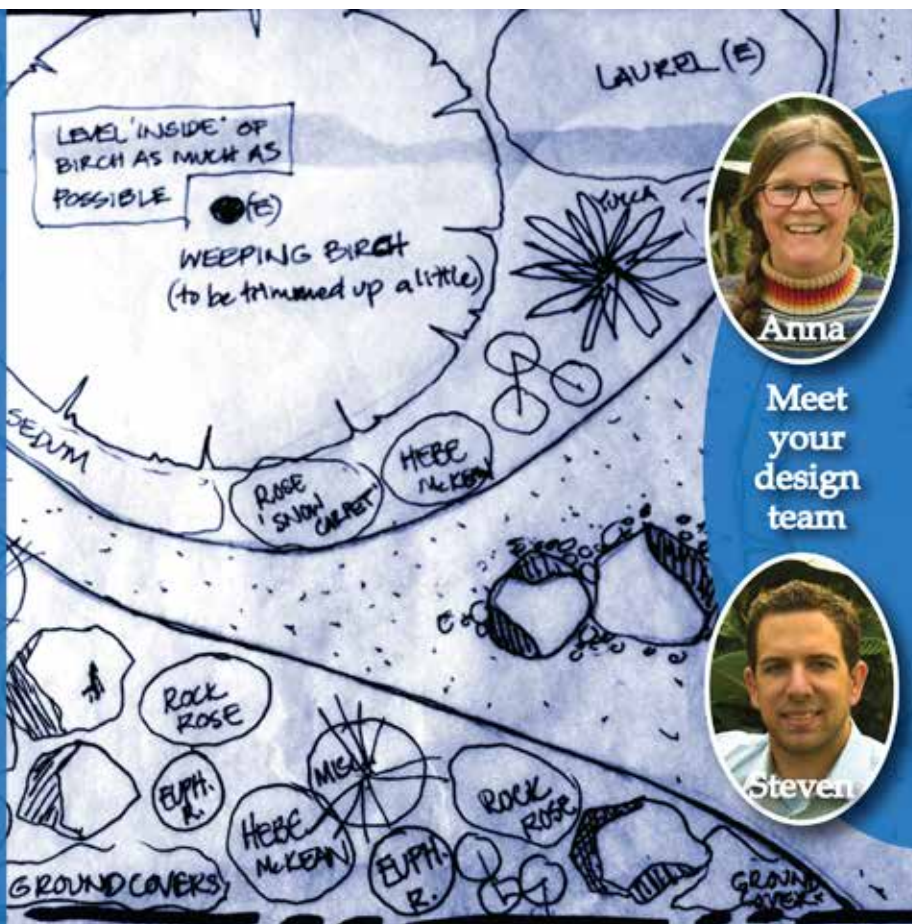
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by Therese Gustin



Tacos with avocado

Nothing says Cinco de Mayo like fabulous Mexican food and one of my favorite exports from Mexico is the avocado. This rich buttery textured fruit can be used in everything from guacamole to smoothies. You can even take your BLT up a notch by adding a few slices of avocado.

Native to Mexico, Central America and South America, Mayan and Aztec records show the existence of avocados as far back as 291 B.C. It is believed that our pronunciation of the word avocado comes from the Aztec word "ahuacatl".

Spanish explorers discovered avocados in Mexico in the 16th century. They called the fruit "aguacate" a bastardization of the Aztec "ahuacatl". By the time of the Spanish Conquest in the early 1500's, avocados had spread from Mexico into Central and South America. The Spanish eventually brought avocados back to Europe

and shared them with other European countries.

In the mid 1600s a Spanish Jesuit missionary, Bernabe Cobo was the first European to describe the 3 main types of avocados....Guatemalan, Mexican and West Indian. Even George Washington got in on the avocado action when he visited the West Indies in 1751 and wrote about the "agovago pears"!

The origin of the word "avocado" can be attributed to the Irish naturalist, Sir Hans Sloane when he mentioned it in a catalogue of Jamaican plants. He also called it the "alligator pear", presumably due to its rough exterior and pear-like shape.

Avocados were first planted in Florida in 1833 by the horticulturist, Henry Perrine but it wasn't until the early 20th century that they became a commercial crop. Although they were popular in California, Florida and Hawaii, they

didn't catch on in other states until the 1950s when they started to be added to salads.

Henry Dalton was the first Californian to plant avocados in 1848 near Los Angeles. It wasn't until 1911 that the avocado industry really took hold in California. A young Spanish speaking American named Carl Schmidt was working in a nursery in Altadena, CA when he was assigned to travel through markets in Mexico looking for avocados of exceptional quality. When he found them he searched out the trees from which they grew and shipped the budwood back to the states to grow. Many of the trees didn't survive but one variety made it through the great freeze of 1913 quite well. Because of its hardiness it was named "Fuerte", the Spanish word for strong and to this day the Fuerte avocado variety is one of the commercial varieties grown in California. The Hass avocado is the variety that is predominantly

grown commercially. It, along with Bacon, Gwen, Lamb Hass, Pinkerton, Reed and Zutano make up California's top commercial varieties.

Our Pacific Northwest climate unfortunately is too cold for avocado trees to thrive and produce fruit but we can grow an avocado tree as a houseplant. In fact, starting an avocado from a seed can be a fun project to do with kids. All you need is that pit that you pop out of your store bought avocado, some toothpicks, a glass of water and some patience. Poke three toothpicks equidistant around the pit about midway down the seed. Rest the avocado seed on a glass and fill with warm water so half of the seed is under water and the other half is above the water. Add water as needed to keep the bottom half of the seed under water. In a couple of weeks you should see the seed start to crack and produce roots under water. The top half will then start to sprout.

