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Don't Leave Me in the Dark

Well that seems to be the theme for this month. The Eclipse! If you are in the path of totality it will be a wondrous thing or a boring break to the day, depending on who you are. We have all been told that it is going to be a mess as up to 1 million more people will flood our area for the week around the date of the 21st. We have shared a few of the places that are offering camping on the TV show, including the Oregon Garden in Silverton and French Prairie Gardens in St. Paul. All in all, it should be an interesting time, but as gardeners I would like all of you to turn eyes from the skies to your gardens. The darkness may create some interesting effects on your plants and animals. Now, granted, there may be little change to your plants performance, due to the shortness of the eclipse, but watch the reaction of bees, pets and wild animals. I've heard that bees become confused, animals go silent and some animals become confused. You will also notice the temperatures become much cooler as the sun disappears! Keep track of those observations and let us know through the Garden Time website and we'll share the most interesting observations.

One place we won't keep you in the dark is with another great issue of the magazine. Speaking of sun, William shares some shrubs for the sunny areas in your garden. With the hot weather recently, these plants survive and thrive in those sunny areas. The sunny days of summer also signal the upcoming season of fall too. Judy tells us about the great vegetables you should be planting now for a bountiful fall harvest. Yup, you can plant in the dead of summer and reap those rewards in just a couple months! If you already have a garden full of vegetables and are starting to harvest, you may notice some award winning fruits and veggies growing there. Have you ever thought about entering them for a chance to win a blue ribbon? Therese will tell you how you can enter those first class veggies and fruits in the competitions at the Oregon State Fair. Also, keep your eyes on the TV show as we do a follow-up story in the coming weeks.

Another thing we want to shine a light on this month is the Garden Time Tours program. We just announced our next trip for August of 2018. We are travelling to London, Paris and Belgium. We will start in London with trips to Kew Gardens, Sissinghurst and Great Dixter, plus an extra day in London. Then we travel through the Chunnel to Paris. There we visit Monet's garden at Giverny, Rodin's sculpture garden and the Jardin des Plants (plus some time to explore). Then a trip through the champagne region and on to Belgium. There we visit historic gardens in Wallonia and finish our trip with the Flower Carpet in Brussels! This is a bucket list trip for any gardener. Go to the Garden Time website and click on the tours link for more details!

Enjoy the eclipse and protect your eyes!

Happy Gardening!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



Ask Mortimer

Dearest Mortimer,

I have been told that the time for planting new plants in my garden has passed, that mid-summer is a killer to new plants in the ground. Is that true?

Thanks,
Taking the heat in Hermiston!

Dear 'Heat',

Planting in summer is not a bad time at all for planting. If it were, do you think garden centers would be full of all those big beautiful plants? The two keys for success are, one, doing your prep-work and, two, water well. We have always told people in the past to spend \$30 on the hole for a \$10 plant. While you may not have to spend that much, it means 'do your prep' before you put a plant in the ground. Dig a large hole (up to two times the size of the actual plant root ball). Then mix a good compost into the hole with a starter fertilizer and LOTS of water. Break up the root ball of the new plant and place it in the middle of the wet muddy mess. Backfill with soil and compost, remembering to leave the crown of the plant above the soil line. Continue to keep the plant well-watered through the hottest days and once the rains return you should be fine. The heat may cause stress to your plant, but these tips will give it a great start for the coming season and year!

Good Luck,
Mortimer



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



Mortimer,

The weeds are really choking my garden this year! So much so that I'm considering extreme measures to kill the weeds. I don't want to spray and was thinking about putting a sheet of black plastic down to kill the weeds. What are your thoughts on this method of eliminating them?

