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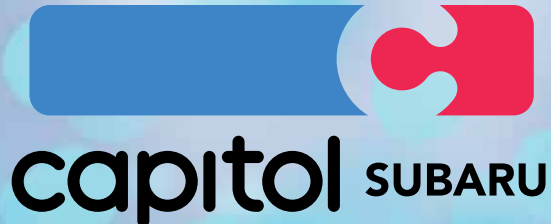
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The More Things Change, The More they Stay the Same

The beginning of the New Year is usually a time to reflect on the past and prepare for the future. I won't even go into the whole 'resolutions' thing, because we don't usually do that anymore in our house, but it is a time for change. For the Garden Time crew we are all about change. Even when we are not taping the show we are in contact talking about the magazine and getting stories written. We also share articles and discuss story ideas for the coming season. I have the wonderful honor of finalizing our agreements with the TV stations which carry our program (KPDX, KWVT, KEVU) and I get to reconnect with our sponsors who help make the show possible. Most of these sponsors have been with us from the very beginning of our run, over a decade. They are the constant that keeps Garden Time on the air. So even though the show changes from year to year, we do have many things that remain the same.

Most of us will be celebrating the New Year on the 1st of January, but for this month's adventure Judy will be introducing us to the Chinese New Year at Lan Su Chinese Garden. Chinese New Year kicks off on the 28th of January, just in time for the second round of resolutions, and wraps up two weeks later. This year is the year of the rooster. Judy will fill us in on what that means and how you can join in the celebrations. Judy will also fill us in on 12 garden tips you won't find in a book. These are great garden 'nuggets' that we have learned over the last 11 years of doing the TV show and could change the way you garden in the winter. Finally, since it is winter and the cold weather is here again, David tells us about weather stripping and how to 'beat the draft' around your home.

This month we also introduce a new contributing writer and his monthly column. Mortimer is the Garden Time mascot. He is the smiling flower that greets you on our website and at the beginning of our TV show. Each month he will answer your gardening questions and put to rest some of the myths that surround gardening in the Northwest. Feel free to send your questions to askmortimer@gardentime.tv. He will try to answer all your questions, so keep a look-out each month for his column.

See? Things just keep on changing, but the great gardening information stays the same!

Happy Gardening and Happy New Year!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



Ask Mortimer

Editors' note: With this issue of Garden Time Magazine, we begin a regular feature called "Ask Mortimer." Mortimer is the "spokesflower" that appears in the credits and bumpers of the Garden Time TV show and is our defacto mascot.

As a venue for praise and constructive criticism, we would like this column to be an avenue for you to make comments about our magazine and to ask questions about the articles you read or gardening in general. It's your opportunity to help us make this publication better for all our readers.

A final note: Although Mortimer's name appears on this column, rest assured that, prior to publication, his answers are screened by our staff of gardening experts for accuracy and to make sure that Mortimer observes acceptable plant etiquette. After all, like all flowers, he performs best when there's a little manure nearby.

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Hey Mortimer!

I'm doing some winter pruning and I was going to use a sealer to paint the cuts to prevent insects and disease from entering the cut. Is that something I should do?

Signed,
Erin the Arborist

Erin,

You can pass on the sealer. Trees are perfectly capable of healing themselves. Nearly all arborists pass on using this sealer on tree wounds (yes, that's what they are called) and so should you. Some studies, including one by the University of Arizona, found that some sealers may actually prevent a tree's natural healing response. They could actually retain moisture in the wound and lead to fungal growth and decay.

We have found a great use for this type of sealer though! We use it to coat the inside of our wooden planters. This will create a barrier to moisture entering the wood and extend the life of your wooden planters.

So there you have it, using sealer could be the unkindest cut of all!

Mortimer

Mortimer answers selected questions and comments every month in Garden Time Magazine. To send him your question, email
AskMortimer@GardenTime.tv



Mortimer,

I'm stressed that my plants might be stressed by all this cold weather and snow. What can I do?

Stressed Out Stan

Dear Stan,

Yes, the cold can be stressful to you and your plants. Unfortunately, if you are worried about your plants during the freeze, then it may be too late. For those **REALLY** tender perennials, or those that are not well established in the ground, just being on the edge of cold may be too much for them. Your winter preparation for these plants should have come in the fall, because your tender perennials needed to be protected or moved out of the cold winds before those winds arrive. Covering your plants with a frost cloth can protect them, even delaying your pruning can help your plants as the dead leaves and branches may provide a tiny bit more protection. Some people even use bubble wrap or burlap for plant protection. We recommend that you don't use bubble wrap. It can retain moisture and create disease problems. These protective covers are mainly designed to block the cold winds, and help prevent the winds from drying out your plants. Sometimes the snow itself can be a great blanket of protection for your plants from these winds.

Even your established plantings could get hit hard if you don't help them out. You will want to make sure that your plants are well watered if they are in a protected area like under the eaves of your home or under large conifers. The winter winds will dry them out quickly and they may need to be watered once a week or more.

Stan, you can ease your own stress by knowing that you can't always control the weather or your plants response to it. Just enjoy the season.

Mortimer

There's Snow Reason You Can't Watch in the Winter!

HOSTS: WILLIAM MCCLLENATHAN & JUDY ALLERUZZO

Sure, the Garden Time show is on its winter hiatus. But all the stories from our previous 11 seasons are available in our archives. Go to our website and click "Streaming Video."

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The Rooster 2017 Crows at Midnight

**Ring in the New Year with the
celebrations at Lan Su Chinese Garden**
...or you'll still be writing 4714 on your checks.

by Judy Alleruzzo

This month's adventure is the Chinese New Year's celebration at Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland. The events begin on New Year's Day, January 28th and extend for two more weeks. But before you read about all the events at the garden, you need to be informed about the background of the holiday.

The Chinese New Year date is based on the phases of the moon of the lunar calendar. The highlighted Chinese zodiac animal this year is the rooster and the actual year on the Chinese calendar is 4715. It will be an auspicious year for people born in the years of 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993 and 2005 which were also years of the rooster.

The characteristics of people born in rooster years are those of confidence, being "observant, hardworking and courageous." These people can also become cocky, bossy and blunt. Famous

roosters are Eric Clapton, Brittany Spears, Roger Federer, Groucho Marx, Beyonce' and Eleanor Roosevelt. The Chinese zodiac also predicts love matches, so all you roosters need to look for partners born under the Chinese sign of the Ox or Snake. It will be a match made in Chinese zodiac heaven.

The traditions don't stop at your zodiac sign birth year, but continues to the symbolic plants and fruit to decorate your home or give as gifts.

- Red flowers - Any kind of flowers in the good luck color of red are welcome during the New Year celebrations.

- Jade plants are the symbol of prosperity and money. For perfect feng shui, place jade plants by your front door to welcome money into your home. There is an old Chinese saying that goes, "Jade by the door, poor no more!"

- Lucky Bamboo given as a gift at the New Year brings good fortune to the gift giver and recipient.

- Tangerines and oranges are must have treats to offer to New Year's guests or to bring as a gift. These winter fruits are significant to the celebrations as the Chinese word for luck sounds like the word for tangerine. The word for orange sounds like the word for wealth. Having these fruits in your home illustrate the message of good luck and wealth in the New Year.

Now for the festivities at Lan Su Chinese Garden. All the events begin on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 28th. A fun way to start the festivities is with "Rolling in the Wealth," a traditional good fortune and prosperity activity of rolling oranges and gold coins through Lan Su's front door." Plan your visit early on January 28th as the first 100 Garden guests will be able to participate in 'Rolling



Lantern viewing

in the Wealth'. Also for the early arriving Garden visitors, there will be a special gift of a hong bao, a traditional red envelope signifying good luck.

The New Year's celebration time table is just a bit different in the Chinese culture than in western New Year's partying. Yes, there is the preparation of home and buying of gifts for New Year's Day but in Chinese culture, the parties are just starting on January 28th. The next two weeks are filled with activities and events at Lan Su and in the Chinese community. Friends and family schedule many get-togethers during this time frame.

At the Garden, the week day events "offer a sneak peek at Lan Su's 2017 events and activities, including Cuisines of China, Lan Su in Bloom, Chinese Fun and Games, and more."