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Avocado in water

Once roots have filled the glass and there are leaves on the upper part, you can transplant the avocado tree into soil. Keep it indoors in a sunny spot. Don't expect to get any fruit but it does make a nice little tree. You can move it outdoors for the summer and bring it back in before the first frost.

Although high in calories (one medium avocado is about 322 calories), avocados are really good for you. Most of those calories come from fat but avocados are rich in unsaturated fats which help to reduce cholesterol. Avocados are low in sodium and have a good B vitamin content. They also are a good source of fiber, calcium, Vitamin C and potassium. They can even be a great food to help lose weight because

the high fat content makes you feel full and satisfied. Fun fact... the fats in avocados aids in the absorption of carotenoids, those plant pigments which help protect against certain forms of cancer and diseases. This amazing pear shaped fruit really packs a nutritional punch!

So don't just enjoy the great taste of avocados on Cinco de Mayo. Make a healthy choice by adding avocados to your diet all year long.



Growing an avocado



Fresh Guacamole

- 2 cups fresh chopped tomatoes
(or 1-32 oz. can diced tomatoes)
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped Anaheim chili
(or 1-4 oz. can of diced green chiles)
- 2 Tbs. chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 Tbs. fresh lime juice
- 4-5 mashed avocados
- Salt to taste

Mix all ingredients together. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips.



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A Prince of a Man

Ryan Seely from Little Prince of Oregon is a well rounded guy who is a 'Plant Geek', an 'Outdoorsman' and above all, loves his family.

by Judy Alleruzzo



I figured out I have known Ryan Seely, our May Hortie of the Month since the first season of Garden Time, 11 years ago. We interviewed him at Larsen Farm Nursery, the business he was a partner in for 15 years. He now is an integral member of Little Prince of Oregon wholesale nursery. The Oregon gardening industry is a close knit community and sometimes it seems we all know everyone or maybe just one degree of separation.

Ryan is descended from Mid-western determined families that trekked to Oregon on wagon trains. Ryan's family settled in the

Woodburn and Wilsonville areas. One family went into banking the other settled in as farmers. The farming side of the family became quite infamous.

Their land in Wilsonville was very soggy and Ryan's great grandfather and his great uncles hand dug a trench about 1 1/2 miles from their land to drain the fields. The result of this HUGE effort created usable, very rich soil that the Seely family could successfully farm. There is even a plaque celebrating Seely's Ditch AKA Seely's Folly dug in 1858.

Seely's Ditch is now called Coffee

Lake Creek. The commemorative plaque can be seen on Boeckman Rd. near Villebois in Wilsonville. The farming line of the Seely's continued through Ryan's grandfather, who grew onions in the Lake Labish area, south of Woodburn. Ryan has "vivid memories" of driving a tractor before getting his license, helping out at his gramma & grampa's farm and working in his Mom and Dad's gardens. Ryan's parents still live in the house his Dad lived in as a child.

With all of this rich history of agriculture and gardening, college bound Ryan was on track to major

in Ag Science, right? Well, no, agriculture was not in his plans when he attended OSU in Corvallis. He majored in business. As graduation approached, he started to think about where to get a job and start his new career. He got a call from his childhood friend, Destin Brown. Destin's family owns Wichita Nursery. Destin asked him if he wanted to be a partner in a retail nursery.

After consulting with all the families, the two friends went into the retail nursery business with Maureen Larsen. They were all now the owners of Larsen Farm Nursery. Ryan didn't know too much about proper botanic names or exactly how to diagnose diseased plants, so he took classes at Clackamas Community College. He wanted to gain more knowledge to be able to help his customers. In the 15 years he was with Larsen Farm Nursery, he and his two partners were successful and also opened a second location.

In the meantime, Ryan married Kim and they had two children, Anna and Brett. Nursery work is pretty demanding and Ryan sustained a back injury requiring surgery. He decided he needed a change of careers to stay healthy. Ryan called on Ketch DeKanter, owner of Little Prince of Oregon (LPO) in Aurora. LPO was one of Larsen Farm Nursery's wholesale suppliers. They bounced around ideas of a possible next step in Ryan's horticulture career. What kind of job would be that next step? How can he stay interested and challenged in the horticultural world and avoid more injury to his back? As they talked, Ketch realized Little Prince needed Ryan with his knowledge of plants and the retail side of a nursery business. Ryan started at LPO in 2005 as a sales rep and still is in that position with a few other responsibilities. He gathers and processes wholesale orders and has the complicated job of figuring out the logistics of shipping plants locally and across the U.S and Canada.



Mt. Defiance



Little Prince of Oregon Team



popular vote of their customer's orders.

Ryan works closely with Ketch and LPO grower Mike Hicks, about the status of crops. All management staff collaborate on the clever plant lines like "Hebe Jeebies" or "Lords of The Flies" (Carnivorous Plant Line). Last August, Nursery Management Magazine highlighted the LPO line called "Fit for a King". This line includes 4.5-inch pots of unique perennials and small shrubs. Ryan even posed in a tuxedo for the article.