Looking forward to your response,
Burning them back in Burns

Dear Burns,

Weeds are the bane to my existence, literally! They take away all of my nutrients and water. I hate them! Now, before you start using various methods for getting rid of them, do some reading first. Weed removal is tough and that is why so much money is spent by gardeners every year to get rid of them in the garden. I'll cover a few of the methods before I get to your question. If you are going to use chemicals, either synthetic or organic, read the label and follow those instructions accordingly. If you are going to use a home remedy, be aware that those types of products have not been tested and could be causing more harm than good. Example, how much vinegar do you need to pour on a plant before you kill it? What is it doing to the soil long term? This is true for your black plastic method. The plastic will block the light and, during a hot day, will burn out your weeds, but it does a lot more too. The bad stuff is gone but so are a lot of the beneficial bugs in your soil too. If left on for a long time, it can actually sterilize the soil under the plastic. Bye-bye bad weeds AND good bugs. Proceed with caution. If you are looking to cover your weeds, might I recommend sheets of cardboard or newspaper, and a nice layer of mulch over that? The weeds will be knocked back and the beneficials will thrive as the paper breaks down. A win-win for everyone!

Good luck with your weeds,
Mortimer

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Solar Flair!

Sunny summer days are here, and if you have the yard, there are a plethora of plants that make hay while the sun shines.

by William McClenathan

You might think that choosing shrubs for sun would be one of the easier things to accomplish for gardeners. And mostly it is. But with all the new and different varieties hitting the market, it has become more confusing.

For example, there was a time when if you were looking for Crepe Myrtles (*Lagerstroemia*), the choices were only about the color of the blooms. But today, it also includes the actual size of the plants ultimately. This is very different as you might buy one believing you will eventually get a

20' tall shrub but it ends up never growing taller than 4'.

Or what about Buddleias? It was not that long ago when once again our choices were just about the color of the bloom. But today there is the size to consider, if they will reseed as rapidly as they are known to do in the wild, and even the shapes of the blooms themselves!

It seems like we have become a society of far too much information and choices, making even the easiest decision into a long process.

We are here to help!

For me a great part of gardening is looking into what is new. What will the differences be? How can I take something which has not been available and use it to enhance my own gardens?

I decided then to talk about just a few sun shrubs. I also thought it may be nice to be specific about why these plants were chosen for this article.

We must realize that even though the hours in a day remain at 24...the amount of things to do in those hours seems much more intense.

So these shrubs will be easy. Meaning they will not require much effort once planted in your garden. Things like watering (once established) and disease and insects will take much less attention. This makes the most difficult thing for these plants just about digging the holes and planting them.

Let's begin with Vitex (Vitex agnus-castus). Don't you love it when the botanical and common names are the same? I know I do! This is a full sun plant. Native to the Mediterranean region, it loves heat and sun. It is also well adjusted to our more temperate and rain soaked Willamette Valley. They can get big over time. I have had them grow to 15' tall and 10' wide. But knowing this, I allowed them the space in the garden to grow to their potential. They are also easily trimmed down without much effect on them and they have very little disease or insect issues. Once established they can almost be forgotten, until that is when they bloom, beginning in mid-summer and into fall. They are deciduous, meaning they will drop their leaves in winter



time, and in harsh winters there may be some die back which is easily pruned off when they begin to leaf out.

The Lagerstroemia family of plants has changed dramatically in recent years. I recall a 20' specimen in my garden while I lived in Plano, Texas in a home built in the 1850's. I found out through research that this plant was over 70 years old. The most intriguing part of the plant was the shiny bark. Unfortunately, this takes many years to acquire but so worth the wait. They are also a mid to late summer bloomer which can last into September. They also drop their leaves but that bark more than makes up for their nudity in the winter. There is little disease or insect concerns with this plant family. And if the winter is harsh the die back can be easily removed when it leafs out again, giving you self-guidance on how far back to prune.

But the real change here is the size and colors which hybridization has given us recently. Now for those who have small spaces but still a lot of sun, you can find ones which stay within a 3-4' range. And the colors of both the leaves and blooms are much more dramatic. Once established Lagerstroemias truly are a one and done garden plant which will provide a lifetime of beauty.

Lastly, let's discuss Conifers. I will not talk about specific names much, but more so about the family itself. Not too far in our past, conifers were considered the behemoths in a garden. The assumption was that all of them were massive, huge creatures which by their very nature demanded lots of space. This is no longer accurate. The last 20 years have introduced a pletho-





ra of conifers which may be tiny for decades. This has allowed the shrub-like members of this family to advance to the front lines of choices for countless gardeners.