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- "Lion" Dancing
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Chinese New Year

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Lan Su Gardens, Portland, OR

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- Family Friendly Craft Activities
- Chinese Calligraphy Demonstrations
- Chinese Folk Art
- Martial Arts Demonstrations
- The Chinese Wishing Tree

Check the Lan Su website for exact times of all activities.

Chinese New Year Lantern Viewing is the highlight of the Chinese New Year's events and is slated on the last days of the celebration, February 7th - 12th.

A red lantern is not only a symbol of good luck and prosperity but people hang them as a means of 'lighting the way' for the family's Kitchen God on an important annual mission to see the Jade Emperor. Legend says that people want the Kitchen God to give a good report of the family to the Jade Emperor so that they have a good harvest and make more money in the forthcoming year. Red lanterns also help the Kitchen God find the door of their house on the way back.

At Lan Su, this event showcases illuminated red lanterns hung from every roof eave in the garden. The garden glows from the lantern lights, making it look like a magical garden in a Chinese fairy tale. A 20 foot long dragon lantern sculpture adds more magic to the scene as it floats on Lake Zither. A traditional dragon procession rounds out the evening of bringing in the New Year. This event is a separate fee so reserve your tickets ASAP as it sells out quickly.

Plan a visit to Lan Su to experience Chinese New Year's traditions. Opening Day and weekends are very crowded, so be patient with all the people enjoying the festivities. I think the more happy people celebrating Chinese New Year's the better, plus I bet it's GOOD LUCK!



Dragon dance



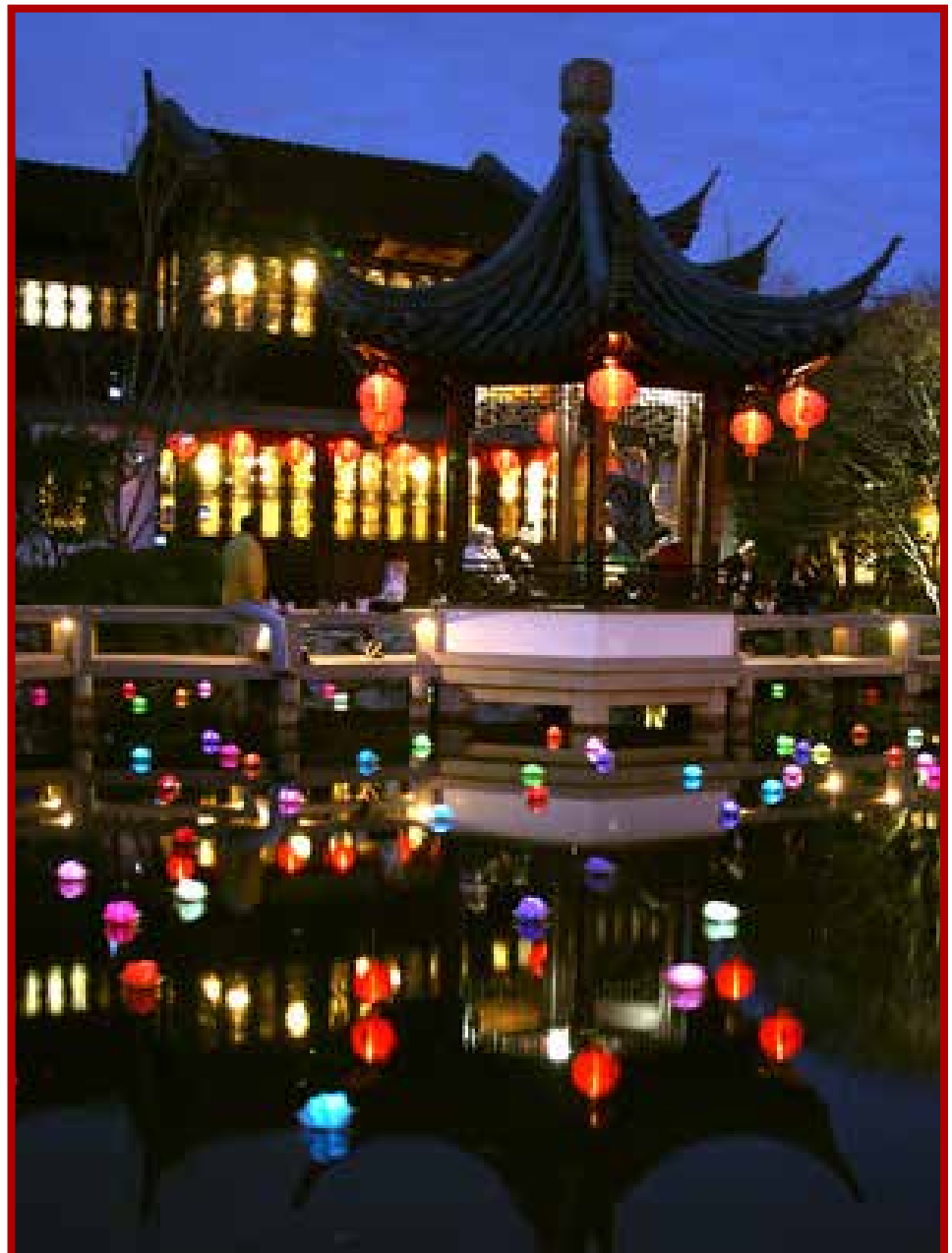
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Lion dance

12 Gardening Tips You Won't Find in a Book

Sometimes the conventional wisdom is so common we forget to write it down.

by Judy Alleruzzo

Should tulip bulbs be planted nose up?...

If you are an experienced or new gardener, you have read a few books, blogs or on-line articles about some aspect of gardening. The *Garden Time* Gang goes 'round and 'round about plants and gardening practices when we are driving to film the show. We are 'Garden Geeks', we talk about gardening, what can I say? One such conversation prompted this article, gardening tips not in books. We haven't specifically seen these topics in print but have figured them out by gardening for a long time.

Since this is a seasonal topic, I'll begin with this tip:

IN WINTER, WATER CONTAINERS PROTECTED FROM THE RAIN

This may seem a weird task during the rainiest months in the Pacific Northwest.

It is really something to watch for during the late winter and early spring. Containers may be pushed against your home under the eaves or just in a rain shadow on the front porch.

Just take the time to check the containers to make sure they receive the correct amount of water for the plants. Your family or neighbors may think you're "that crazy gardener", but your container will fare the winter better with this care.

WATER THE GARDEN IN WINTER IF THERE'S NO RAIN

If watering containers in the winter is a strange tip, watering the garden may be even stranger. But, many winters, the Pacific Northwest temperatures go below freezing for a few days plus the winds get stronger and there is no rain.

This "perfect storm" spells trouble for many plants in our gardens.

All plants, but especially new transplants, tender varieties and stressed plants need additional water to get them through these kinds of conditions. Fully hydrated plants survive cold, windy, dry weather much better than plants struggling to absorb minimal water in the soil. You don't have to drag out the hose from the ga-

rage or fire up the sprinklers, but grab a bucket or watering can and water your most favorite or newly planted variety.

MULCH VS. COMPOST

I don't think these soil additives are emphasized enough in books.

Most garden soil just doesn't have good enough texture and drainage especially needed in our wet winters. Paying attention to adding mulch and compost gives huge advantages and success to your garden. Several years ago, I had an "Aha Moment" about mulch and compost. I think I was absent the day this was discussed in school. In the most simplistic definition, the material is the same, but where you put it is the difference. Mulch is the material used as a top dressing or protective plant covering and compost is added to the planting hole when installing a new variety.

As an addendum to the above tip, the use of "Bark Dust" is another little talked about garden topic. It might be a pretty mulch, but bark

dust doesn't add long term benefits to garden soil.

Compost will breakdown over the seasons and works its way into the soil. This breakdown adds nutrients for the plants and increases drainage.

PRUNING ROSES STRAIGHT ACROSS VS. TRIMMING AT 5 LEAF CLUSTERS

We all love beautiful fragrant rose flowers but we don't have a lot of time to dote on the plants.

Many of us have learned, a long time ago, to prune the spent rose flower stem down to the node by a 5 leaf cluster. That kind of pruning takes a lot of time. Why not wait until most flower buds have shown their beauty and then just cut back the whole plant straight across and not worrying about 5 leaf clusters. The rose plant will still produce pretty flowers and you will have saved much time on this chore. I think you should still take the time early in spring to prune rose plants choosing the strong, outward facing stems. This early pruning sets the stage for successful flowering rose plants.