Ryan is one of the team to go to trade shows like The Farwest Show in Portland. Last August, he and Mark Leichty wanted to stand out among the many vendors at the show. They contacted their friend Gina at Bohemian Bouquets to help them create Tillandsia beards they wore for the 3 day show. They won Best of Show for their beards and booth!

In recent years, Ryan says the plant plug part of the business has increased. Plugs are small starter plants they sell to other nurseries to grow on to finished plant sizes. LPO has also grown their finished plant business to include more customers in Oregon, Washington and Northern California.

I asked Ryan why Little Prince of Oregon sponsors the Garden Time



He is assisted by Reggie Hunter, who keeps the whole office in line and helps with paperwork! He is also the one that walks the many LPO greenhouses and updates the plant availability. Ryan is making sure the plants are looking their best to be added to the list. With the multitude of plant varieties grown at LPO, it's a pretty intense part of his weekly routine. One other thing he is looking for is plant "sports". A "sport" is a natural occurring difference in a plant's habit, leaf shape or color. He may just find the next new plant introduction.

Ryan and all the management staff get together to analyze the yearly plant list. They add or subtract varieties depending on the

Plant Pick. He is matter of fact when he told me they just want to give out more information about cool plants. Garden Time is a way to pass along information to gardeners and "to promote retailers". Just a heads up, he thinks the May Plant Pick will be Tricyrtis. Stay tuned to Garden Time and check out the Little Prince of Oregon website.

Ryan's family is very important to him. They were all challenged last year when their daughter Anna had a health crisis with cancer. She was under the wonderful care of doctors at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in Portland. The stressful days of Anna being in the hospital were brightened when the family could get a respite in the calming gardens of the hospital. Anna was allowed to go outside when her health and weather permitted. They were able to take advantage of fresh air and be among beautiful flowers and whimsical artwork. Ryan says it was quite a break for them all. Anna is fully recovered and back to school and her dance classes. She and her Mom are also inspirational speakers for Randall Children's Hospital. Anna wants to help other children with cancer and their families. Ryan and Kim are so very proud of their daughter's strength and determination.

Being from a long line of gardeners, Ryan looks forward to the feel of springtime especially loving Hostas and Ferns. His great love of all the seasons is fall. He told

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me, "Plants are in their glory in the fall." The colors of the fall season and the interesting plant material are his real favorites. He is a typical plant geek and can't have just one favorite. Ryan and family love to be outdoors and work in their garden. He enjoys fishing and is also a mountain climber. When he turned 40, he climbed Mt. Hood for the second time in his life. Ryan had climbed it many years before at the age of 13! Ryan had such a great time growing up, helping at his grandparent's farm and also at his own home and gardens. He wants those same good memories of outdoor experiences for his family too.

It was interesting to interview Ryan Seely, our May Hortie of The Month. I learned a lot of factoids about a person I had professionally known for over ten years. Sometimes, we all

have to take the time to sit down with friends to talk about our own backgrounds and to talk about plants, of course! You'll never know if someone has Oregon Trail ancestors or if they've climbed Mt Hood, twice, unless you ask. Ryan is really a well rounded guy who is a 'Plant Geek', an 'Outdoorsman' and above all, loves his family! Garden Time has a date to go out with Ryan to hear about the banking side of his family.

There's got to be another article in that history.



Tillandsia Beards at FarWest Trade Show



Ryan and Brett doing chores



Ryan's grandparents and his daughter Anna about 2006



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Landscaping can either improve home security or make it worse.



Safe at Home

When it comes to security, don't leave home without it.

by David Musial

As a parent and a homeowner, the safety of my family and home has always been a priority and over the years I've learned a security system is not the only way to provide protection. There are additional measures you can take both inside and outside your home. Let's explore home security.

Home security can be divided into two areas, the interior (the house) and exterior (outside the house). Included in the interior security is security alarm systems which will be discussed last.



Let's start by taking a look into your home's interior. There are

Another option to keep windows from being lifted. Also available for sliding glass doors.

two ways to enter a house. Through a door or through a window. Doors are solid and provide good protection, but a door and a locking doorknob do not provide adequate protection.

To deter illegal entry through a door, in addition to a locking doorknob, all doors leading into the home should have a deadbolt lock. The deadbolt should have at least a 1" throw (the part of the lock that goes into the door jamb). Another important feature is that the door should be made of hardwood or metal. Doors made of softwood, like pine, are easy to break down, even with a deadbolt. If the door has glass, consult your local locksmith on the best option for installing a deadbolt. Don't forget that the door from the garage leading into the house is a potential point of entry and should be treated like all entry doors.

When considering deadbolt installation, there are two types. The

first is single-key. It uses a key on the outside and a handle to open on the inside. If there is a window in the door or a window near the door, the glass can be broken and by reaching in, the deadbolt can easily be opened. The second type of deadbolt is a double-key. A key is required both inside and outside to open the door. This provides more security for the door, but in the event of an emergency a key would be needed to exit. It is recommended that a key be left in the deadbolt lock at nighttime to make exit easy if required.

Doors in the backyard can be very vulnerable since they are not as visible as front doors, thus allowing more time to gain access. In this case, beefing up the door with additional bracing is a good idea. Talk to a contractor about options.

Windows can be an area of weakness and when we discuss windows, sliding glass doors are included in the discussion. The first

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thing to check is that they were installed correctly. Be sure that the sliding part of the window is on the inside. If it's on the outside, the window can be lifted out of the track. It is estimated that 25% of all windows and sliding glass doors have been placed backwards.