There are several families of plants which have both shrub and tree lineage in them. In the conifer family this opens up entire new uses of plants for many of us.

And whether it is the diameter of trunk, or the height, width, leaf size, root size...all of Nature tends to expand until it no longer lives. Often the continued growth outlives those of us who lovingly have planted them. Meaning, sure there are miniature coniferous plants, but they will continue to expand in such a miniscule amount as to go almost undetected by our human life span of time.

I adore this as it has allowed me to find new adoration with the conifer family of plants. Now one can add conifers into the smallest of gardens or even in a container only garden. This allows patios and condominium owners to grow conifers as well.

Two of my favorites currently are *Sciadopitys verticillata* 'Picola'. *Sciadopitys verticillata*, commonly named the Japanese Umbrella Pine is one of the geniuses of only one species dating back to the time of dinosaurs. But this introduction of 'Picola' the dwarf variety by Isleli Nursery, appears to look like the species with one exception...it grows only a few inches a year. This means if it grows 3" a year, just to get a foot of growth may take over 4 years! I have had mine in a container for 3 years and I can say I have not even seen 3 inches of growth in that time total. This may be explained by me growing it in a container, as that often lessens the speed of growth.

My last one was a gift from a dear friend several years ago. Although I know it is a *Taxus* (Yew) variety, I could not find the tag for it which I know I have somewhere. Even without its full name, I adore this tiny creature. It has been in this pot for several years and grows at an abysmally slow rate.

So there you have it. Just a few of the amazing plants which I have had great success with in the full sun.

And just a gentle reminder that whenever we plant something, even if it is a drought tolerant plant, the first couple of years we must pay attention to the watering. Once established these plants I





spoke of might live almost without summer water unless they are in a container. Never allow yourself to think once they are planted you can ignore them. I mean, you can, but to the possible demise of the plant. So do always pay a little attention to your garden.

So let these plants be your start to discovering all the great full sun plants on the market, both the grand old ones and the innovative new varieties.

You can start your search online at Garland Nursery, www.garlandnursery.com.

You can also watch a segment of *Garden Time* where I interviewed Brenda at Garland Nursery about some of these plants I have written about in this article.

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If your "line" is growing world class produce, you could take top honors at this year's Oregon State Fair.

by Therese Gustin

I have fond memories of attending the state fair as a kid and meandering the aisles of produce, arts and crafts. I never actually entered anything I created or grew but I often wondered how the judges decided which entry deserved the blue ribbon.

Ever wonder if that extra large pepper or that funky shaped tomato in your garden is worth a blue ribbon? Why not enter it in this year's Oregon State Fair and find out? This year's Fair theme is 'The Colors of Fun' and what better way to show off your colorful veggies than to enter them into the Fair!

It's not just your peppers and tomatoes that are eligible for ribbons; there are many divisions in which to enter...everything from apples to zucchini. There is a category for 'Nature's Oddities' which can include any natural produce showing an odd shape or any other quality that makes it an oddity. This is where your

funky shaped tomato comes into play. There's a category for 'Edible Container Gardens', 'Scarecrow' and even a 'Colors of Fun Creature'. Your creation on this year's Fair theme can be created with any fruit or vegetable or any combination thereof. It can resemble a Fair animal, Fair activity like a carnival ride, Fair entry like a cake or craft or any other Fair related theme.

There are two separate opportunities or 'Shows' to enter your 'winning' produce or creations. This gives you the chance to choose the best time to exhibit your entry at its peak size and condition. There are also age categories so those under the age of 17 have their own competition.

Judging is based on five criteria:

FORM – Should be typical of the variety for the locality where grown.

SIZE – Should be of commercial

size, and conform to sizes given in connection with varieties listed.

COLOR – The vegetable should have very high, clear, intense colors characteristic of the variety.

UNIFORMITY – Specimens should be uniform in color, size, form and maturity.

CONDITION – Specimens for exhibit should be free from all blemishes, including insect, disease and mechanical damage.

This year's Fair runs from Friday, August 25, 2017 through Monday, September 4, 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES ENTRY AND RELEASE SCHEDULE

Farm and Garden Online Entry Deadline for All Fair and First Show Divisions: By 10 pm, Monday, August 21.



