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## The Gift of Spring!

In the spring, every day seems like a celebration. Every day is a gift. When the warm spring sun comes up it feels like Christmas morning. A walk in the garden is like opening a new bunch of presents. Why do most of us put off this simple joy by only wandering in our gardens once a week or so? I find on days when I can, I can always find something new. A new shoot here, a bloom there. The joy of the garden is amazing and ever changing. As this spring is drawing to a close I feel like it has become rushed this year, and the gift of spring is quickly disappearing. As it was last year the warmer weather has pushed everything into bloom a little sooner, and this year it seems to have gone even faster! We have only had a cool break in the weather in the last week or so to slow things down. Maybe this slowdown in the weather and growth will have us also slowing down to enjoy the gift of our gardens more.

The Garden Time crew is not slowing down. We are just a few days away from getting on the plane and taking off to Ireland. We are looking forward to hanging out with some of our viewers and fans, touring over a dozen gardens while we are there. I'm trying to get a bunch of stories shot and shows put together for shows while we are gone, plus write a few more stories for the magazine before we leave. Wish me luck! If you are not joining us in Ireland, don't worry, we have our next Garden Time tour location planned for Hawaii in February of 2017. If you would like to join us on this 6 day tour that features some of the gardens of Oahu, including some wonderful farm to table dinners, just send a note to us at [GardenTime@comcast.net](mailto:GardenTime@comcast.net) and we will get you more information when it becomes available. It is very affordable and so seats should go fast. I think it would be the perfect gift for yourself and someone you love!

Speaking about Hawaii, in this month's issue William tells us about the pineapple. Did you know that you can grow them in the Pacific Northwest. He will tell you how! Summer is also just around the corner and that means outdoor entertaining. I will give you the low-down on low-watt lighting for your evening parties. Now, you can stretch your enjoyment of your garden well into the evening. One of the best flowers of the summer is the Gazania. This flower, known as the Treasure Flower, is like gold in the garden; bringing a wealth of color and variety for everyone to enjoy. Judy tells us more about this flower and how to make it thrive in your garden.

As these last refreshing days of spring slowly slip away, take a few moments and reward yourself with the gift of your garden. You don't have to do much unwrapping and you can enjoy this gift all summer long.

**Happy Gardening,**

**Jeff Gustin, Publisher**

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# Treasure Eye-Land



**Called the "Treasure Flower" by some, Gazanias are truly an abundance of riches.**

**by Judy Alleruzzo**

With the warmer days of early summer, Gazanias are ready to shine in our gardens. Gazanias are called Treasure Flower in South Africa where they are a native wildflower.

German botanist Joseph Gaertner named this flower for the 15th century Greek

philosopher Theodorus of Gaza. In the Greek language, Gaza means riches.

I read on the South African website, Life is a Garden, [www.lifeisagarden.co.za](http://www.lifeisagarden.co.za), that in the Afrikaans language, "gazania" is referred to as botterblom, meaning butter flower, which

evidently refers to the petals tasting like butter when chewed although this is not widely documented so it's probably not advisable to test the theory."

Daisy-shaped Gazanias can be found with solid and striped petals in bright gold, deep pink, bronze, orange and white.



There are many flower color combinations with some plants sporting silvery-grey foliage. The most unique fact about Gazanias is how they react on sunny days.

On bright summer days, the flowers show off their beauty and are open wide to the sun. At dusk or on cloudy days, the flowers close up! They may even close if planted in too much shade.

But even this unique trait is being looked at by breeders to develop the "ever open" Gazania.

Gazanias are an easy care annual flowering plant that starts to bloom once the summer days heat up. If you spend just a little time removing the spent flowers, your plants will produce continuous blooms, from now to our first frost.

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will show better blooms with regular irrigation.

Gazania flowers are loved by butterflies and are a great addition to a garden bed or patio container in many areas of the Pacific Northwest. For all the coastal gardeners who need flowering plants at your beach house, Gazanias are for you as they are salt spray tolerant.

Gazanias have an interesting back story and wide selection of flower colors to brighten up our summer gardens and containers. They are on my nursery shopping list to fill a new container I just purchased. Yes, I'm getting them for their bold colored blooms, but the coolest part of Gazanias is the fact that the flowers close up at night. This summer, I will get out my flashlight and check on them under the starry sky.





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# Light Up the Night

**What used to be an afterthought when designing a garden has now become a must-have for homeowners.**

**by Jeff Gustin**

Light up the night' is not just a song (believe me, it is), it is the trend in garden entertaining and design. What used to be an afterthought when designing a garden, has now become a 'must-have' for homeowners. Lighting used to be the means of getting your guests into your home and back to their cars without stumbling in the dark. One glaring bulb at the house or at the street to basically prevent a mishap. It then became something special when you saw a house that had some extra bulbs in the landscape highlighting a structural plant or two in the garden during the early evening. This was simple lighting with one or two lights pointing up the trunk of your favorite tree or statue. But today's lighting is so much more. You can create a beautiful garden scene and add security to your home at the same time. For

those who have the money, you can have an evening light show that rivals anything at Disneyland.

Lights in the garden can be approached in the same manner as placing a plant in your landscape, you should look to see where it will fit and work well within your current landscape. 'Right plant, right place' can become 'good light makes the night'. Start from the bottom up. Look at your pathways and patios. Create corridors of safety. Provide well-lit paths for your guests to wander, but not so overpowering that you lose the ambience of the evening. Then move to the waist level area. Are there plants or structures that could use a splash of attention? Lights at this level will give your plants at the edge of your paths a reason to shine at night. Text-

ture and foliage plants will look totally different at the edge of your paths and beds. For those plants and structures that are a little taller, like trees, shrubs and statues, make sure that the light is focused on the object and not the person observing it. No one wants to be 'blinded by the light'. The old way of placing a single bright light at the base of a tree, 'up-lighting', is changing. Now you can place multiple lights that are slightly less intense around the base of a tree and highlight different features.