PLANTING TULIPS AND ALL BULBS EVERY WHICH WAY VS. "NOSE UP"

The myth of planting flowering bulbs with the "Nose Up" or flowering side up and root side down was never so washed out of my mind as when I witnessed tulip bulbs being planted en masse at Wooden Shoe Bulb Farm. All of us filming the segment were in awe of the commercial planting technique. The tractor lays down a very long mesh tube filled with tulip bulbs in an open trench.

The bulbs were not stood on end but were helter skelter in the field trench.

The next spring the tulip stems were all straight as an arrow with all flowers facing the right way!

Moral of this story, the plants from



Which is better.... mulch or compost?



What is the difference between mulch and bark dust?



...or can you plant bulbs any which way?

bulbs know which way to grow to produce glorious flowers.

Take the stress off yourself and confidently plant bulbs knowing the flowers will bloom, regardless of how they're planted.

PLANT 'NON-HARDY' PLANTS AND THEN COMPOST THEM

This idea may sound very anti-gardening but planting non-hardy varieties and experimenting with all different kinds of plants, stretches your garden knowledge and experience. Not all plants live through the winter or even through the summer. Many years ago, someone told me if you're not killing plants you're not stretching your boundaries. So next time, you see a non-hardy plant variety that catches your eye, take a chance and plant it. You'll enjoy that plant until first frost and then put it in the compost pile. You'll have watched the beauty of the plant or flower and then let it go....

WATER LARGE TREES IF IT'S

HOT AND DRY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME

The last two summers have had extended bouts of 90-degree-plus temperatures with no rain.

Old growth trees have been stressed with huge limbs just giving out from lack of moisture.

These usually drought tolerant trees are just tapped out during these very hot days.

On usual summers, we make sure we water our gardens as responsibly as possible. We water early in the day, use soaker hoses, drip systems and group plants together with like water needs.

The plants we forget about are the huge, old established trees. Even though the Douglas Firs, Big Leaf Maples, Oregon White Oaks and assorted shade trees have been on our properties forever, they are NOT used to the extremely high summer temps. If drip lines of these trees are on your property,

set out a hose on a slow seep to give water to these elder statesmen trees.

It will really help them survive until the summer temperatures return to normal.

RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

We have all seen this phrase in every garden book and blog.

I think it usually refers to siting a plant in a sunny or shady garden.

But this phrase is really pertinent when looking at long term heights and widths of the plant variety. As William says, "Always look at the LONG term size of plants. No one should plant a Giant Sequoia near their home." Plants are like kittens, they are so cute when they are small and even cuter, but larger, when they are older. So don't forget to READ the tags, especially shrub and tree tags. Remember for trees and shrubs, tags state the height and width growth within 8-10 years, plus they seem to



Always look at the long term size of your plants... or pay the consequences.



Should you trim your roses straight across?



grow bigger in the Pacific Northwest!

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ... ANYWHERE

The printed word is not set in stone and that goes for any kind of information found in books or the internet. My dear cohort has this advice about believing garden information, "Make sure your information is supported by trustworthy places. Green sand does not kill gophers, moles or voles."

William saw this tip somewhere and was appalled it was written as true information to rid a garden of rodents. Maybe getting a Pied Piper will help?

OLDER PLANT VARIETIES VS. NEWBIES

This is an age old conversation among plant people and gardeners. William and I are as susceptible to buy a pretty new variety as much as the next person. We have been pleasantly surprised with a new discovery but many times we have been soooo disappointed. Does *Dicentra* 'Burning

Hearts' ring a bell? Well it's a big "don't buy it" in my book. I'd plant a *Dicentra formosa* for its longevity over this newer introduction that is beautiful but not long lived past 1 growing season. This advice from William, "Older varieties of plants have the value of longevity and experience by many gardeners. Resist buying the latest and newest production until it can be tested in our zones."

Breeders are trying to extend trialing of new varieties for longer than one season, but the race to bring new varieties to the consumer is a huge competition in the marketplace.

Sometimes poor varieties are touted as the BEST PLANT that has ever been created. Remember that if a plant fails and you tended it as well as possible, it may have been the problem of the plant variety.

PAY ATTENTION TO TYPES OF BAGGED SOIL

Not all soil you can purchase is the same. Try a few small bags first to check the water, drainage

and fertilizer needs of that specific soil. Read the labels to make sure what amendments are in the soil. To be more successful, use the right soil for your garden project, be it starting seeds, planting in containers or adding soil to raised beds. This little pause to check ingredients will really show in good results.

NATIVE PLANTS COME FROM SOMEWHERE

This is one of William's "tried and true" garden tips. "Try to find out where plants are native. A full shade plant in the Texas heat, may be able to tolerate much more sun in our more moderate climates of the Pacific Northwest." This makes so much sense and would be a good experiment to try next year.

We hope some of these tips will help you have a great gardening season in 2017.

The *Garden Time* Gang will keep thinking of more tips when we start driving together and talking about gardening each week, on our way to film the 12th season of *Garden Time*.

TICKLED PINK

Embrace the chilly, rainy, snowy weather and bring your gardening indoors.

by Therese Gustin



Anthurium Alabama



Anthurium white

'Tis the season to garden indoors! Instead of pining away for warm spring days and time out in the garden, embrace the chilly rainy and potentially snowy weather and bring your gardening indoors! If you can't go to the tropics during the winter months bring a little of the tropics home to you. One such plant that reminds us of a warm tropical climate is the An-

thurium.

Anthuriums belong to the Araceae family, the same family as calla lilies, philodendron and caladiums. Native to Columbia and Equador, anthuriums are found mostly in the tropics living epiphytically on other trees. They were first brought to Hawaii in 1889 via S.M. Damon from London. Damon was

the son of missionaries but made his mark as a businessman and politician in Hawaii. Anthuriums had been cultivated and hybridized for over 100 years and are considered one of Hawaii's top ornamental exports. With the onset of air shipments, anthuriums can be shipped worldwide to the U.S mainland, Europe, Japan and even Australia.

Commonly known as Flamingo-Lily, Flamingo Flower or Tail Flower, anthuriums are prized for their colorful spathes, the heart shaped leaf-like structure that surrounds the spadix. The spadix is the elongated spike shaped structure which contains the actual anthurium flowers. Breeders focus on the spathes and spadix when developing new cultivars and today you can find many colors of these shiny waxy leaved houseplants in your favorite garden center. All parts of the Anthurium plant are poisonous. They contain calcium oxalate crystals which if ingested can cause stomach disorders. The sap from the plant can also cause skin irritation.

Anthuriums grow best in bright indirect light. Too little light and they will have fewer flowers and will grow slower; too much light and the leaves will burn. The soil should be well draining but be kept moist. Let the soil barely dry before watering. A mixture of half potting soil half perlite will provide the perfect balance of good drainage and moisture retention. Fertilize with liquid fertilizer high in phosphorus about every other month.

One of the best characteristics of this houseplant is its long bloom time. Left on the plant, blooms are long-lasting, up to 6 weeks. Be sure to remove any unsightly or dead foliage and any faded or brown flowers. As a cut flower, they can last for several weeks in a vase.

I found several beautiful varieties of anthuriums at Al's Garden Center. Portland Nursery has an amazing assortment of houseplants plus they have a fabulous houseplant sale coming up January 12th through the 25th! Check out Portland Nursery, Al's or your neighborhood garden center for their selection of houseplants and bring a bit of the tropics into your home.