Second Show Online Entry Deadline: By 10 pm, Monday, August 28.

Deliver Entries - All Fair and First Show: Thursday, August 24, 2 pm to 8 pm.

Second Show: Wednesday, August 30, 7 am to 8:30 am.

Enter through Green Gate on 17th Street and follow signs to Columbia Hall. Bring a copy of your online registration receipt.

Pick up entries: Tuesday, September 5, Noon to 7 pm Wednesday, September 6, 10 am to 2 pm.

By submitting an entry into the Fair, exhibitors agree to abide by all rules, regulations and entry requirements of the Fair and of the department(s) to which they are submitting entries. It is important that exhibitors read and be familiar with the General Rules as well as the Department Rules in the Farm and Garden Handbook.



ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE ENTRY OPENS MAY 15, 2017

Read the complete rules, division descriptions and entry information in the Farm and Garden Handbook BEFORE going to online Registration. (<https://osfcdn.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/13184612/2017-Farm-Garden.pdf>)

1. Then go to <http://oregon.fairmanager.com>

2. Click Register or Sign In (for return visits).

- Register using your First and Last Name and create a password (write password down).

- Fill in requested information, including email address. Click Continue.

- Select Department ex.: Farm and Garden

- Select a Division ex.: Fruit, 1 st Show Div. 213

- For "All Fair" Divisions select the Division and then the Class ex.: Div. 200 Nuts; Class 2005, Walnuts, Shelled When all your information is complete, click Add Entry to Cart and follow instructions to check out. (NOTE: If you think you may want to modify your entries, you may save your current session and check out at a later session.) Be sure to Check Out before the closing date listed for your classes; entries are not submitted to the Fair office until the check-out process is complete.

3. Fill in "yes" at the statement to agree to all the terms and conditions of entry as defined in this Handbook.

4. Click Submit.

5. Please print and bring a copy of your detailed online entry receipt with your entries when you bring them to the Fair.

Please contact us with any questions. Oregon State Fair Creative Living Office 971-701-6571 or email creativeliving@oregonstatefair.org www.oregonstatefair.org

Once you've registered online, all there is left to do is baby those veggies until it's time to deliver them to the Fair. So earn some bragging rights with your friends and neighbors...maybe that tomato that you're so proud of may just bring home a blue ribbon!



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by William McClenathan

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Farm to table may seem to many like a new concept.

Of course it is not, as I have vivid memories of growing up on the farm I was raised on. And my mother loved to raise not only her 3 sons, but farm animals and edibles as well. Which means most of our meat, fruit and vegetables, were grown by us.

Beef, rabbit, chicken, duck, pork all came from our farm. Being the youngest in my family I would always fall in love with and often name the animals. I knew they would be hauled off to the abattoir and end up in our freezers, but I still connected with them.

Fluffy the rabbit. Quacky the duck. Porky the pig...true the names were not all that creative or original, but I was just a child at the time. My creative skills had yet to blossom.

Countless times, my brothers would, while at our meals each evening, wait until we started eating to tell me that I was eating Fritz the cow, Clucky the chicken, or Jumpy the frog. Remember, we are from Texas, so frog legs were part of our diet as well.

Inevitably I would burst into tears...while they laughed hysterically at me. Ah, siblings!

I did not stop eating you understand because Fritz was delicious, and because I would treat the animals with love and respect while they were living. Somewhere in my young mind I knew that they would give up their lives for the betterment of mine.

For more information on Field & Vine, Fir Point Farms and Forest Edge Vineyard, please visit their websites below.

<http://fieldandvineevents.com>

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• www.oregongarden.org

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• www.dahlias.com





Fir Point Farms



And coming from a Christian family, we gave thanks at every meal. Something I still tend to do to this day.

So Farm to Table is a concept I understood and lived. I am thankful that we have begun to acknowledge this concept more in America.

One local place which does this superbly is Field and Vine Events. In September, the Garden Time gang will be joining our friends at Fir Point Farms for one of these delicious 7 course meals. Of course...there will be wine!

I began to do some research into Field & Vine to see what expectations I should set for myself.