For the everyday homeowner; I'll try to give you a few ideas for lighting up your garden without breaking the bank.

The benefits to today's homeowner are the decreased costs and options available for bringing lights to your garden. Low voltage and LED (light-emitting



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diode) systems use less energy and last longer than older systems. They are also more flexible in their applications. You can install them quicker and easier than past systems. If you are doing a small area around your garden or patio, check out pre-packaged systems that you can find at some garden centers and big box stores, but if you plan on a larger project or want to be a little more flexible, go to a lighting supply store. Experts at those stores can advise you on the right system. Make sure you bring a drawing of your landscape and measurements so you can get the correct amount of wire. Make notes on the drawing to indicate any outside plugs you have. If you have a camera on your phone, take a few pictures too, to give the salesperson an idea of the location of plants and hardscaping. If you are really concerned about placement and



the amount of materials you'll need you can hire a landscape designer to draw up a plan and a list of materials before you tackle it yourself.

Some of the common mistakes in garden lighting are not getting the right fixtures or voltages for everything you want to do. The first thing you should know before installing is that outdoor lighting doesn't run on your direct power from your house. You'll need a transformer to convert your house power down to a lower, and safer, voltage. As an example, if you buy a 200 watt transformer, the light fixtures you buy will have to add up to LESS

than 200 watts. Some fixtures may be 10 watts, others as high as 50 watts. It is critical that you never exceed the limit of the transformer. Want more lights, you'll need more transformers. An expert can help you figure out what you need.

Another mistake is placement. You want to see the light, not the fixture. You don't want to see where the light is coming from. You can accomplish this by testing out your lights by placing them outside at night without totally installing them. This will give you a sense of placement before you install.

### Installing the transformer



### Digging the trench



### Closing the trench



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The third mistake that homeowners make is not installing the lights correctly. Buying too little wire and not protecting the electrical connections. Make sure you get more than enough wire to reach all your lights. Trying to tightly stretch the wire between your light fixtures will just create problems down the line. Leaving extra wire in your landscape will allow you to move lights in the future as your plants grow. Some people will leave a small coil of wire at each light location to allow for this expansion.

Once you have your lights where you want them and the wire laid out in the landscape, it is time to bury the wire. Most applications recommend that you bury the wire at least 6-8 inches below ground. One way to do this without digging a trench is to use an edger or flat tipped shovel. These tools will let you dig a straight line in your turf or beds. Know where your other utilities are buried or call 811 and have them located for you. Remember, if you cut another utility line you are liable for costs to replace or repair it. Place your spade or shovel in the ground and rock it back and forth to create a mini-trench. When you have the route

dug, then place the wire over the trench and push it in with a flat piece of wood. When the wire is in the trench, just step down on the top of the turf to push it back into place. Before you have your lights secured, make sure all the connections are tight and protected. If bare wires are exposed, some people will use electrical tape to wrap them to keep out moisture. There are 2 places where you should use a conduit, or hard pipe, to protect your wire.

One is where the wire comes out of the transformer and enters the ground. This will keep mice and other rodents from chewing through the wire. The other location is at the edge of your turf and flower beds. If you use an edger, this pipe will protect the wire from getting cut when you are edging.

You now have everything in place and it should be ready to go. You placed your lights in the landscape beforehand and so you should only have to do a little aiming of the beams to make sure they are highlighting the right parts of your landscape. The only other thing you may need is a timer, though most transformers usually come with one built in. Now you can sit outside and enjoy that garden that you have worked so hard to install and maintain! Now, if only you could put those mosquitoes on a timer!

Adding garden lighting is easy and it can add so much to your outdoor enjoyment. You spend so much time making your yard and patio a showcase; why not use lighting so you can enjoy all that hard work all day and all night. Now there's a bright idea!



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# Endearing and Enduring

The Connie Hansen Garden has a special quality that keeps us coming back for more.

by William McClenathan

How does one define a garden?

Seems easy enough, wouldn't you agree?

But the reality is that almost every garden is more than just plants. Or design. Or location.

This month's adventure is a grand, albeit small, display of what makes certain gardens long lasting.

Because those most endearing of gardens have a history.

And in that history, stories are revealed. And the garden, which is already filled with life, becomes an actual living thing. Breathing life each day, as surely as you and I breath in air.

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The Connie Hansen garden in Lincoln City on the coast is one such garden.

We have filmed there twice now. Each time it is stunning. Each time it is new.

Because that is the gift from Nature to us gardeners. Gardens are ever changing, never quite the same. Just like we are.

I took a portion of this history from the website...there is much more on there.

## History of the Garden

Maud Wanker, a local artist and painting teacher, originally developed the property where the Garden is located in the 1950's. The Garden House was her small

home and gallery. Some older plants remain from this time.

Constance Hansen, fondly known as Connie, widowed at the time, bought a portion of this Garden in the early 1970's and immediately began gardening. She had been looking for a sheltered, damp location where she could grow her favorite plant, the iris. This location was unlike her previous garden in Walnut Creek, California, where she had a grand garden destined to be destroyed for a BART Transit station.

Her first plantings were near the house. Connie planted *Styrax japonica* and Japanese maples, as well as *Magnolia 'Alexandria'*. These trees have grown tall now



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and are still to be seen in the Garden. There is a remnant of the original garden on the east side of the house as well, near the garden shed, where you will find a planting of Himalayan maidenhair fern and Cyclamen hederifolium with its silvered leaves and delicate pink and rose flowers.

During the final years of Connie's life, the Garden fell into neglect due to her illness and advancing years. Several months before her death in 1993, Connie sold, and moved from, her residence at the garden. Few gardens outlast their owners, but the neighbors in the community wanted to preserve the Garden, and the The Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy was created. Generous bequests allowed the Gar-



## Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy



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den to be purchased in 1994 from the real estate investor to whom it had been sold, and today it is maintained by a small group of dedicated volunteers."