Other than improper installation, the concern with windows is that they can be easily broken and sometimes opened. To make breaking windows more difficult, safety coat adhesive plastic sheets are available. It makes breaking the glass more difficult and can be considered for windows that are more susceptible. Additionally, laminated or safety glass windows are an alternative to traditional glass. In high crime areas, the best option would be to install metal bars, but remember, like deadbolt locks, they are only as good as the installation.

To protect windows and sliding glass doors from being opened, there are a few options. The first is obvious...lock the window, even if it's a second floor window. There are also different types of window locks. One mounts on the window and has a pin that slides into the window frame, keeping the window from opening. There are also slide locks that are secured in the window track. These locks are useful when you have an AC unit in the window, to keep the window from being lifted above the AC unit.

For sliding windows or glass doors, there are bars



Deadbolt locks, a 'must have' for exterior doors.

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that can be placed in the track to keep the window from sliding open. Low tech would be to cut a dowel to size. The bar or dowel should fit fairly snug in the track. Lastly, there are locks with sliding pins similar to the window locks that are effective.

The Cadillac of home security is the security alarm system. Now that I think about it, there's actually a Chevy and Cadillac. The Chevy is for the Do-It-Yourselfer and the Cadillac is the professionally installed system.

Security alarm systems fall into two groups, central alarms and local alarms. The central alarm is a system that is monitored by an alarm company and the local alarm only responds at the home.

With the Cadillac or central alarm, when an intru-

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In some situations, security bars may be the best protection. They don't however have to be unattractive.

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sion is detected, the monitoring company will evaluate if the event is real or a false alarm and will notify the proper authority. The benefit is that you have someone that can monitor your home 24/7. The systems are professionally installed and maintained. The downside is that they use the phone system and wires can be cut, thus eliminating communication with the alarm company. Additionally, there is a monthly monitoring fee, but check with your insurance company as they may offer a discount.

The Chevy or local alarm only responds at the location where the alarm is set off. This is normally with a siren and sometimes flashing lights. The plan is that the burglar would be startled and leave, and a neighbor would hear the alarm and contact the authorities. Note that most central alarms will also have a siren go off if the alarm is triggered. These systems are less expensive and most are not hardwired so you can take them with you when you move. There are no service fees, but there is no service.

Alarm systems can be wireless or hardwired. The wireless systems are battery powered and use radio transmitters and receivers to connect the system. These systems can be pieced together to meet your needs for motion detection, door sensing, and cameras, as well as fire and smoke detec-

tion. These Do-It-Yourself systems are easy to install and some can be set up to connect with your phone. There are range limitations to wireless components, so be sure to follow directions and test that all components work properly. Since the wireless system is dependent on batteries, it is important to check them on a regular basis.

Most professional systems are hardwired and in my opinion it is best left to the professional as it typically requires work in crawl spaces, attics and walls. The monitoring components are similar to wireless. They are considered more reliable and if professionally installed should come with a warranty. Since all monitoring components are wired back to a central unit, there is no issue with the range limitations of a wireless system. However, in areas of a home where wiring is not an option, wireless components are available and will be necessary.

Since most hardwired systems are dependent on your home's power, the system will be rendered useless in power outages. To provide protection during power outages, a power back-up system should be considered.

The security provided for your home's interior is your primary line of defense; however, the exterior should



These types of signs may not stop an intruder, but it may make them think twice before entering your property.

not be overlooked. Exterior security is more about making your home less attractive to a burglar.

Although you might not realize, your landscaping can either deter or encourage a home break-in. If you have shrubs that are overgrown, they may provide a great place for a thief to hide. Be sure to keep shrubs trimmed below windows. Take a look from the street and if you can't fully see your window, it's time to give your shrubs a haircut.

When planning a landscape, install thorny plants near windows and points of entry. Although this won't prevent a break-in, it will discourage. Plants to consider are roses, barberries, ilex, eleagnus and pyracantha. Remember to buy varieties that will not become too large and keep them trimmed.

One of the best deterrents for your exterior is lighting. Thieves do not want to be seen. Keep your property well lit and use fixtures that come on at dusk and off at dawn. Motion detector fixtures are great to startle a would be intruder. The drawback is that if not set correctly, they may go on and off from the neighborhood animals.

Exterior cameras can also add a level of security. If there is a potential threat outside, you can safely assess the situation from inside.