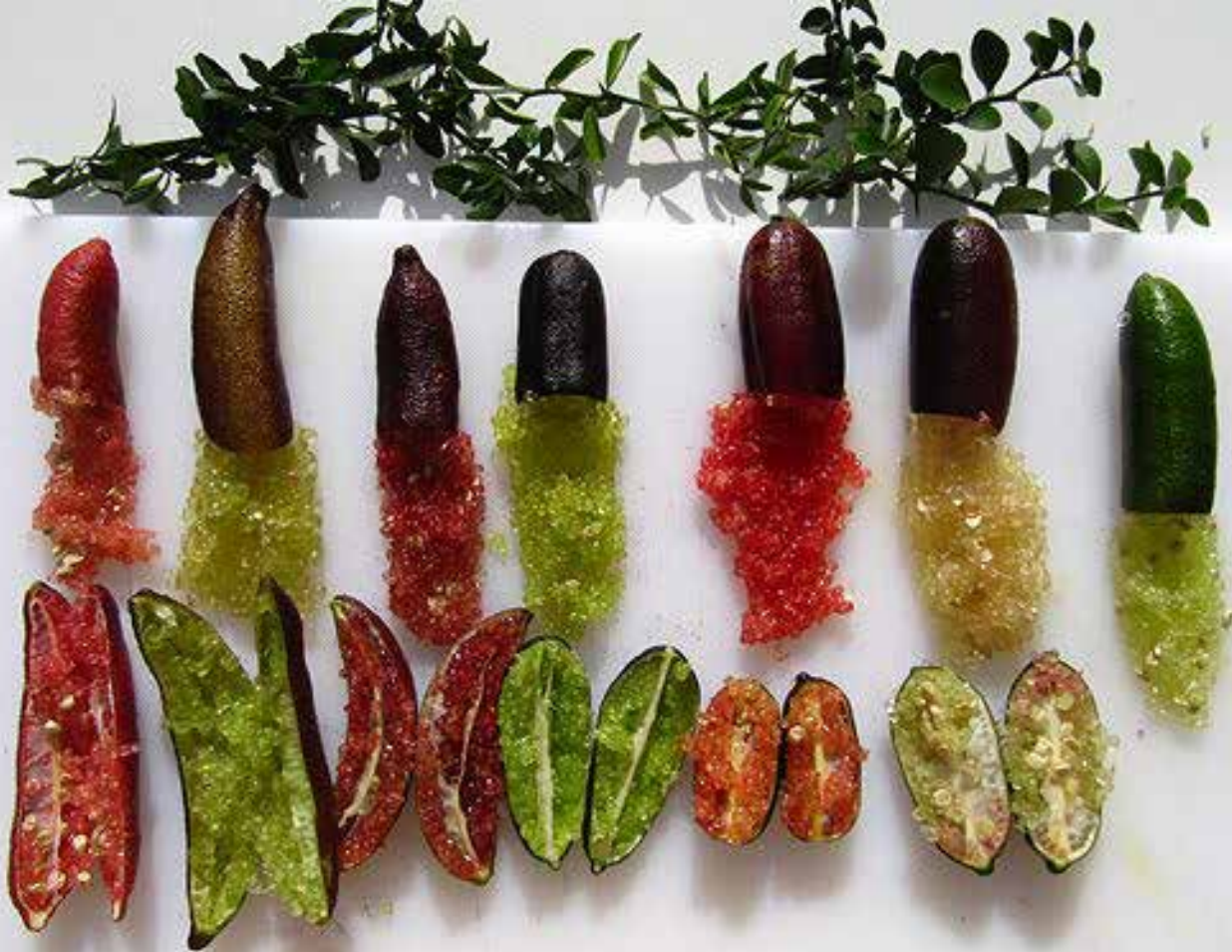
Anthurium Dakota



Anthurium Dakota



Anthurium Utah



Looking for a unique and delicious citrus to serve your guests? Give 'Em the Finger!

by William McClenathan

No matter how much you know in this world, there is always something new to discover and learn about. This last year for me was finding out about the delicious and wonderfully unique Citrus named 'Finger Lime'.

We first heard about this diminutive citrus from Burl of Rare Plant Research (www.rareplantresearch.com) and Villa Catalana Cellars (villacatalanacellars.com).

I have grown Citrus in the Pacific Northwest for a very long time. At one time I had over 12 very large citrus trees including grapefruit, oranges, limes, Buddha's hand, kum-

quats and more. I could accomplish this only because of my greenhouse though, as citrus is not reliably hardy in the Northwest.

My mother is a huge fan of lemons, so it just made sense to have the expensive fruit readily available for her. But when I discovered the Finger Limes, I was smitten. This plant was new and unheard of by me. Burl had a few five-gallon ones available, so I scooped one up immediately!

When we talked about doing the segment, Burl raved about these amazing little fruits and how they looked like caviar. I suspected he had

been drinking some of the delicious wine he makes!

But sure enough, when he opened one while filming the show, it looked like caviar indeed. And the gentle flavor of lime was intoxicating. After the segment, I began to do more research on this citrus. It has become very popular as they come in several colors and chefs love them. They also are great for mixed drinks, sauces and jams.

Australia, where finger limes hail from, has six species of native citrus, with the most well-known and cultivated species being the finger lime. The Australian finger lime



(*Citrus australasica*) is native to the rainforests of the border ranges of SE Queensland and Northern NSW.

In its natural habitat the finger lime grows as an understory shrub or tree up to 18 feet in height in a range of soil types. Trees are very thorny, producing distinctive finger shaped fruit up to five inches long with a typically green-yellow skin and pulp. There is also a naturally occurring pink-red fleshed form of finger lime known as *Citrus australasica* var. *sanguinea*.

In the wild, finger limes are genetically very diverse, with trees and fruit varying in size, shape, color and seediness. The pulp of the fruit is unique with separate juice vesicles (meaning; a membranous and usually fluid-filled pouch in a plant or animal) that resembles caviar. The individual juice vesicles (sometimes referred to as crystals) are compressed inside the fruit and burst out





when the fruit is opened. Demand for finger limes has grown steadily over the past decade, mainly as a result of its bush food status, unique caviar-like pulp and attractive color range, with most interest coming from the restaurant trade. Fresh fruits are mainly used as a garnish for seafood and the pulp is used for processing into sauces, jams and jellies.

Climate requirements

Adult plants can probably tolerate a wide range of climatic conditions including light frosts, but ideally sites should be frost free and the plants

protected from prevailing hot or cold winds. This means we are going to have a difficult time growing them outdoors in the Northwest for any length of time.

I do keep mine indoors for the winter.

Finger limes do well in full sun though in our area as our climate is very different then Australia's where they grow natively.

However, as they are understory plants in their native Australia, they might be ok with shade, meaning not more than 2-3 hours of



it, to mimic the natural habitat of the plant. The available finger lime cultivars come in a variety of tree shapes and sizes, from tall upright trees with open canopies and narrow leaves to dense weeping shrubs with broader leaves. The mature fruit range in size from 3-6 inches in length and come in a wide range of colors including green, yellow, purple and pink to bright red. The pulp of the fruit is unique with a 'caviar like' appearance that also comes in a wide range of colors. The intensity of skin and pulp color can have some variation as a result of flowering times and climatic conditions.

This has become one of those new discovery plants for me that I adore.

I am still cautious about how hardy it would be here and for it to produce fruit; I suspect it needs to thrive to accomplish that. So for now, I will continue to treat it like a true tropical plant and keep it in a container and protect it in the winter.

I know that you can get it at Burl's nursery, but I would also call places like Portland Nursery, Cornell Farm and One Green World. Any or all of them might have it as well this spring.



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Garden Time Tulip



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Noah's Lark

How do you get from a love of fly fishing to a passion for bamboo? For Bamboo Garden's Noah Bell, you just follow the line.

by William McClenathan

Few plants in nature can cause within me the deep amalgamation of loathing and loving them.

Bamboo is certainly one.

The loathing it is my own fault for wanting it to behave in ways the very nature of the plant does not wish to behave. But that is not the fault of the plant; that is the fault of my desire for it to be something other than what it wants to be.

The loving it? Now that answer is simple. Multiple sizes and varieties, beautiful, evergreen, easy to care for, and for me it brings to mind delicious thoughts of romance, laughter, intrigue, mystery, protection, warm summer breezes, times spent with family and friends in the deepest tropical settings. The sound of wind through a grove of bamboo is almost a spiritual thing to me.

In an effort to more clearly un-

derstand this family of plants, who better to talk to other than this month's Hortie, Noah Bell, of Bamboo Garden?

I spoke with Noah on the phone to get some of my answers. As he is the General Manager of Bamboo Garden, and after filming with him a few times, I knew his history of how he became so passionate about bamboo would be intriguing. And, it was.