Ah, what gardens open to the public would exist without those countless and selfless volunteers?



While writing this article, I asked one of the volunteers what was the most important thing to her, she responded by saying, "The efforts made by a few volunteers and donors to maintain this acre of garden as a gift to the public brings out the best that society has to offer. Talk with the visitors walking the garden paths for a glimpse of their wonder and delight".



The old house still stands. It has a meeting room and a charming gift shop. They also have plant sales and events, all listed on their website.



And although they are open from dawn to dusk each day, you may



enjoy this garden for free. A donation box is there for those who wish to say thank you.

You may go to the Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy website for more information.

So the next time you take a trip to the beautiful Oregon coast, steal a few moments to walk through this amazing coastal garden.

And breathe in a bit of the life it shares with everyone who enters it.

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# On the Dole

Get a taste of the tropics in your own home by growing a pineapple as a houseplant.

by William McClenathan

**As far as I know there has been no definitive site given for the original discovery of pineapples in the new world.**

**It is thought they may have originated in the northeastern area of South America, near what is now known today as Guiana. There are several different pineapples besides the grocery store variety. Ones like Ananas nana which is one of the smallest, growing about 18 inches tall and in a 6 inch pot.**

One of the showiest pineapples is *Ananas bracteatus*, tricolor. When mature, it is about 4-5 feet in diameter and about the same height. It flushes a brilliant pink at the base of its white and green striped leaves. It also has pink recurved spines so caution must be exercised when working around the plant.

Our commercial pineapple, *Ananas comosus*, var. Smooth Cayene is the one most people are familiar with, but only in a can as a fruit. As a fresh fruit, these are easy to grow in most household environments. The trick is to get one rooted. Please take note: These plants, although almost spineless, will grow to about 4 ft. wide and 4 ft. in height when in bloom and fruiting. It will also take about three years or more to bring it into bloom and production and will require at least a five-gallon nursery pot. It is a fairly uninteresting, plain green plant, until it sends up its stalk right out of the center. It will then flush red and bloom blue flowers. After that it takes another three months to ripen. Surprisingly enough, it will be just about the size of a can.

To grow a pineapple, select a mature fresh fruit from your local grocery store or market. Follow these steps.

Grab hold of the entire top set of leaves. Twist hard and it will come out with a bit of stalk. (If the top has been cut off you will need to remove all of the



*Ananas comosus variegatus*

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excess fruit flesh. I do not recommend cutting with a knife. Just twist out the top as best you can. Otherwise it will only rot and may kill the whole plant.) Let the leafed stalk dry out for about five days. This will seal off any excess openings for disease and decay. Remove about 15-20 of the lower leaves by pulling them downward. They will come off in a spiral fashion. The idea is to bare some of the stalk. You may notice some roots forming at the base of some of the leaves. These are important so try not to damage them.

At this point, let the stalk dry for another couple of days but it is not absolutely necessary. Lightly dust the small roots with a common commercial rooting compound containing a mild fungicide. The most common reason for failure, at this point, is when the stalk is planted and it rots rather than roots. Anything you can do to prevent this will be of value.

The first potting you could use regular potting mix, but a cactus mix may be better. Place the pot where there is good indirect light and where the pot and potting mix will be warm and stay moist, but not wet. It will take about 6-8 weeks for the stalk to really start sending out strong roots. Do not rush this process. You can leave the plants there for 3 months or longer. And do not fertilize at this point.

When new growth begins to appear, it will be a

lighter green. You will need to repot the plant into a larger container. Move the plant up to a 1 gallon sized nursery pot, thus giving more room for root development. Use a regular potting soil this time as these Bromeliads are terrestrial, meaning they live in the ground. Move the plant into as much direct sunlight as possible. During the summer put the pots outside on an unshaded patio and bring them in for the winter. They need at least 6 hours or more of direct sunlight. It is also important that they never completely dry out. Then again, they must never sit in soggy soil. Leave the plant this way for at least one year. Fertilize only about once a month during the peak of the growing season, if needed.

After one full year of growth put the plant into a five gallon pot using a compost enriched, but well-draining potting mix. It should contain some good soil. This will provide many of the necessary trace elements for healthy growth and fruit production. At this point it is very important to have a nutrient rich mix. It is also equally valuable to make sure the mixture drains well. There is always a risk of root rot in a mixture that does not drain well.

Rot is commonly caused by over watering and the soil not draining properly. If the plant stops growing at this point take the plant out of the pot and examine the root structure carefully. The roots should



**Ananrus bracteatus**

be firm and solid. If necessary wash off the old potting mix and repot into a fresh mix. You may have to do this more than once, so don't feel bad if it happens. Just watch the plant carefully. It should only stop growing during the winter months. It will put out new growth all during the early spring and summer and well into fall. It will also become huge, so allow plenty of room. It can grow to four or more feet in diameter.

This five gallon pot is the last potting, figure one full season in this size of container. The following year it will throw its stalk well above the foliage. It is an amazing site to behold. Almost the entire stalk will take on a red tinge. The bracts under the top will be bright red. The top will swell with many small sections and a light blue flower will emerge from each.

These flowers only last one day but there will be many to enjoy. After all the flowers have opened and closed it will take 3-4 months for the fruit to mature and ripen. Keep the plant well-watered. The fruit will be almost, but not quite, as sweet as a commercially grown pineapple. There will be a few new plants to emerge during this last year. There may be one or two from the lower foliage

along with several at the base of the fruit. Let these grow as large as possible before you remove them to start the process all over again.

To harvest a Pineapple, pick it when it is evenly ripe and golden yellow.

Who says you can't have a taste of the tropics in your own home? Pineapples are easy to grow as houseplants, and you can start one with a pineapple crown from your own favorite grocery store or produce stand.