Lastly, one of the best forms of exterior security is

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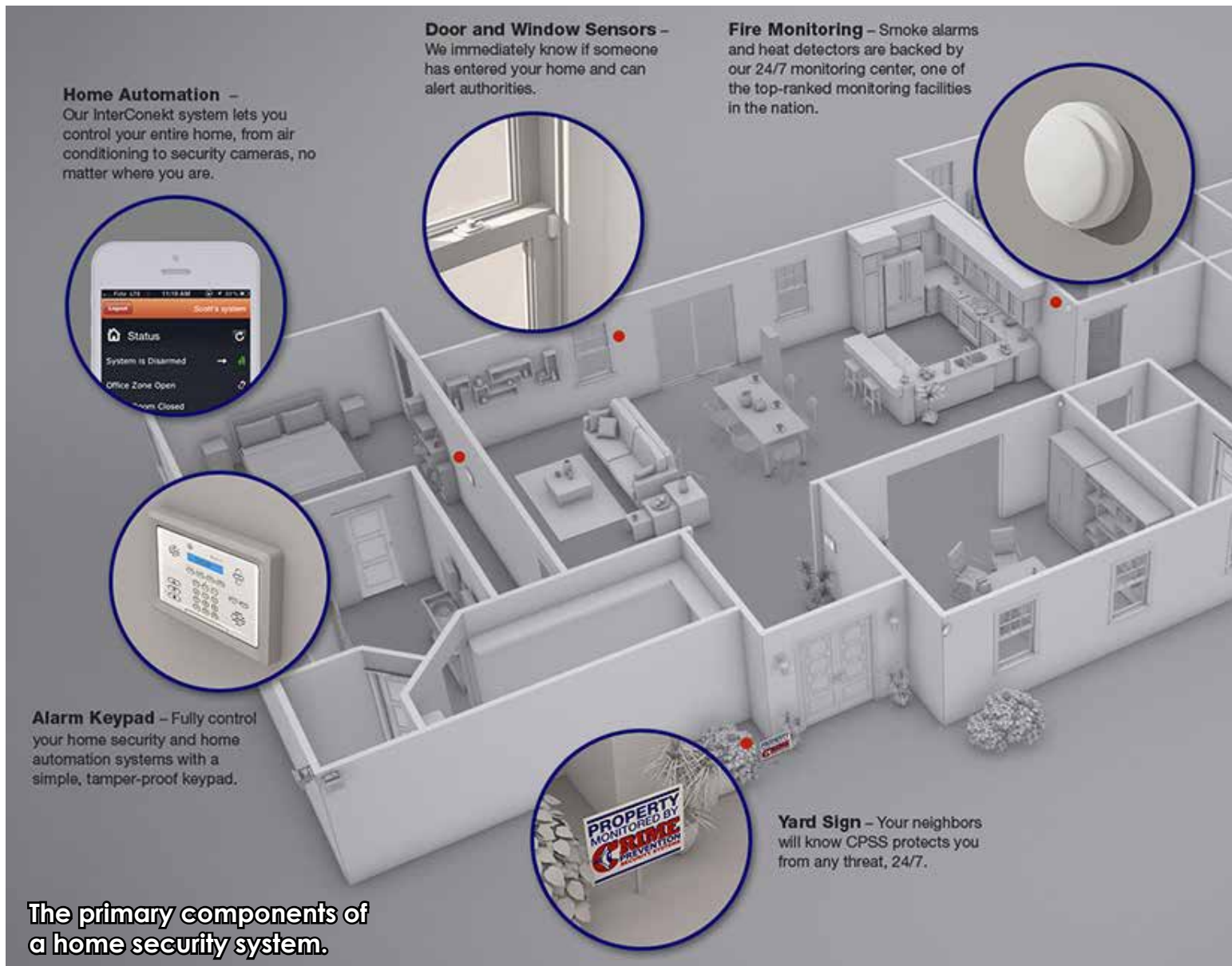


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to get to know your neighbors and if possible, start a Neighborhood Watch. The more eyes in a neighborhood to watch your house the better.

Other thoughts to consider:

- Don't leave ladders lying around. They are an invitation to reach the window you forgot to lock.
- Etch your personal property with an identifying mark. Although it won't deter a thief, it will help in identifying your property if it is recovered.
- Make a digital video of your personal property. In the event of a theft, you will have a record of your property. It is surprising how hard it is to remember what you owned once it's gone. Oh and be sure to store the recording in a safe place.
- When travelling, give your home the appearance of being occupied by using automatic timers to turn on lights and a radio. Most timers now have random setting options so you aren't turning things on at the same time every day.
- Beware of dog and home security signs may not stop a burglar, but it may make them think twice about breaking into your house.
- As much as you want to rub the trip to Hawaii in your friends face, don't post on Facebook or other social media until you get home. Posting will make your friends jealous, but it will also make your enemies (burglars) happy.
- Lastly, do not leave the spare key under the door-mat, a flower pot or mailbox.



Finally, I'd like to mention that as you consider the security of your home, think about this...what if you were locked out of your home? How would you get inside and calling someone with a key is not what I mean? What I mean is that you should have the mindset of how would you 'break' into your home. This is the same thought that goes through a burglars mind, only you are breaking into your home. This will assist you in determining your homes vulnerabilities and finding the best solutions for security.



Good luck and like they used to say on the TV show Hill Street Blues, "Let's be careful out there"!

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The month of May is the best of all worlds. Most of the Spring flowers are still in bloom. The weather continues to get warmer and, occasionally, teases us with an almost-summer-like day. And, the fruits of our labors (figuratively and literally) start to reveal themselves. It also ushers in the arrival of plant-harming insects. Be vigilant! Your plants are counting on you to protect them.

PLANNING



- Get ready to hang your flowering baskets. This is the best month for getting a basket or three to hang outdoors and show off your green thumb to all the neighbors. Use a good flower fertilizer every other watering to get the best results.

- Get the watering system ready for summer irrigation. Check hoses for leaks and the sprinklers

to make sure they still work well. This would be a good time to create a more automatic drip irrigation system for the gardens!

- Keep a check on soil temperature for veggies you can plant out this month. Most of the warmer season veggies will be able to go in this month.



PLANTING

- Divide your stored dahlia clumps and plant the tubers. Dahlias produce more flowers on thicker stems if lifted in the fall and then divided in the spring and replanted.



begonias, canna lilies, dahlia and lilies bulbs. Planting after

- Flowers & Annuals: Plant out gladiolas,

mid-month should be safe for all these annuals: marigolds, asters, fuchsias, wax begonias, geraniums, daisies, salvias, snapdragons, stock... in other words, most all the annual flowers!