A panorama of Bamboo Garden

See two interviews with Noah on Garden Time

From July 2015

www.youtube.com/embed/M62pyFkTWbg

From August 2015

www.youtube.com/embed/SabmDqWM2KY

When we are young, few of us know where the passion for one thing often leads to another.

Noah's passion was fly fishing. The more he did it the more he looked into how it was done for success.

He found out that many great fishermen used a specific variety of bamboo to create the rods used in expert fly fishing.

He began investigating the kind of bamboo to grow so he could create his own rods.

His search led him to Ned Jaquith, owner of Bamboo Garden, which at that time was on two acres in Milwaukie.

Sadly, the kind of bamboo which is most used for fly fishing rods did not do well in our area. But the birthing of Noah's passion for bamboo had been planted in him.

As the turn of this century happened, Noah had graduated high school and college and decided to take some time travelling Europe.

Ned hired him to work at Bamboo Garden, along with two or three other people.

While Noah and the crew ran the nursery, Ned was out working on the NEW Bamboo Garden in North Plains.

By the fall of 2003, the new area was ready to move into. The majority of this move occurred in 2004.

It was not long before Noah was asked to become the General Manager of Bamboo Garden.

What I found most interesting is the effect this local nursery has on this world!

The specifics can be found on their website,



Ned with dogs



but gardens like the Asian Trail in Washington DC were installed and planted with bamboo from right here in Oregon. Acres of bamboo have been planted so the pandas there can eat fresh bamboo. Because...that is pretty much all pandas do eat...bamboo!

Noah was delighted to spend several weeks there doing the installation.

And locally, the new bamboo gardens at the Hoyt Arboretum. Created and designed so people can eventually walk through a bamboo forest. See how they grow and the beauty which exists walking through one.

Bamboo Garden ships bamboo all over the world.

I asked Noah what was next? What plans are happening for the future of Bamboo Garden?

He told me there were some very exciting things happening.

The lower part of the property Bamboo Garden is on is rather flat and moist. This will be the new area for growing and production.

The gardens are currently on the sloping areas of the property and this makes production and harvesting difficult as heavy machinery is often used.

Once the flat area becomes the growing facilities, the current area will be turned into a more diverse garden which allows visitors to see how bamboo grows naturally and how better to incorporate bamboo into the home garden.

This year alone over 2000 bamboo canes were harvested and sold.

Noah and the team do this without waste. The canes they harvest

would be cut anyway to maintain the grove.

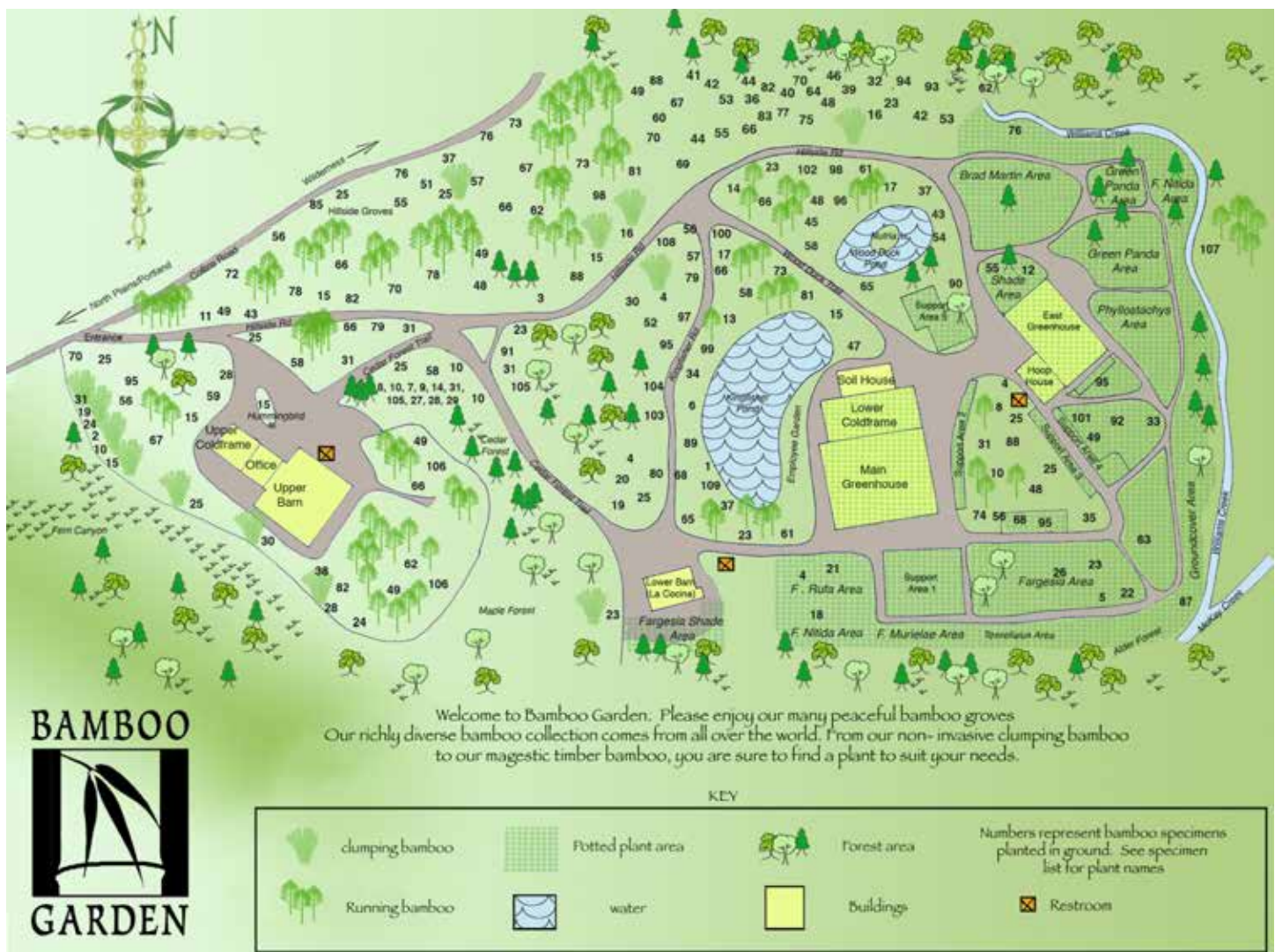
They are also working on the Fargisia or clumping bamboo varieties more. This is because these varieties are best suited for containers and smaller gardens.

I was fascinated to be told how clumping varieties often grow under coniferous forests in their native lands.

This is perfect for our area as we have lots of forests.

They will also begin more study and enacting of propagation techniques which will include better quality plants and smaller container sizes to increase their volume of production.

And although Ned Jaquith, a mighty force of Horticulture, left us in 2012, his passion did not



leave us. It was passed on to amazing horticulturists like Noah and the team at Bamboo Garden.

Ned's wife Nancy is still the owner of Bamboo Garden. She relishes in the fact that her beloved husband's dream continues to this day and for generations to come. What a lovely legacy to leave this spinning orb we all call home.

And when you visit their website, many of the pictures on it are taken by Noah himself. Photography is yet another passion he has, because life is too short to concentrate on just one thing.

One of my most favorite quotes while chatting with Noah was this; "You learn the most by actually doing the work".

Noah's life has certainly proved this accurate.

In his young life, Noah thought once while fly fishing that there were only a couple kinds of bamboo.

Instead, he discovered there is an entire world of bamboo!

And thankfully, like his Mentor Ned, he is more than willing to share his passion with the world.



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How to Avoid the Draft

A little effort will leave you with a warm feeling inside.

by David Musial

This style of door sweep is easy to install and will provide years of weatherization.

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Energy loss in a home is mostly through walls, attics and crawl spaces. For most of us, these areas are the primary line of defense when weatherizing our homes. However, there are other areas where drafts exist and energy loss still continues; even with a well insulated home. To avoid the draft, you don't have to move to Canada, all you have to do is weatherstrip.

It is true that the areas mentioned above are the primary sources of home energy loss, however, doors and windows can account for up to 20% of the energy loss. Not an insignificant amount of energy loss and one worth correcting.

The energy loss associated with doors and windows typically comes from moving parts that don't seal completely and from gaps not being completely filled when installing doors and windows. These areas create gaps and allow a draft. The goal is to find these areas and properly seal by weatherstripping.