# She's Got a Secret

**But, luckily, Pat Thompson of Secret Garden Growers is willing to share it with the rest of us.**

**by Therese Gustin**

I met Pat Thompson from Secret Garden Growers years ago when I started organizing our GardenPalooza event. Delighted by her selection of unique perennials, I always looked forward to what treasures she would bring to the event each year. Well now I have the opportunity to delight you with the story behind this month's 'Hortie'.

Pat made her way to Oregon via Chicago and the San Francisco Bay area. She's descended from a long maternal line of Irish farmers and started gardening with her mother at the age of three. She used to pretend that she was a little garden fairy each spring and as she danced around the garden waving her magic wand she was convinced that her fairy powers caused all the flower buds to burst into bloom and to this day she feels just as magical in the garden! She had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with her grandmother in Newport who was also an avid gardener and knew she would eventually move to Oregon.

Pat Thompson at this year's GardenPalooza in Aurora.

Pat initially started her education pursuing an art degree but somehow veered off into a new direction as a teacher. After having her own children she decided she wanted a 'quieter' career and revisited her first love, Horticulture. After attending classes at community college, UC Davis and Cal Poly in Horticulture, Arboriculture and landscape design she became a Master Gardener and worked with the Cooperative Extension Service consulting with farmers, orchardists and landscapers. She also became one of the first female ISA Certified Arborists and at the time was the only woman sitting for the Landscape Contractor exam. In 1983 she started a landscape business called 'No Nonsense Horticultural Services' in the San Francisco Bay area which included design, consultation, tree services, maintenance and installation. She is still involved in the business on a part time basis.

Pat got started in the nursery business as an extension of her landscape work.

"Early in my career, I was frustrated by the lack of plant material available for my jobs and designs. The same boring plant selections seemed to be repeated over and over in unappealing gardens. I started growing my own plants out of sheer desperation so I could create the gardens I imagined for my clients. There is nothing I love more than nurturing a seed or rooting a cutting! I could do it all day every day and feel nourished. Every time I found a new plant I would keep one for mother stock...over the years I have amassed thousands, many of which are being incorporated into the gardens at Secret Garden Growers. Plants are my passion and I am still actively collecting. I believe that "she who dies with the most plants wins" and I am at the very least in the running! One cannot have TOO many plants! I guess that means I am a plant hoarder disguised as a nursery owner."





Secret Garden Growers specializes in perennials but have expanded to include unusual shrubs, specialty vines, trees and ornamental grasses. The majority of plants offered are shade loving.

"We grow 95% of everything we offer from seed. division or cuttings...the other 5% are precious things that we cannot propagate that we felt we must make available to our customers. I love anything unusual that thrives here in the Pacific Northwest."

When asked to describe her favorite plants, like most 'horties' it depends on the day but she admits to lusting for fabulous foliage plants like Melianthus, Tetrapanax, Farfugium, Rhuem, Fatshedera, Aucuba, Aspidistra, Podophyllum and the Liriope/Ophiopogons.

"All those equate to a bold, tropicalissimo kind of look that I find appealing. From a design standpoint, one really MUST consider foliage first...but I love the colors and textures of flowering perennials equally. I guess you could say we cater in diversity. We have a lot of everything but we don't have a lot of anything (many many plants but in small quantities)."

I was curious to know how she came up with the name Secret Garden Growers for her nursery. She shared that The Secret Garden was her favorite book as a child ...and since you can't see the nursery from the road, it describes the location well. Established in 1999, Secret Garden Growers has extensive demonstration gardens where you can see how many





of the plants she has to offer look in a landscape. It also offers inspiration in plant combinations and how you can incorporate plants into existing gardens. Since running a nursery doesn't allow a lot of extra time for maintenance, customers know they don't need a team of full time gardeners to make their plants look as good as Pat's.

Pat declares she's married to a patient and wonderful man, Bill Newton, who has allowed her to realize her dream nursery. She's continued the tradition of gardening with grandchildren as her first grand-



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daughter Macayla (now 12) has been her gardening partner since she was very small. "Most of my customers have met her running thru the nursery with long blond hair streaming behind her as she tends the plants, the chickens and the Indian Runner Ducks who call this place home. We consider our three precious pups family as well...LuLu has been greeting customers for almost 18 years, Smeegle the Beagle for 12 and Gaia (the pup) for 2.

You can find Pat selling to plant geeks, flower floozies, collectors and beginning gardeners (as she puts it) at Secret Garden Growers 3 days a week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10-5 April thru October. Since 2008 they also ship their plants all over the country via their mail order site on their website SecretGardenGrowers.com. They also still offer landscape design services, consultation, installation and specialty maintenance (hand pruning, perennial garden care, diagnostics) as well as Arborist Consulting.

They are charter members of the Cascade Nursery Trail, an affiliation of independent, family owned specialty nurseries here in the North Willamette Valley, so they are open for those special events too. Their next event, Summer Madness will take place July 9th and 10th.

Pat stated, "This is our fourth year for CNT and it has been so much fun for us and our customers! We think that between us we have a HUGE offering of diverse and unusual plant material, not to mention the expertise within this collection of nursery owners! We all specialize in plants that thrive in our Pacific Northwest Gardens. Live local, garden local, shop local...support your local growers. We are even having an event this summer when we are all serving our favorite desserts - sweets, plants...what could be better?"