- Perennials like carnations, candytuft, delphiniums, daylilies, phlox, cone flowers, lavender and heuchera are just a few of the varieties of perennials you can plant right now.

- Landscape planting now still

gives the plants a good head start on a strong root system before the summer heat sets in.

- This is the month to plant your Rose bushes. They also make a great Mother's Day gift!



- Tomatoes and other warmer weather veggies can go in now.

TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- Watch for late frost! This is the time of year the late frosts can do the most damage when plants have flower buds ready to burst and we get all excited and plant out everything we can find. Cover the tender plants when frost is forecast with Harvest Guard protective yard and garden cover.
- Remove Rhododendrons spent flower heads as

soon as they are done blooming. This is mostly for appearance because the plants will set buds for next year even if they are not deadheaded.

- Protect young plants from slugs with Bonide's Slug magic. Be on the lookout for the little eggs that resemble white B-Bs. Using Bonide's Slug

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- Monitor plants for insects like aphids and spittlebugs and the like. Most control can be handled with a burst of water from the hose or hand picking off.

- Be on the lookout for codling moths on apple and pear trees. Adults typically emerge in May-June. Pheromone-baited traps can be used to reduce populations of male moths. Remove brush, debris, and culled fruit from orchards. Remove loose

bark to eliminate possible hiding places for cocoons. Wrap trunk with corrugated cardboard or burlap to trap migrating larvae. Periodic removal of these tree wraps to destroy cocooning larvae, can help a lot.

- Watch for notching insect feeding damage on rhodys and other broad-leaved evergreen plants. This could be the root weevil and it is a bit harder to detect. Go out at night with a flashlight to see them eating your rhodies or place some paper below the plants at night and tap on the plants. If you hear the little 'plops' of something dropping onto the paper, you may get to see the sneaky root weevil adults. Once the soil temperature is 55F or above you can use the safe

organic 'Beneficial Nematodes' around the plants if the weevils are found. BN are safe to use and work up to two years to totally destroy root weevil adults and grubs.

- Over seeding a grass lawn or starting from scratch: May is a good month for both of these tasks. Fertilize the lawn once every two months



for optimal color. Mow a bit higher as the weather warms. If you have used a moss killer on the lawn, don't put down grass seed for at least 6 weeks after that application.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

- Vegetables - Monitor soil temperature to see when you can safely plant out the warmer season crops. Wait until the soil is consistently above 70 F to plant out basil, cucumber, eggplant, melons, peppers, tomatoes and pumpkins or squash.

Plant anytime in May by seed: Arugula, Asian greens, snap beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, sweet corn, dill, kale, lettuce, green onions, parsnips, potatoes, radishes, slow bolting spinach, swiss chard, turnips.

Plant out these starts in May (waiting for warmer soil temps for above mentioned veggies): Artichokes, basil, beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, collard greens, cukes, eggplant, kale, leeks, lettuce, onions, parsley, peppers, squash, swiss chard, tomatoes and watermelon.

- Consider planting the veggie garden in what is called 'intensive planting' style AKA 'wide-row gardening. This will pro-



duce the most amount of produce from your space available! Traditional practice of planting long rows is not as productive as planting closer together and in 3-4' wide blocks. The benefits of closer planting; easier to mulch, less weed growth, snap to water, little wasted space and the cool shade created by the foliage for soil and roots.

- Control many vegetable insect problems by covering the crop with a row cover, like Harvest Guard.

- Control the many below ground insect pests like root maggots safely by using Beneficial Nematodes once the soil temperature has reached 55 F or warmer. These little microscopic creatures seek out and consume over 230 soil dwelling garden pests.



- Control weeds by covering them, in between the rows, with layers of wet black and white newspaper or cardboard covered with compost.



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

Wooden Shoe Tulip Fest Through May 1, 2016

Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, Woodburn, OR

The Wooden Shoe Tulip Fest is an invitation from our family to yours to enjoy all things that make spring in the Northwest. Stroll through 40 acres of stunning beauty, experience expansive views of vineyards, distant mountains, and a few mud puddles. Fresh flowers, food, and fun for the entire family!

Spring Garden Fair

Sunday, May 1, 2016 • 9:00am-4:00pm

Clackamas County Event Center, Canby, OR

The Spring Garden Fair has been held the weekend before Mother's Day since 1984. What began as a small fuchsia sale has grown to one of the Northwest's most anticipated springtime events. Our vendors include the Pacific Northwest's favorite growers, artists and specialty vendors. With perennial favorites like 10 Minute University™, Free pH Soil Testing and Ask an O.S.U. Master Gardener, it's well worth the drive out to Canby for our two day event! Clackamas County Event Center 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, Oregon 97013. www.cmastergardeners.org/SpringGardenFair.htm

Lilac Days

Through May 8, 2016 • 10:00am-4:00pm

Hulda Klager Lilac Garden, Woodland, WA

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May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2016 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Leach Botanical Garden

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several sessions. information will be provided on materials, dyeing techniques, and books/websites on basketry. Pre-registration is required. \$35 (\$30 for Leach Garden Friends members). There is a \$10 materials fee payable at each class. Ages 9 - adult.