As I did this, I recalled a Fall Tour when Garden Time was hosted by French Prairie Gardens for a farm to table dinner. And then a memory of a wonderful summer dinner hosted by Burl Mostul of Rare Plant Research and Villa Catalana occurred to me.

None of these were created by Field & Vine, but certainly there were similarities in concept. And as I researched Field and Vine on their website, I was not disappointed. Right from the start I was seduced into looking excitedly forward to September's event.

I can assure you that we at Garden Time are anxiously awaiting our September dinner at Fir Point Farms.

This is just an example of who and what this catering company does. I copied it directly



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You can tell from this introduction that they work very hard to make each event one to remember. And with locally grown food, local wineries and presented in well-known locales, it is almost like my memories from childhood.

I know I shall take loads of pictures and share it with the world on all social media.

Because I already suspect that this night will indeed be, "An Event to Remember".



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In celebration of Garden Time, there are now four flowers that have been named in our honor. The *Garden Time Tulip* is available through Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, the *Garden Time Dahlia* comes from Swan Island Dahlias, the *Garden Time Rose* was introduced by Heirloom Roses and the *Garden Time Iris* is from Schreiner's Iris Gardens.



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Garden Time

Here We Sow Again

Enjoying your summer vegetables? Then eat hearty! It's time to plant your crops for the autumn harvest.

by Judy Alleruzzo

Does it seem like you just planted your tomatoes, zucchinis and peppers? This spring was very cool and rainy so I, too, was late planting my summer vegetables. They have all caught up and are producing tasty treats for summer recipes. Now it's August and if you want to have vegetables ready to harvest this fall, it's time to plant again!

For the Willamette Valley, according to Oregon Climate Service at Oregon State University (OCS), the first frost date (temps at 32°F) can be as early as early-mid October. The median frost date can occur the middle of October to early November. Each year is different but now is the time to start planning your fall garden. Take a survey of your family and friends to help you choose a few fall harvest veggies to plant this month.

Tips for success

- Check your favorite garden center for vegetable starts or seeds
- Choose seed varieties with shorter days to maturity
- Start seeds indoors or direct sow in raised beds
- Make sure to keep newly planted seeds and starts moist
- Use a layer of mulch to help the soil retain moisture
- If needed, protect your fall garden by using floating row covers or a protective tunnel



Floating row covers

These vegetables are easy to grow for harvest this fall

- **Beans** - Sow seeds directly in garden beds. Harvest Beans as they develop.



- **Beets** - Soak seeds overnight for quicker germination. Sow seeds directly in garden beds. Plant Golden Beets for a change of color.

Beet greens can be eaten too. Harvest Beets after a frost for sweeter flavor.



- **Broccoli** - Sow seeds directly in garden beds or plant starts. Harvest main Broccoli head and let side shoots develop. Sometimes you can harvest the small Broccoli shoots until Thanksgiving.



- **Brussels Sprouts** - Direct sow seeds. Harvest sprouts as needed once the first light frosts occur. If you want to harvest all the sprouts, trim off the top of the plant about three weeks before the date you want them. This will trigger the plant to ripen the sprouts all at once. In mild winters, leave the plant in the ground and harvest all season long. The greens can be eaten too. Cook as you would Collard Greens.





Carrots

- **Cabbage** - Plant Red or Green Cabbage starts. Harvest after frost for sweeter flavor.

- **Carrots** - Direct sow seeds. Harvest after a frost for sweeter flavor.



Cauliflower

- **Cauliflower** - Plant starts this month. Cauliflower withstands cool weather. Harvest when Cauliflower is compact, firm and white.



Kale

- **Kale** – Plant starts or direct sow seeds. Harvest Kale leaves as needed.



Kohlrabi

- **Kohlrabi** – Direct sow seeds. Harvest Kohlrabi when the bulbs are about 4-5 inches in diameter. The flavor is a milder, sweeter cross between a Turnip and Cabbage. You can lightly harvest the young Kohlrabi greens.