When searching your home for areas of energy loss, be sure to

check where two different construction materials meet, such as window framing and dry wall. These areas are likely culprits of energy loss. Although it may appear that these areas are flush, upon closer inspection, gaps are revealed. Believe it or not, a 1/8" gap that is 3' long is about equivalent to a 2.5" hole.

There are a couple of simple tests to confirm if your home needs weatherstripping and even if your home is new, it is worth testing:

- To test a door, you'll need a flashlight and a helper. At night-time, turn off outside lights and any interior lights by the door. The person with the flashlight will go outside and shine the light along the doors perimeter. If the person inside can see the light shining through, additional weatherstripping is required.
- To test your windows, wet your fingers and then run them along the edges of the windows. The water on your fingers will help to detect if there are any drafts, indicating a need for weatherstripping. This may sound strange,

but it is the same as when someone wets their finger and holds it up in the air to determine the wind direction.

For a more thorough test, check with your local utility company and state department of energy. Not only will they quite often test your home for free, they may also provide rebates and tax incentives. That is a win-win situation.

Other areas that may be overlooked are places where the wall is penetrated; such as with pipes and dryer vents. These areas are typically not weatherized and can have significant gaps. Also check the hatch that leads up to the attic. Even if an attic is insulated, the air between the roof and insulation can be either very hot or cold, and this air can enter the house if the hatch is not properly weatherized.

One of the last areas to consider weatherstripping is your electrical outlets and wall switches. If you have ever removed a wall plate from an outlet in the winter, you most likely felt a nice blow of cold air. Believe it or not,

up to 2% of energy loss can come from these areas.

There are several types of weatherstripping and each has a different application:

Caulking is used to seal around the outer window and door frame (both inside and outside). There is also caulking available that will help to fill the gaps in walls created by pipes. Latex caulk can be used for gaps up to 3/8" and for gaps up to 1" expanding polyurethane can be used. When caulking outdoors, be sure the product is designed for outdoor use.

Adhesive backed foam tape is a type of compression gasket designed to seal where two moving parts come together. There is adhesive on one side so it can be adhered without tacking. The tape is applied to the inside of the door stop, and for windows, apply to the bottom of the sash. It can also be used for attic hatches. This type of weatherstripping is also available in rubber and is more durable than foam.

For gaps created at the bottom of doors, install a door sweep. These attach to the bottom of the door, typically with screws, and seal out drafts. Be sure to purchase a sweep that will match your doors thresholds as there are several styles.

Several specialized gaskets are also available for areas such as door thresholds, electrical outlets and wall switches. The outlet and wall switch gaskets are easy to install. Remove the outlet cover, line up gasket and replace the outlet cover. Instant 2% energy loss savings when done for all outlets and wall switches.

These are just a few of the products available to weatherstrip your doors and windows. Depending on the types of doors and windows in your home, the principals of weatherstripping will be the same but the required products



Proper placement of adhesive-backed foam tape.

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A handmade draft kitty...

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...and a real draft kitty (there must not be a draft!)

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will vary. After determining what areas you will be weatherstripping, talk to your local hardware store proprietor to determine which products will match your needs.

When installing weatherstripping, here are a few tips:

- Apply weatherstripping to a clean and smooth surface for a good seal
- Measure twice and cut once (plus add 10% just in case)

- Whenever possible, apply one continuous strip

- Be sure that weatherstripping fits snugly in corners

- Apply a thickness of weatherstripping that will not interfere with the closing of doors and windows

Finally, for a fun and decorative way to prevent a draft, consider the draft kitty; also known as the draft snake, draft blocker and draft pillow. The concept is

simple; a long thin fabric pillow is placed along the bottom of the door or window sill to prevent a draft. It can be filled with rice, beans, corn or polyester filling from your local fabric store.

It makes sense to call them draft snakes as they look like snakes, but I am not sure why someone designed them to look like cats. We all know that cats are not foolish enough to lay by a drafty door. No, they are smart and cuddle up by the fireplace or on your favorite blanket. Regardless, my



Easy to install outlet gaskets are available for wall switches as well.

mom thought cats were appropriate and made several for our house. If you are interested in making a draft kitty, take a look on-line. Even Martha Stewart has a project on-line <http://www.marthastewart.com/265344/draft-dodger>.

In closing, to beat the draft, remember to weather-strip!

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Use exterior caulk to seal a window frame.

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Weatherizing an attic hatch.

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Welcome to 2015! In January, the air is crisp and cold, the decorations are put away, and there is a distinct lull after the craziness of the holidays. There's no better time to get outside for some fresh air and daylight... and begin your garden's best year ever!

PLANNING

- Create a garden journal for future reference of what worked best, where and when. Consider using a 3-ring binder so you can tab the months and years and add more pages where needed.



- Create a pruning calendar so you can 'Prune according to what the plants needs are'. Do a bit of research first to see how and when to prune your plants this year and you won't be disappointed. Many mistakes can be stopped before the damage is done if a little reading

takes place first. For instance on hydrangeas; cut back only the stems that had blossoms last year. The flowers for this year are going to come from the stems that grew up last year but did not have blooms on them. As a general rule, most flowering plants will perform best if you prune them after they flower. Fruit trees, shade and flowering trees can be pruned this month, but next month will be better. Thinning cuts are better than heading cuts

or 'chopping the branches back'. Again, do some research first so you won't be sorry later!

- Plan the vegetable garden. January through March is a great time to get the planning done. Create your 'garden map' with a crop rotation plan set on paper. Figure the dimensions, number of rows, planting dates, etc.



It's fun to look back on these notes to see what was planted and when, what was a great success and what was not so great. Mark this as *2013 Map* so you can rotate crops around next year. Rotating your crops discourages disease and insects.

PLANTING

- Plant Perennials. Get them planted soon for best blooming display later this summer and fall.



- Plant some bare root fruit trees. The sooner they can be planted the better the root development will

be before the trees leaf out this spring. More roots grown at this

time will allow the plant greater strength to take on summer's heat later. If you are unable to plant the trees as soon as you get them, 'heel' them into the garden soil on a temporary basis (just bury the roots into soil to keep them moist) until you can plant properly, but do get them into their permanent space in the garden as soon as possible.

- Plant any tree or shrub now that you'd like to add to your landscape. Early planting makes for a stronger start this spring.

- Plant Primroses. Every January, nurseries bring out their spring crop of primroses. Use *dark weather feed* to keep them blooming strong.



What To Do In The Garden JANUARY

TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- There is still time left to clean Mason Bee cocoons, but not much! This will be the last month to be able to clean things up before the bees emerge late February or early March.



- Recycle your old cut Christmas tree by cutting it up and using the boughs to cover cut back perennials and

any other frost sensitive plants.

- Peach trees: Spray by mid January for peach leaf curl. Use labeled product for this disease like Bonide's Fungonil or Lilly Miller's Microcop. If weather is cool and wet spray 2-3 more times at 3-4 week intervals.

- Check your Blue Spruce for aphids! Most winters around here the spruce aphid attacks the Blue and Alberta Spruce trees. They suck on the juices on the prior season's needles and when the

new growth starts in spring, the older foliage falls off and leaves the tree looking half naked. Spraying them off with a hard stream of water will usually do the trick but insect sprays for aphids can be used too, according to directions.



- Get after any weeds that are growing in the gardens now. Early removal will be easier if smothered first with

layers of newspaper covered in compost.

- Mulch the beds with a new layer of organic compost, bark or other mulch.

- Dormant spray the fruit trees with horticultural Spray Oil to kill overwintering insects and their eggs. Use the Bonide Copper Fungicide spray or dust, (copper sulfate) as a disease control spray now.

- Water any plants that are underneath the overhang of the house or under wide growing evergreens, where soil can become quite dry.



VEGETABLE GARDEN



- Plant early veggies like radishes, peas, onion sets and fava beans. Start seeds indoors for leeks, lettuce, arugula, endive and onions.

- Cover your early crops with Harvest Guard row cover for best protection from cold and

insect attack. You can make a movable frame to attach Harvest Guard to with PVC pipe and rebar

driven into the ground.



starts out.