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# Club Shed

*Outdoor storage is typically an afterthought, but that doesn't mean it has to be an eyesore.*

by David Musial

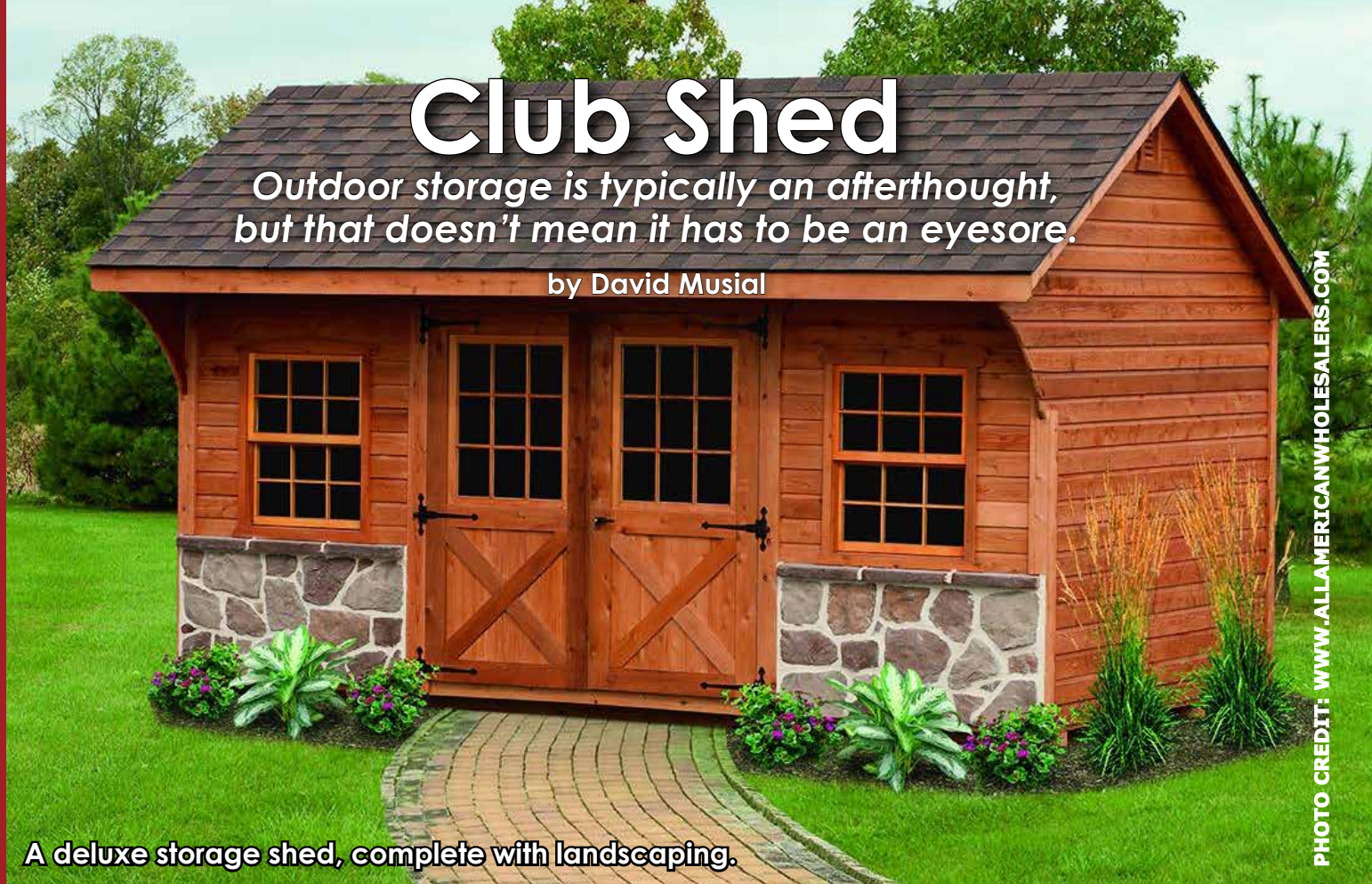


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**A deluxe storage shed, complete with landscaping.**

When designing or buying a home, a lot of consideration is given to storage space. Highlighting the importance of storage, without a closet, a room typically cannot even be considered a bedroom. So why doesn't one of the largest areas of your home, the 'outdoor room', have a storage plan? Probably because everything kept outdoors is supposed to fit in the garage when it needs to be stored. However, have you seen my garage? I don't even have room for a car, let alone the lawn mower.

Outdoor storage is typically an afterthought, but that doesn't mean it has to be an eyesore. With a little thought on your needs and a vision of how it should look, you can have both a functional and attractive solution to your outdoor storage needs.

To get started, let's take a look at the types of items requiring outdoor storage. First off is the yard maintenance equipment. Lawn mower, rakes, shovels,

hand tools, gas cans and more. Since these items can rust, they require storage out of the weather.

Next would be the outdoor furniture. Some furniture, such as chairs and tables, will be left out during the summer and stored

in winter. While furniture accessories such as furniture pads and pillows will need to be protected during the summer rain.

Outdoor cooking equipment will last significantly longer if given proper storage from the elements. With protection from the



**Keeping the shed floor off the ground is key in increasing the life of the shed**

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elements, I've owned a barbecue for over twenty years that most think is just a few years old. Another type of outdoor property requiring storage is athletic and sporting equipment. From bats and balls to bicycles, this equipment requires storage.

Finally, there are things that you might prefer not be seen. Such as your trashcans and firewood, children's toys or the new motorcycle you promised not to buy!

This highlights the importance of storage to protect your property from the elements, not to mention theft. Now we turn to options for outdoor storage.

There are basically three types of outdoor storage; storage sheds, boxes and specialized storage.

Sheds are the backbone of outdoor storage. They come in many shapes and sizes. Some are the

size of a small closet and will hold things such as rakes, shovels and hoses, to large units that could almost double as a garage. Storage sheds are also designed to fit unique spaces. A corner shed is a good example. The size of your shed will be dictated by your space, needs and budget.

Next are the storage boxes. Consider them horizontal sheds. Built like a small trunk, they are ideal to hold things such as kid's toys and hand tools. They take up significantly less vertical room, but also store significantly less.

Last are the specialized storage units. One of the most popular would be the potting shed.

Not only do they hold your gardening tools, they are every gardener's dream. Storage benches are also becoming popular. Like a storage box, but designed to also be functional. They can hold your outdoor cushions in bad weather and be used for seating when entertaining. If you have a need for a trashcan or firewood storage, there are lots of plans available for the Do-It-Yourselfer to create this specialized storage.