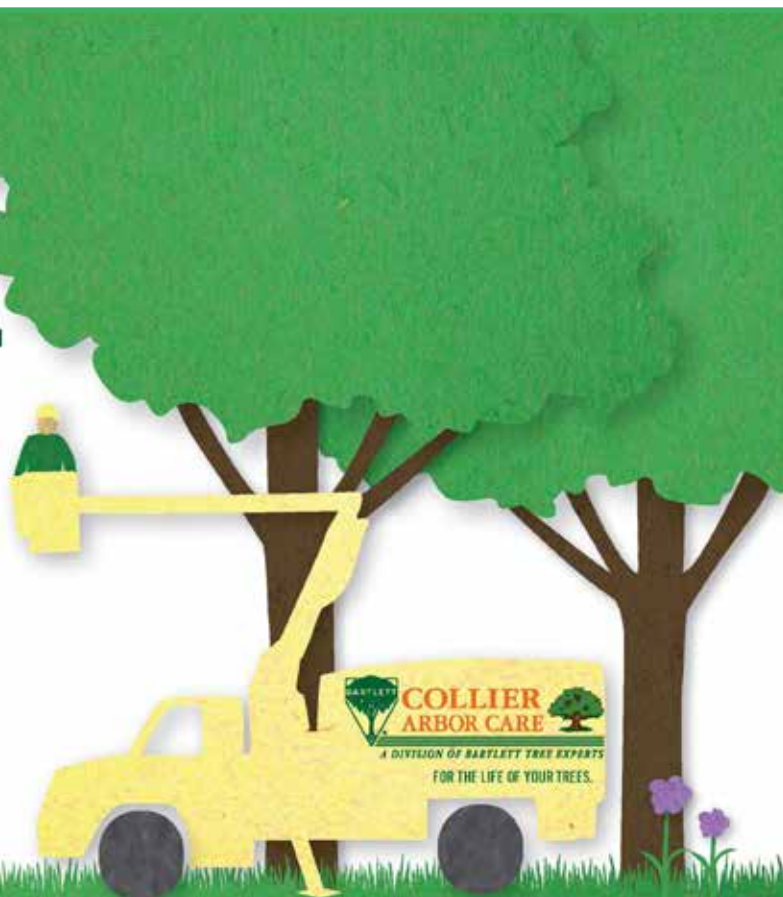


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Lettuce

- **Lettuce** - Direct sow seeds. Harvest as needed.



Parsnips

- **Parsnips** - Direct sow seeds. Harvest after frost for sweeter flavor.



Peas

- **Peas** – Peas love cool weather, choose short season varieties. Direct sow seeds. Debra from Abundant Mini Gardens states, “My peas survive light frosts to about 28°F.” Harvest Pea pods as they develop.



Radishes

- **Radishes** - Direct sow seeds. Harvest Radishes in about 4 weeks.

- **Turnips** - Plant starts or direct sow seeds. Turnip greens can be eaten too. Harvest before the first frost.

Additional Information

Dates for Planting Vegetables in Oregon

Chart from OSU

<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/21092/e-em9027plantingdates.pdf>

Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest

<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw548>

Abundant Mini Gardens

<https://abundantminigardens.com/extend-the-harvest-season/>



Harvesting Kohlrabi

Got a Gardening Question? Ask Mortimer!



Garden Time's iconic spokesflower has his own column! Send us your comments and questions about the stories you read in *Garden Time Magazine* and Mortimer will answer the best ones every month.

Ask Mortimer

E-mail your questions and comments to
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DUTCH TREAT

Vanessa Guzman's recipe for success comes from blending Filipino and Dutch with nature and design.

by William McClenathan



Vanessa Guzman

Vanessa Guzman is our Hortie for this month. We first met at the Portland Night Market in late 2016. Judy and I had gone there together and were both delighted by this shopping experience, as it reminded us of the open markets of Europe.

I was instantly delighted, intrigued and captivated by Vanessa.

Her peaceful and calm demeanor was obvious immediately, while her booth at the market screamed current and trendy. After interviewing Vanessa at her store for this article, the same

observations still remained.

The home page from her website describing Vanessa defines the accuracy of my views; "Nature always captured her attention. With a simple beginning, she first began foraging wildflowers and twisting the stems into flower crowns or filling rooms with whatever was seasonally blooming."