- Monitor garden soil temperature to see what you can plant and when. On the next page is a handy chart of popular veggies and what soil temperatures are ideal for them to germinate from seed, or best soil temperature for transplanting young plant

Soil Temperatures Ideal for Growing Vegetables

Vegetable	Will Germinate	Ideal Germination	Transplant Seedlings Out
Asparagus	50F-90F	70F	
Beans	60F-90F	80F	
Beats	40F-90F	80F	
Broccoli	40F-90F	80F	50F
Cabbage	40F-90F	80F	45F
Cantaloupe	60F-100F	90F	65F
Carrot	40F-90F	80F	
Cauliflower	40F-90F	80F	
Celery	40F-80F	70F	45F
Chard	40F-90F	80F	
Corn	50F-100F	80F	60F
Cucumber	60F-100F	90F	63F
Endive	40F-75F	75F	
Fava Beans	40F-65F	50F	
Lettuce	40F-75F	75F	
Okra	60F-100F	90F	70F
Onion	40F-100F	90F	45F
Parsley	40F-90F	80F	
Parsnip	40F-90F	70F	
Peas	40F-80F	70F	45F
Peppers	60F-90F	80F	65F
Pumpkin	60F-100F	90F	65F
Radish	40F-90F	80F	
Spinach	40F-80F	75F	
Squash	60F-100F	90F	65F
Tomato	50F-100F	80F	60F
Watermelon	60F-110F	90F	65F



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

Grow a Groundhog

Saturday, January 7, 2016 • 11:00am (W)

Saturday, January 14, 2016 • 11:00am (S)

Saturday, January 21, 2016 • 11:00am (G)

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

Have fun with this cute planting project that will sprout, just in time for Groundhog Day on February 2nd. We will make a groundhog sock animal that grows grass for fur. Learn about growing seeds and watch them sprout before your eyes. Cost: \$7.50.

Annual Houseplant & Pottery Sale

January 12-25, 2017 • Store Hours

Portland Nursery (Stark & Division), Portland, OR

We have fresh shipments of houseplants for the sale! We love our plants in our gardens and in our homes. We carry a wide range of houseplants including Bonsai, orchids, cacti and succulents. Plan to spend the day wandering through our extravagant houseplant displays.

It only comes once a year and the sale is good at both locations, but if you come to 9000 SE Division, you'll find the widest assortment of houseplants including orchids, bonsai, and all the supplies you need. Website: www.portland-nursery.com.

30% off Houseplants including Indoor Bonsai, Orchids & Cactus

30% off Decorative Pots

Free pot up with purchase of a plant and pot.

Terrarium 101

Sunday, January 15, 2016 • 1:00pm (G)

Sunday, January 22, 2016 • 1:00pm (W)

Al's Garden Center, Gresham, Woodburn, OR

Have you always wanted to build your own terrarium? Well we will show you how. In this workshop you will plant indoor tropical plants in a large glass terrarium. Our Al's Experts will instruct you on the building of the container and care of the plants being used. They will also provide you with tips and tricks to keep your terrarium going strong for years to come.

Price includes glass terrarium, three 2" tropical plants, soil, decorative touches and expert instruction. Cost: \$35.00.

Wine & Workshop Wednesday: Terrarium 101

Wednesday, January 18, 2016 • 4:30pm

Al's Garden Center, Sherwood, OR

Have you always wanted to build your own terrarium? Well

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we will show you how. In this workshop you will plant indoor tropical plants in a large glass terrarium. Our Al's Experts will instruct you on the building of the container and care of the plants being used. They will also provide you with tips and tricks to keep your terrarium going strong for years to come.

Price includes glass terrarium, three 2" tropical plants, soil, decorative touches, expert instruction and local wine. 21 and over only, please. Cost: \$35.00.

Oregon Truffle Festival: Newberg to McMinnville:

A Yamhill Valley Experience

Friday-Sunday, January 20-22, 2017

Newberg/McMinnville, OR

For more than a decade, the Oregon Truffle Festival has been the leading voice for a burgeoning American industry as well as an exciting culinary festival that sells out its popular dinners and tasting events year after year. From James Beard winning chefs to truffle industry experts to food journalists and food enthusiasts, dozens of renowned culinary personalities and industry players participate in the Oregon Truffle Festival every year. It's the only event of its kind in the country, and the foremost wintertime culinary event in the Pacific Northwest.

As the first truffle festival in the English-speaking world, the Oregon Truffle Festival offers a culinary experience that simply cannot be found anywhere else. This is an international event that joins truffle fanciers and truffle experts from all over the world in ten days of celebration, educational seminars, and hands-on experiences.

This weekend offers 2 Weekend Experiences in 2017: The Terroir of Truffles and The Culinary Adventurer. À la carte events are Friday's Truffles Deconstructed, Saturday's Black & White Winemaker Dinner Series and Sunday's Fresh Truffle Marketplace.

Check our website, www.oregontrufflefestival.com for available packages and more event information.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Truffles Deconstructed à la Carte

Friday, January 20, 2017 • 5:00pm-6:30pm

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg, OR

"Truffles Deconstructed, or Everything You Always Wanted

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PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

to Know about Truffles but Didn't Know Who to Ask" featuring Harold McGee, Dave Arnold and Chef Matthew Lightner

Our evening will begin with a talk about the mysteries of truffles with two of the food world's leading thought leaders. Learn why truffles are dubbed "bliss food" when fully experienced. We'll then move into a panel discussion moderated by Peter Meehan from Lucky Peach focused on the Oregon winter white and black truffles. Both events will be accompanied by a variety of beverages and small truffle bites.

This event is the highlight of the Newberg weekend and available as part of both weekend packages, but due to popular demand, we are allocating a small number of tickets for sale à la carte.

Sponsors & Partners: Dundee Hills Winegrowers' Association, Argyle Winery, Erath Winery, Native Flora Winery, Winderlea Winery. Price: \$95.

The "Black & White Dinner Series" **Saturday, January 21, 2017 • 7:00pm-9:00pm** **Four Restaurants in McMinnville, OR**

Four of McMinnville's most highly regarded restaurants present multi-course dinners featuring ripe local Oregon black and white truffles at their seasonal peak. Enjoy the creations of top chef talent with carefully selected beverage pairings at these exquisite, one-of-a-kind dinners. Our Black & White Dinner Series sells out quickly, so don't delay purchasing your à la carte tickets. Website: www.oregon-trufflefestival.com.

Restaurants: The Barberry

• 645 NE 3rd Street, McMinnville, Oregon

The Barberry features a savory seasonal menu where you can have an exceptional dining experience on America's favorite Main Street. Their food is made from 95% local ingredients, giving back to the local economy. Since their menu changes with the seasons, you can always count on a new experience, and we can't wait to see what deliciousness Chef/Operator Dustin Wyant creates with Oregon truffles. Wine pairings will be with Alexana Winery.

Nick's Italian Cafe

• 521 NE 3rd Street, McMinnville, Oregon

At the legendary Nick's Italian Cafe, a daughter has taken her father's considerable accomplishments to the next

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level. Named one of James Beard Foundation's America's Classics restaurants in 2014, the menu has received an update, but the heart and soul of the place are as warm as ever. Chef Carmen Peirano's rustic Italian cuisine will pair beautifully with our Oregon truffles, and wines from Willamette Valley Vineyards.

Thistle Restaurant & Bar

• 228 NE Evans Street, McMinnville, Oregon

THIS DINNER IS SOLD OUT!

Located in the heart of McMinnville's historic downtown district, Thistle creates an ever changing menu based around farmers and ranchers located only miles from the restaurant in the fertile Willamette Valley. With truffle season in full swing in January, Chef Jason Fritz is sure to create dishes to tease and please our pallets paired with wines from Evening Land Vineyards.

Valley Commissary

• 920 NE 8th Street, McMinnville, Oregon

At Valley Commissary, seasonal ingredients (including truffles of course) inspire every plate. Showcasing local meats & fish with in-house butchery and thoughtful preparation, Valley Commissary's Chef/Owner Jesse Kincheloe takes a step back to cooking basics as each dish is created from scratch. Wine pairings from North Valley Vineyards, the latest addition to the Soter family of wines.