Once the type of storage needed has been determined, you will be faced with a choice of materials. The primary material choices are wood, plastic or vinyl, and metal.

Wood is the most aesthetically pleasing material and typically the most expensive. Additionally, it will require periodic upkeep of either painting or staining.

Some storage sheds are made of plastic while others



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**A nice solution to hide the unsightly trashcans.**

ers have vinyl siding. In either case, the material is durable and only requires the periodic hosing or pressure washing. Although not as attractive as wood, newer materials are mimicking wood and if your home has vinyl siding, it's a match.

Metal is the last option and should be your last choice. It is susceptible to rust, easily dented and just plain unattractive. If however, metal is your material of choice, select rust-free aluminum.

You have determined the type of shed and the choice of construction material. Next comes the installation. While many companies are happy to install your shed, for most, this is a DIY project unless the unit is large.

When installing your shed, be sure you have good drainage and build an appropriate foundation. Drainage is especially important for wood and metal sheds, as wood rots and metal rusts. If the drainage in the selected site is not good, you have three options, build a concrete foundation, build up with concrete piers or select another location.

Concrete foundations are the best choice and can hold the most weight, but a wood platform foundation is also a good choice. Whatever you choose, be sure the foundation is level or you may find that doors do not open properly.

Lastly, before beginning installation, be sure to read the installation directions and be sure that all parts have been included.

Here are a few tips to consider for your outdoor storage:

- Check zoning before making any purchases. You may need a building permit.
- To maximize storage space in sheds, install shelves and cabinets if possible.
- To make your storage unit stand out less, consider adding landscaping around



**Plastic sheds have a long life and are an alternative to the more expensive wood sheds.**

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**Adding shelving to your storage unit will maximize space utilization.**

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**It's a bench, it's a storage box, no, it's a storage bench.**

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the structure.

- Consider a storage shed that will match the style or design of your home. This can be done through matching color, siding or roofing.
- If wiring for electricity is an option, do it. Having an outlet and overhead lighting in a shed will make it much more useful.

By the way, back to my garage and no room for even a car. I'm looking into installing a large

shed and will be addressing garage organization in a future article.



Good protection and easy access to sporting equipment.

A narrow wall shed is the perfect size for storing outdoor hand tools.

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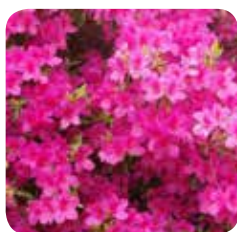
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**June is a great time to work on landscaping. The weather is drier and we start to spend more of our time outside. This year, get a head start on those summer parties and barbecues and get your landscaping done early. Then, you can spend the warm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

## PLANNING



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

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

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

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



## PLANTING

• This is a good time to work on the landscape. The weather is usually a bit drier and it feels so good to be outside. Cut down on the lawn and make a bigger patio

or vegetable garden. Create some raised beds to grow the crops in.



- Perennials do so well in our climate.

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

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

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

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

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



## TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

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

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

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

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

# What To Do In The Garden

## JUNE

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



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

shades the soil against water lost through evaporation.

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

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

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

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

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



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

## VEGETABLE GARDEN

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town

### **Berries, Brews, & BBQ's**

**Saturdays, June 4, 11 & 18, 2016 • 9:00am-6:00pm**

**Sundays, June 5, 12 & 19, 10:00am-5:00pm**

**French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR**

Now 3 weekends! We will continue to donate a portion of our proceeds to benefit Em's Fight Foundation! Join us for our 5th Annual Berries, Brews, & BBQ's Festival for Oregon Craft Brews & Barbeque! Oregon Craft Brewers will showcase their best brews! And there will be lots of BBQ to choose from! Join us for our the two things that Dad loves, BBQ & Brew! Enjoy our Fun Family Friendly Festival! Free Admission & Free Parking! Activities Include: U-Pick Strawberries, Tractor Wagon Rides, Tube Slide/Tire Pile, Hand-Pump Duck Races, Animal Barns & Farm Animals, Pig Barrel Train Rides, Brew Tasting in our Covered Event Area, Live Music. \*Some Ticketed Charges Apply for Activities. Website: [www.fpgardens.com](http://www.fpgardens.com).

### **Create an Herb Sensory Garden**

**Saturday, June 4, 2016 • 11:00am**

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

We will help your child learn about their five senses by creating a sensory garden, rich with different colors, textures, scents and tastes. In celebration of Perennials Gardening Month, June is the perfect time to learn more about herbs and explore their many uses and benefits. Each child will plant and take home an herb garden to enjoy. Cost: \$7.50

### **What to Do in the June Vegetable Garden**

**Saturday, June 4, 2016 • 11:00am-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. Your backyard farmers will cover seasonal topics to help you improve your vegetable gardening skills and draw from their education and collective years of hands-on experience.

### **Gardening for Pollinators**

**Saturday, June 4, 2016 • 1:00pm**

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

With Madelyn Morris of Mickelberry Gardens. Learn how you can support a wide diversity of beneficial pollinating insects in your garden. We will cover plants, providing nesting sites, maintenance considerations, and other strategies for pollinator conservation through multiple seasons.

### **Gardening with Water Loving Plants**

**Sunday, June 5, 2016 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**

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

With Renee Stoops, Portland Nursery. Looking to improve your garden pond? Adding water loving plants is the per-

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fect solution. Join our very own Renee Stoops for a lesson on what works in our climate and how to maintain your pond plants throughout the year.

### **Smart Succession for Winter Veggies**

**Sunday, June 5, 2016 • 1:00pm**

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

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

### **A Vintage Flea**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Sunday, June 12, 2016 • 10:00am-3:00pm**

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

Vendors will be showing up with truckloads of treasures for you to take home. Everything antique to vintage to 'junk'! 12814 Arndt Rd NE, Aurora, OR 97002. Phone: 503.267.5491. E-mail: [avintageflea@outlook.com](mailto:avintageflea@outlook.com).