She told me that she remembers hunting for daffodils as a child and has fond memories of gardening books around her home. Her mother was an avid reader of such books so what else could

that do but have a strong influence on the young Vanessa?

Her background is a blending of Filipino and Dutch. Because of current happenings in the world, we discussed race a lot.

One of the best stories which to me defined her appearance of being so calm and peaceful is a story she told me of her mother.

She has two siblings and while shopping one day, a lady came up to her mother and told her how nice it was that she had adopted these children.



Her mother without missing a beat said, "Yes, they are beautiful aren't they?"

Leave it to a great mom to set an example of dealing gracefully to a statement which although based on assumption, was most likely intended as a kindness.

Clearly she taught her children not only by words, but by example also that one may always show grace under pressure.

But long before this, her family was connected to gardening as her Dutch grandfather was a farmer in Indiana.

As the years of college approached, her family lived in Georgia. So that is where she attended college. She had decided to get her degree in Landscape Architecture. And while she did enjoy that her mind never strayed far from plants and flowers.

So it should be no surprise that Vanessa and 2 friends decided to farm 1 acre of land. They grew flowers and edibles, selling them at a local farmers market.

There were not a lot of customers, so in 2010, her last year of college, they moved to a farmers market in Atlanta. And while the money was better, this lasted only six months, up until graduation.

She did do a bit of travelling after graduation. They were just small trips, nothing like spending two years in another nation of the world. And in these smaller more local travels, one was a trip to Portland.

Now, isn't Portland lucky that happened!

As Vanessa was looking for a change of habitat after graduation anyway, her trip to Portland sealed the deal for her.



After her move to Portland her first job was at Edgefield, McMennamins. During this time she also worked at several other McMennamins.

She was also working in her basement doing floral design for friends and by word of mouth from happy clients. And although she enjoyed the department of gardening at McMennamins very much, she decided to move on. But great employees are indeed hard to find, so they hired her back as a contractor.

During this second phase with them, she concentrated on the smaller locations in the company which required more Container Gardens and also included floral design for some of the locations as well.

Now if you have ever owned your own successful business you will certainly understand this...Vanessa had an itch to scratch, and



working for someone else was not what she ultimately wanted to do.

So in 2015 she decided to jump off that employment ledge and start her own business.

The name is Portland Bloem. The spelling of Bloem is how it is spelled in the Dutch language, as homage to her mother's side of the family and the Netherlands, a place well known for its love of flowers.

Two years later, she and Portland Bloem are still here.

I always try to end my interviews with questions about the future. The Plans, Hopes and Dreams of people.

Vanessa's were exactly what I had expected them to be.

She would be OK with the size of her retail location expanding, but mostly she desires to design





Portland Bloem
www.portlandbloem.com

beautiful gardens, create breathtaking floral designs for people and regardless of the size of the retail location, always make it feel like a Boutique Nursery. Perfect.

Allow me to leave you with the words about Vanessa from her own website, Portland Bloem.

"Working with a connection to nature was always her goal, influencing her study in landscape architecture. She honed her design sense with the understanding of space and place.

After a few years gardening in the Pacific NW she launched Portland Bloem, a floral and garden design company named for her family heritage and the unique place she holds so dear."

That's a Lot of Dough

Feel like loafing around? Here's everything you knead to know to make home-baked bread.

by David Musial



Give your loaf a tap. If it sounds hollow it should be done.

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Certain smells can evoke emotions and memories. For me, the smell of bacon will always make me think of home and breakfast with my family, while the smell of a fresh pot of coffee reminds me of my dad; up before everyone else getting ready for work.

Then there's the smell of bread. It brings me back to the Pioneer Bakery in Venice, California. I would go with my Dad to pick up a fresh loaf of French bread and if I was lucky, he'd buy me a roll to eat on the way home. To this day, when I bake bread, the smell still awakens that memory.

Maybe that is why I make bread or it could just be because fresh homemade bread is so delicious. Regardless of my reason for making bread, everyone should give it a try. It is not too difficult and is definitely rewarding. In fact, it

is even possible to make an artisanal loaf of bread in a home oven.