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Friday, May 6, 2016 • 8:00am-4:00pm

Ralston Park Station, Lebanon, OR

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Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8, 2016 • 9:00am-5:00pm

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland, OR

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West Linn Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2016 • 9:00am-1:00pm

Hammerle Park, West Linn, OR

The West Linn Garden Club is 100 years old and our annual plant sale is coming up. Details at <http://www.facebook.com/West-Linn-Garden-Club-Plant-Sale-261718013922094/>.

Camas Plant & Garden Fair

Saturday, May 7, 2016 • 9:00am-4:00pm

Downtown Camas, WA

The day before Mother's Day, the 19th annual Camas Plant & Garden Fair will return with all of its color and selection to the charming streets of Downtown Camas. Customers will find a wide array of plants, trees, garden art, planters, garden furniture, birdhouses, iron works, and a large selection of other locally made and grown products. It's a great opportunity to get something special for mom or to pick up something for your own garden. There will also be some new features of the fair this year. 10-minute education spotlights will happen at different vendor booths throughout the day. One example will be the Clematis Society showcasing "Clematis Container Planting". The presenter will be the Curator and President of the International Clematis Society. Another is a presentation by the owner of The Soap Chest discussing the benefits of herbal infusions and how to make them. Updates to the education spotlight session list will be made on the fair's website, www.cwplantfair.org as the event draws near. Another new offering at the event will be a planting station so you can buy your pots or containers at the fair and then plant your flowers and plants in them before you go. For those that are new to planting, there will be tips on how to do effective and sustainable container plantings. Returning to the fair will be the Kids'

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Zone including the Camas Camp n' Ranch 4-H petting zoo, craft activities with Camp Windy Hill, planting activities with the Camas Farmer's Market, and face painting which is new this year. The giant puppet "Rosie" will be back entertaining the crowds as well as "Farmer Friendly" on stilts. The Boy Scouts Troop 554 will be on hand with their trusty wagons to help citizens with their purchases as needed. Live music and fresh food options round out the day. Applications for plant and retail vendors are now being accepted and application forms and information can be found at www.cwplantfair.org. All products intended for sale must be plants or garden-related items and must be grown or produced locally.

What to Do in the May Vegetable Garden

Saturday • May 7 • 11:00-12:30pm

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Donna & Robyn of Your Backyard Farmer. Get the dirt on year-round vegetable growing in this monthly to talk about vegetable gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Donna & Robyn of Your Backyard Farmer will cover seasonal topics to help you improve your vegetable gardening skills and draw from their education and collective years of hands-on experience.

Origami Flower Making with Yuki Martin

Saturday, May 7, 2016 • 2:00pm

The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Just in time for Mother's Day, kids learn to create a beautiful bouquet of folded paper flowers. Portland native and origami artist teaches age-appropriate and seasonally-inspired designs like flowers, hummingbirds and butterflies during this hands-on program. Supplies will be provided and space is limited. RSVP and adult chaperone required. Questions about Garden University or upcoming classes? Contact Delen Kitchen at 503-874-2532 or dkitchen@oregongarden.org.

Mother's Day Among the Iris

Sunday, May 8, 2016 • Dawn to dusk

Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Each year we celebrate all mothers with a free cut stem of Iris (available 10:00am to 6:00pm). Treat your mother, and yourself, to a sip of wine Noon to 5:00 p.m. here in the Display Gardens. Wine tasting provided by Methven Family Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon. Enjoy a glass of wine as you stroll through the gardens or with your

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PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town (Continued)

picnic. Parking and gardens are free and open to the public. Wine available for purchase. Browse our unique bloom-season gift shop featuring an interesting mix of home & garden accents. Buy mom a potted Iris from the selection of Bearded and Beardless Iris we have on hand in half-gallon pots. Gardens open dawn to dusk. Picnic tables available. Dogs welcome on leash (please clean up after your puppy). Mt. Angel Sausage Co. food cart is on site with delicious sausage, curly fries, soft drinks and more. St. Edwards coffee cart will also be open 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Basket of Blooms (Kid's Club)

Saturday, May 14, 2016 • 9:30am

Al's Garden Center, Woodburn, Sherwood, Gresham, OR
Special Date and Time! Plant a small hanging basket to take home and enjoy! Experiment with an assortment of trailing annuals to make a beautiful hanging flower display. Learn what it means to be an "annual" flower and how they add beauty to our outdoor spaces. Cost: \$7.50.

Garden Buddies-Wind & Wind Chimes

Saturday, May 14, 2016 • 10:00am

Farmington Gardens, Beaverton, OR

What does wind have to do with gardening? Hint...blow on a dandelion seed head! Jenny will cover some of the science of wind and how it affects growing plants. Our Little Buddies can make-and-take their own wind chimes to hang in the garden. Lessons are geared toward children aged 5-10 but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We encourage our Garden Buddies to dress appropriately for hands-on activities. Free but Registration is Required. www.farmington-gardens.com

Children's Nature Fair - Pollinator Power!

Saturday, May 14, 2016 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

Bring the family to Leach Garden and enjoy learning all about Pacific Northwest pollinators such as bees, butterflies, beetles and more. You'll find Audubon's education birds, interactive booths, arts and craft activities, slug races, a scavenger hunt, nature walks, music, and even 25 cent ice cream cones. Visit partner booths including Audubon Society of Portland, Zenger Farm, Portland Parks & Recreation environmental education program, Friends of Outdoor School, Brookside Farms and Gar-

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dens, and Johnson Creek Watershed Council. Great for kids of all ages. Sponsored by Pacific Northwest Federal Credit Union. For more information, visit www.leachgarden.org or call 503-823-1671. Leach Botanical Garden 6704 SE 122nd Avenue Portland, OR 97236.