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**Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 11:00am**

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

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### **Growing Vegetables in Raised Garden Beds**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 1:00pm**

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

With Ian Wilson of Portland Edible Gardens. Raised garden beds are a wonderful way to grow a ton of food in a small urban space! They also have many advantages over traditional in-ground garden beds. Come learn about the practice of growing veggies in raised beds! This class will cover benefits and drawbacks, what vegetables grows best in raised beds, seasonal cycle of planting and caring for raised vegetable gardens, and more!

### **Canning 101**

**Saturday, June 11, 2016 • 1:00pm-2:30p**

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

With Erin O'Neill and Joo Ree. Intimidated by the thought of canning? Fear not! Learn how to can like a pro and enjoy your summer harvest all winter. This demonstration class will teach you all the tricks and secrets your grandma never

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taught you.

### **Cultivating Our Garden**

**Sunday, June 12, 2016 • 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Marc Scheidecker. Cultivating Our Garden: After we "put in our garden" what should we be doing to get a great tasting harvest? Marc Scheidecker has observed hundreds of gardeners and their approach to growing vegetables. Come to the class and learn how we (including me) might improve our skills of cultivation.

### **Plant Sale**

**Sunday, June 12, 2016 • 12:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Historical Brown House, Stayton, OR**

Four Cascade Nursery Trail Nurseries will be at the Brown House from 12-5 with an excellent selection of really cool plants for sale! A portion of the proceeds will go toward restoration of this beautiful 1903 residence. Please help support this local historical gem! The house will be open for touring during the plant sale. Garden Thyme, Hydrangeas Plus, Out in the Garden and Nowlens Bridge Perennials are the participating nurseries. The Brown House is located at 1st & High Street in Stayton. Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/brownhouseorg/>.

### **Woodland Window Box Creation**

**Sunday, June 12, 2016 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Katie Gwynn of Portland Nursery. Design and plant a window box full of shade loving woodland perennials that can decorate a porch, a deck, or any shady spot around your yard. Ferns, shade grasses, moss, and flowering perennials will be the foundation of these planters. Cost of the class includes soil, planter boxes, and plants. Bring extras such as twigs, stones, or whatever inspires you! Gloves and your favorite planting tools are recommended. \$30 fee.

### **12th Annual Oregon Garden Brewfest**

**Friday-Sunday, June 17-19, 2016**  
**The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR**

Presented by Venti's Cafe. You can explore the 80-acre botanical garden with your beer.

At Brewfest, you'll enjoy: 60 breweries, pouring 120 beers, ciders and meads from throughout Oregon and across the country, great regional bands, Amazing food from local vendors, 80-acre botanical garden, Kid's activities on Sunday. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter (#ogbf) for the latest updates.

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And make plans to attend the Brewer's Tasting Dinner on Brewfest-eve, June 16, 2016 at 7pm.

Brewfest Hours: Friday, June 17: 3pm to 11pm (ages 21+ only); Saturday, June 18: noon to 11pm (minors welcome until 5pm, after 5pm ages 21+ only); Sunday, June 19- Father's Day: noon to 6pm (minors welcome all day) – Family Day with Kid's Crafts.

Anyone ages 20 or younger, including infants, are prohibited from attending Brewfest on Friday and Saturday after 5pm. All ages are welcome Saturday noon to 5pm and all day Sunday.

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### **Bonsai Event**

**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 10:00am-3:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

Portland Nursery and the Bonsai Society of Portland (BSOP) want to Rock Your Bonsai with a showing of Your Best Bonsai! Any customer can exhibit! Just for entering, you'll get a 10% off coupon (one per customer).

All entries are judged by the public and the staff. Awards for 3 staff voted winners and 3 customer voted winners include:

- Two - First Place Winners each receive \$100 Gift card
- Two - Second Place Winners each receive \$50 Gift card
- Two - Third Place Winners each receive \$25 Gift card
- All Entrants receive a 10% off coupon (one per customer) good at any Portland Nursery.
- All Entrants also are entered into a lottery for a \$50 Gift card.

See the Bonsai Event Page for images from previous years and for all event details. Deliver your tree to Portland Nursery at 9000 SE Division between 8:00-9:00am on the day of the show.

### **12th Annual Association of Northwest Landscape Designers' Garden Tour**

**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 10:00am-4:00pm**  
**East Portland, OR**

Seven private gardens on Portland's east side. All designed by members of ANLD. Take inspiration from our gardens to yours! Tickets are \$25 each. To purchase, click the "Buy Now" button on the right side bar of this page. Tickets will be mailed to you within one week of purchase. Join our email list to get the latest information! [www.anld.com](http://www.anld.com)

### **Garden to Table: Gluten Free Summer Potlucks**

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# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town (Continued)

**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 10:30am**  
**Farmington Gardens, Beaverton, OR**

Call 503-649-4568 or email [events@farmingtongardens.com](mailto:events@farmingtongardens.com) to register for one or all of our free classes this month. [www.farmingtongardens.com](http://www.farmingtongardens.com)

**Create an Herb Sensory Garden**  
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**Al's Garden Center, Gresham, OR**

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**Why Feed Your Plants Anyway?**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 11:00am**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Claudia Groth of Portland Nursery. Wild plants survive without our fertilizing help, so why are garden plants different? How do you know what fertilizers are right for what plants, and what can happen if you use too much? Are "all purpose" really good for everything? What's the difference between organic and conventional fertilizer? Claudia is a great teacher and can answer these and more questions about fertilizing your plants.

**Permaculture 101**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Marc Scheidecker. Cultivating the Principles of Permaculture in Your Garden: In our urban environment we are limited as to applying some of the principles of Permaculture. But, as Mohandas Gandhi once famously said: "What we can do, we shall try to do." Come to the class and learn about what Permaculture is and how we can apply some of it in our garden.