Newberg Fresh Truffle Marketplace

Sunday January 22, 2017 • 11:00am-4:00pm

Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg, OR

The signature Fresh Truffle Marketplace is a unique tasting and demonstration experience that brings together fresh ripe Oregon truffles, regional wines, artisan foods, and craft products and services related to the burgeoning regional truffle industry as well as our local farm and forest to table bounty. OTF's Marketplace offers fresh native truffles for sale, wine tasting, artisan food sampling and sales, truffle cooking demonstrations with tasting and recipes, a truffle dog demonstration and a lecture series to ensure a complete experience with the glorious Oregon native truffles.

Price: Advance – \$15 w/out wine tasting, \$25 w/wine tasting and commemorative glass
Tickets at the Door \$15/\$30

The Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship

Thursday, January 26, 2017 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Lane County Fairgrounds Horse Pavilion, Eugene, OR

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Round 1 Competition:

Lane County Fairgrounds Livestock Arena, Eugene

Watch and experience some of the world's most talented truffle dogs as they compete in the 3rd annual Joriad™ Truffle Dog Championship. The Joriad™ begins in the morning with a series of qualifying events where spectators can cheer-on the teams as they race to search for hidden truffle-scented targets. Finalists are announced at the end of the morning's qualifying events.

Championship Finals: Into the Woods

The morning's finalists will advance to the Joriad™ Field Trial the afternoon of the 26th for an authentic head-to-head and nose-to-ground action in the wild where nature alone determines location, variety, and quantity of rare Oregon truffles. Because truffle hunting in the field does not lend itself to spectator participation, this event is not open to the public, but everyone ticketed from the morning round is invited to attend the Gala Awards Ceremony in the early evening at the Hilton Eugene.

796 W. 13th Ave., Eugene. Price: \$12 Advance/\$15 at the Door. Website: www.oregontrufflefestival.com.

Oregon Truffle Festival: Eugene Friday-Sunday, January 26-29, 2017 Eugene, OR

The 12th annual Oregon Truffle Festival has four elegant and unique Weekend Experiences to offer: The Epicurious, The Gourmand, The Truffle Growers All – In Adventure, and, NEW IN 2017, The Urban Forager. À la carte events are Thursday's 1st Annual Oregon Truffle MacDown, Saturday's Grand Truffle Dinner and Sunday's Fresh Truffle Marketplace.

As always, there will be new events, new venues and new faces to help us celebrate Oregon truffles, culinary tradition, craft beer, artisan spirits, and the best of Oregon wine.

Our 2017 host hotel is the remodeled Hilton Eugene. The Hilton provides free shuttle service to and from all Eugene airport flights. And true to the spirit of the Oregon Truffle Festival, it is a dog-friendly hotel. Most weekend events are located in and around Lane County, Oregon.

Check our website, www.oregontrufflefestival.com for available packages and more event information.

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1st Annual Oregon Truffle MacDown

Thursday, January 26, 2017 • 6:30pm-9:00pm

Hilton Eugene, Eugene, OR

Featured Chefs: Shane Tracey, Carlo Lamagna, Robin Jackson, Corey Wisun, more to come!

Multiple chefs will elevate comfort and pub food to new heights with the abundant inclusion of Oregon's black and white winter truffles. Experience the ways something as down to earth as macaroni and cheese can be transformed by the incredible flavors and volatile oils of Oregon truffles as expressed through the culinary creativity of top regional chefs. Experience firsthand why truffles are not solely the province of fine dining or Michelin stars. This evening is sure to give a wonderful new "high comfort" twist to the gastropub experience. Come MacDown on Oregon truffles in an event that no one will walk away from hungry! Price: \$75.

2-Day Truffle Dog Training

Friday & Saturday, January 27 & 28, 2017

• 7:00am-4:00pm

Hilton Eugene, Eugene, OR

Due to popular demand, we are making a very limited number of tickets available for two people who want to attend with one dog.

OTF is proud to have established The Truffle Dog Training Seminar, the first event of its kind in North America. It has taken a long time to introduce truffle dogs to this continent, but OTF's Truffle Dog Training Seminar has led the way. The Truffle Dog Training Seminar is a unique opportunity to both observe the handling and training of skilled truffle dogs, and to teach your own dog to detect the scent of valuable ripe truffles in their natural habitat.

This singular event begins on Friday January 29 in the classroom with lectures on the fundamentals of scent training, as well as practical sessions working with your dog to detect and alert on truffle aroma. On the second day, participants and their dogs are given a one of a kind opportunity to hunt for wild truffles in their natural habitat with the assistance of our remarkable staff of trainers. Delicious truffle breakfasts and lunches are included for both days. Price: \$595 – 1 dog, 1 person; \$770 – 1 dog, 2 people.

2-Day Truffle Growers' Forum

Friday & Saturday, January 27 & 28, 2017

• 7:30am-4:00pm, both days

Hilton Eugene, Eugene, OR

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Gardening Events Around Town (CONTINUED)

The Truffle Growers' Forum is an annual gathering and focal point for the North American truffle cultivation industry. It attracts an international cast of speakers and growers from across the continent to discuss the breadth of thought and methods employed by successful truffle producers throughout the world. It enables growers, researchers, journalists and truffle purveyors to keep up with advances in truffle science, engage with a wealth of experts and make valuable contacts within this growing industry. Day one is the speaker series and truffle luncheon, and day two is in the field and includes a visit to a truffle orchard, and a delicious winery luncheon. Both days include a full breakfast. The Truffle Growers Forum is available as a two-day a la carte event, or an All-In weekend package. Price: \$625.

Grand Truffle Dinner

Saturday, January 28, 2017 • 6:30pm-9:00pm

Hilton Eugene Playwrights Hall, Eugene, OR

Featured Chefs: Aaron Patrick Adams, Chris Cosentino, Greg & Gabi Denton, Renee Erickson, John Gorham, Tyler Malek.

Some 300 guests will join us for an evening of conviviality around the table, as we present our 12th Grand Truffle Dinner featuring Oregon's native winter white and black truffles in a six-course feast by celebrated nationally recognized chefs with pairings from magnificent Oregon wines. Considered by many to be the *pièce de résistance* of the weekend, the 2017 Grand Truffle Dinner features chef talent known for their love of fresh, seasonal ingredients, and their skill and creativity with Oregon truffles. Price: \$225 – à la carte.

Eugene Fresh Truffle Marketplace

Sunday, January 29, 2017 • 11:00am-4:00pm

Hilton Eugene, Playwrights Hall, Eugene, OR

The signature Fresh Truffle Marketplace is a unique tasting and demonstration experience that brings together fresh ripe Oregon truffles, regional wines, artisan foods, and craft products and services related to the burgeoning regional truffle industry as well as our local farm and forest to table bounty. OTF's Marketplace offers fresh native truffles for sale, wine tasting, artisan food sampling and sales, truffle cooking demonstrations with tasting and recipes, a truffle dog demonstration and an all day lecture series to ensure a complete experience with the glorious Oregon native truffles. Price: \$15/\$20 with wine tasting.

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Wishing Tree

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Lan Su Gardens, Portland, OR

Make a wish for Chinese New Year 2017, the Year of the Rooster! Website: www.lansugarden.org.

Story Time

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Lan Su Gardens, Portland, OR

Listen to classic Chinese stories about the zodiac calendar and the Year of the Rooster.

Lion Dance

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Lan Su Gardens, Portland, OR

See lion dancers up close as they welcome the Year of the Rooster!

Chinese New Year

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Lan Su Gardens, Portland, OR

Chinese New Year at Lan Su Chinese Garden is one of the most popular things to do in Portland. Experience the most joyous two-week celebration for families and individuals with lion dances, glowing lanterns, cultural activities, and more. Each guest visiting on January 28 will also receive a hong bao—a traditional lucky red envelope. Plan for the most auspicious visit by purchasing admission tickets ahead of time online and arriving early for your favorite activities. The celebration ends with several nights of Lantern Viewing Evenings when the garden is illuminated with colorful lanterns and lively dragon processions.

Community Parade

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Lan Su Gardens, Portland, OR

Celebrate Chinese New Year with the Portland Chinatown History Foundation Dragon Parade! Please note: The parade route leads through the Chinatown neighborhood surrounding the garden. At 12 p.m. watch the parade as it stops in front the garden's entrance gate on NW 2nd Ave. and NW Everett St. for a special dragon dance!

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