Spring Tree Care: Pest/Disease Management & Fruit Thinning

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 • 6:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday May 22, 2016 • 1:00pm-4:00pm

Portland Fruit Tree Project, SE Portland, OR

PFTP's workshops are fun, hands-on opportunities to learn basic methods of organic fruit tree care. Workshops are open to anyone, though pre-registration is required. Cost per workshop: \$15-25. Scholarship & work-trade opportunities are also available. Please visit our website for detailed descriptions of workshops and to sign up!

Airplant Frame

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 • 5:30pm

Al's Garden Center, Sherwood, OR

Wine & Workshop Wednesday. Wednesdays get a bad rap and we would like to do something about it. Join us for our inaugural Wine & Workshop Wednesday, and we will provide wine pairing for you to enjoy as you make your creations. (21 & over only, please). This month we have a wonderful project creating a unique frame for your easy-care airplant out of used wine corks. Price includes an airplant, corks, frame, and wine. Cost: \$35.00.

American Bonsai: The Unbridled Art of Ryan Neil

May 21-June 19, 2016

Portland Japanese Gardens, Portland, OR

This exhibition features the work of American bonsai artist Ryan Neil, on view in the outdoor courtyard of the Portland Japanese Garden, framed by mature firs, with Mount Hood in the distance. Outdoor Courtyard, regular garden hours. Included with garden admission.

Subaru Garden Dayz

Saturday, May 21, 2016 • 11:00am-3:00pm

Capitol Subaru, Salem, OR

Join us for a fun day! Buy plants and flowers, see local nurseries and garden artists, plus giveaways and food (while supplies last). Learn gardening tips from the pros. Meet William McClenathan and Judy Alleruzzo from TV's "Garden Time." Enter for a chance to win a \$100 Gift

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Card from Al's Garden Center or a \$50 Gift Card from Drake's 7 Dees. More information at www.gardentime.tv/gardendayz.htm. Capitol Subaru, 3235 Cherry Ave. NE, Salem, OR. www.capitolsubaru.com.

**Winter Twig ID, Early Spring Plants and May Blooms
Sunday, May 22, 2016 • 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

In this last of a three-part Botany series, you will learn to more easily identify both native and ornamental plants. Learn patterns that will help you group plants into families. First class will start with twig identification and early spring sprouts, then we'll proceed with parts of a flower and leaf characteristics. Each class will include botanic terminology and common plant families and their characteristics as different plants bloom seasonally in the garden. Beginners and those with prior plant recognition skills will benefit from the class. Pre-registration required. \$75. Receive a FREE Leach Garden Friends membership with your registration! To register go to www.leachgarden.org or call 503-823-1671.

Spring Fever Open House

**Saturday-Monday, May 28-30, 2016 • 10:00am-5:00pm
Cascade Nursery Trail, Salem, OR Area**

Three day extravaganza of garden touring, plant sales and special events at our fourth annual open house, perfectly timed for peak garden photo ops! Feel the fever of plant lust and the thrill of finding those alluring beauties as you fill your wagon at each stop...pausing for munchies or libation and some sage gardening advice from your nursery hosts before heading to your next trail destination. Come out for a day in the country, meet the owners and find plants you may not see anywhere else. We will all be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday so you'll have time to get to ALL the CNT Nurseries! Details at www.cascadenurserytrail.com.

Artist Fair

**Saturday-Monday, May 28-30, 2016 • 10:00am-6:00pm
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR**

Artists from around the Willamette Valley shall congregate among the Iris for an art show and sale. View iris-themed works of art, chat with the artists, purchase works of art. Artists are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, most stay through Monday.

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Memorial Day Weekend Events

**Saturday-Monday, May 28-30, 2016 • 10:00am-6:00pm
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR**

Wine tasting provided by Methven Family Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon, 12:00pm-5:00pm. Enjoy a glass of wine as you stroll through the gardens or with your picnic. Wine available for purchase.

Spiritopia Ginger Liqueur Tasting, provided by Spiritopia Premium Artisan Liqueurs of Corvallis, Oregon, 12:00pm-5:00pm. "Beginning with the Philosophy of Balance, I set out to create the world's finest sipping ginger.", Chris the Spirit Chemist.

Monday, Memorial Day, May 30, from 11:30am to 4:00pm, join us for our annual Schreiner's Iris Gardens Memorial Day Chicken BBQ featuring the culinary delights of the Gervais Knights of Columbus. This year visitors will enjoy the sounds of bluegrass from The Fadin' by 9 Band from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This annual event takes place every Memorial Day and is filled with fun for the whole family. Free admission. Fee for lunch. Gardens and music free of charge; BBQ meal for a fee (includes a 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, and beverage). Mt. Angel Sausage Co. will serve sausage and other tasty items on site all weekend.

Hands On Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening Series

**Saturday, May 28, 2016 • 11:00am-12:30pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

Join Portland Nursery's Tiffany Garner in a monthly series held right outside at our own raised vegetable beds. Dress for the weather & learn what to do with your own raised beds, when you should be doing it & the proper techniques so you can work smarter, not harder. From cold frames to compost & seeds to starts you will learn and grow alongside our fabulous vegetable gardener, Tiffany. Series is every fourth Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

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