**Intro to Clematis**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Suzy Hancock of Portland Nursery. For years Suzy has had a passion for growing clematis, and how can you not? From subtle little bells to huge showy flowers, come learn about some good beginner varieties as well as the newest introductions available from our very own clematis buyer.

**Jam Making 101 Demo**  
**Saturday, June 18, 2016 • 1:00pm-2:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

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With Erin O'Neill and Joo Ree. Make your summer fruit last all winter when you learn how to can all your yummy fruits and berries. This is a basic class for beginners that will include a live demo! There is a \$5 fee for this class and each student will go home with a jar of fresh jam.

**Portland Iris Society Show**  
**Sunday, June 19, 2016 • 10:00am-4:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

Judging will be from 10:00am-Noon; public is invited to attend 10:00-4:00pm. For more information, contact Chad Harris, phone: 360-835-1016.

**Vegetable Gardening with Children**  
**Sunday, June 19, 2016 • 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Marc Scheidecker. Teaching your children how to grow their own food is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give to their child or, their grandchild. Marc Scheidecker, a full-time gardener, has had a children's garden in the Community Garden he manages for the last 6-7 years. Come to the class and listen to some observations and experiences.

**Making a Fragrant Window Box**  
**Sunday, June 19, 2016 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Laurel Hoyt of Portland Nursery. If your only outdoor gardening space is a windowsill, you have to make the most of it! Catch a perfumed crossbreeze in the evening, or greet a hummingbird in the morning right outside your window. We'll talk about how to make sure the windowbox stays on its perch, and what plants can deal with lots of reflected heat or the shady north side of a building. Measure your window space and the depth (and material) of your sill so we can talk about what your options are for fastening. Materials fee of \$15 covers an 18" box and potting soil; we'll have a selection of our favorite fragrant plants for you to choose from (plant material is additional. Expect an additional \$12 to \$20). Class limit 10.

**Willow Furniture Workshop**  
**Saturday, June 25, 2016 • 10:00am-4:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Brian 'The Twig man' Phillips from the Willow Station. Brian will take you through a step-by-step process allowing your creative juices to flow into a work that is unique to you! Choose to build your own rustic garden bench, chair, table, fern stand or trellis. All materials supplied. Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hammer, sack lunch, and knee pads. Class partners can share fee and build one piece between them. Select your item to build when regis-

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tering. \$125 material fee / item.

### **Tree Care Workshop Series**

**Saturday, June 25, 2016 • 10:00am-1:00pm**  
**NE Portland, OR**

Portland Fruit Tree Project's 2016 Tree Care Workshop Series is Here!

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!

### **Hands On Raised Bed Gardening**

**Saturday, June 25, 2016 • 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Tiffany Garner, Portland Nursery every fourth Saturday of the month at 11am. Join Tiffany 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.

### **Top 5 Pests of the Summer Garden**

**Saturday, June 25, 2016 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Claudia Groth of Portland Nursery. Everything's going so well in the garden...until you start noticing the holes in the leaves, or the masses of aphids on the new growth, then you can't see anything else! Claudia will talk about some of the top offenders in the summer garden, and how best to deal with them.

### **Eat Your Medicine**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016 • 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Missy Rohs, Arctos School of Herbal & Botanical Studies. Learn about ways to incorporate medicinal herbs into your everyday cooking with Missy Rohs of the Arctos School of Herbal & Botanical Studies. Flowers, roots, berries, and leaves can all be turned into tasty dishes to improve health and wellbeing. We'll talk about snacks to mellow out, soups to boost immunity, and jellies for heart health.

### **Samaritan House Secret Garden Tour**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016 • 12:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Otter Rock, OR**

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The thirteenth annual Secret Garden Tour sponsored by the Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter in Newport is set for Sunday, June 26, from 12-5 pm. Tickets are only \$25 and include visits to the gardens, plus light snacks and wine, as well as musical entertainment. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water. Shuttles will be provided to access some of the gardens.

This year the gardens are in the unique coastal community of Otter Rock, just north of Newport. The gardens have many special features, including ocean views, natural grasses, garden art, rock walls, and a piece of a McCullough bridge. The garden tour provides an opportunity to see lovely gardens that are normally only enjoyed by the owners and their families and friends. It is a wonderful way to see the many flowers, grasses, and plants that can be grown at the coast, as well as how to use the natural beauty of the area to enhance your own garden and yard. The money raised from this event benefits the Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter, the only family shelter on the coast between Coos Bay and Tillamook. Its mission is to shelter, educate, and guide homeless families with children towards independent living. Beginning May 8, tickets will be available at JC Thriftway Market in Newport, Toledo Feed and Seed, Bear Valley Nursery and Landscaping in Lincoln City, and at the Samaritan House office – 715 NW Bay St in Newport. Tickets are also available on-line at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). More information is available at [www.samfamshelter.org](http://www.samfamshelter.org) or by calling 541-574- 8898.

### **Mosaic Garden Art**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016 • 1:00pm**  
**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Mark Brody. Mosaics make a colorful year-round addition to any garden when they are made with the proper, durable materials. There are different techniques to make a 2D and a 3D mosaic, and you need to know a thing or two when deciding between ceramic and glass for your tiles. Mark has recently published a how-to book with Timber Press featuring 25 different mosaic projects for any garden, so come to get your questions answered regarding the garden project you have always wanted to make.

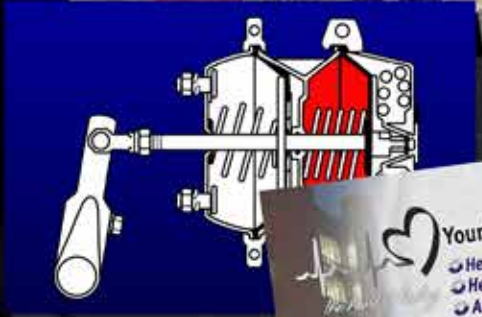
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