Bread has been a food staple for thousands of years, but the luxury of having the choice to make or buy your bread has not always been an option.

Bread has been an essential part of the human diet for thousands of years. Some research suggests that it was being made 20,000-30,000 years ago and there is debate on where it originated. New studies point to Australia as a possible birthplace of bread.

Early bread evolved from gruel, a mixture of water and grain, to flat bread that was most likely cooked on hot stones. We might consider that a pancake, but isn't a pancake just a type of flatbread?

Besides being an important source

of carbohydrates, flatbreads were easy to make and portable. They were used to hold food as well as an eating utensil. Flatbreads, in their more refined form, are still a staple around the world. Pita in the Middle East, roti and naan in India, injera in East Africa, lefse in Norway and tortillas in the New World are a few examples. Did I forget to mention the most famous flatbread in the US? Pizza!

The evolution of bread continued with leavening and refined flour. Like beer and wine, no one is exactly sure how or when leavened bread was first discovered. However, it was around 300 BC in Egypt when commercial production of yeast was started. Refined flour was thought to have started earlier, around 800 BC in Mesopotamia. With the use of two flat circular stones and turned by animals or humans, modern flour



Use a bread flour with high gluten for success.

was invented.

Over the years, processes have been refined and better understanding of yeast and leavening were developed. Today a trip to the local grocer gives you multiple choices of bread and for the adventurous ingredients to make bread.

To get started with making your own bread, you don't need a rock to grind your wheat or a hot stone to bake your bread. All you need is flour, water, salt, and yeast.

A basic understanding of yeast and flour will help in the bread making journey. Bread yeast is a single cell fungus that, when added to flour and water, eats the sugars in the flour and produces carbon dioxide and alcohol. The carbon dioxide gives the bread lift and the alcohol flavor.

Wheat flour contains gluten and when mixed with water and kneaded, the gluten forms strong strands that contain bubbles. The

carbon dioxide from the yeast fills the bubbles from the gluten structure. The end result is that the combination of the two causes the dough to rise, giving way to the open texture we expect in bread.

The basic steps in bread making are as follows:

- Prepare the yeast according to the recipe or packet of yeast
- Measure and mix your ingredients
- Knead the dough
- Allow the dough to rise in a covered bowl, in a warm environment. Some use the top of their

fridge

- Punch the dough down, shape and allow the dough to rise a second time
- Bake
- Cool, eat and store (if any is left)

Most yeast used is dry and needs

to be mixed with warm water. Some bakers like to add a tea-spoon of sugar when mixing. After a few minutes, the yeast should start eating the sugar and showing signs of fermentation by bubbling.

Measure your ingredients carefully and don't omit salt. If left out, the bread will taste flat. Read the directions carefully to understand what your dough should feel like after it is mixed. The right consistency, not too wet, not too dry determines success.

Kneading is one of the most important steps. It is during this step that the strands of gluten are formed. The dough becomes stronger and more elastic. Kneading can be done by hand or in a mixer with a dough hook. For directions on hand kneading, see the accompanying photos.

After kneading, the dough needs time for the yeast to eat the sugars and create the carbon dioxide to give the dough its lift and texture. Be sure to lightly oil the bowl that the dough will rise in to avoid sticking. Also, use a large enough bowl for the dough to rise.

After the dough has risen, it is punched down and allowed to rest. This is normally done after



Bread yeast is also available in a quick rise.

the dough has doubled in size. Next the dough is shaped and allowed to rise a second time.

Bake in a preheated oven with the rack placed in the middle of the oven. Recipes will give an approximate time for doneness, but you can also test by tapping the loaf. If it has a hollow sound, it should be done. You can also test for doneness with a thermometer. The bread should be done at 190°. Breads with butter, egg or milk will be done at around 200°.

When the bread comes out of the oven, it should be immediately removed from its pan and allowed to cool on a wire rack. Since there are no preservatives, homemade bread goes stale and gets moldy quickly. Once completely cooled, the bread can be stored in an airtight plastic bag. Note that bread freezes well for up to eight weeks if tightly wrapped.

Here are a few tips that will help with the success of your bread making:

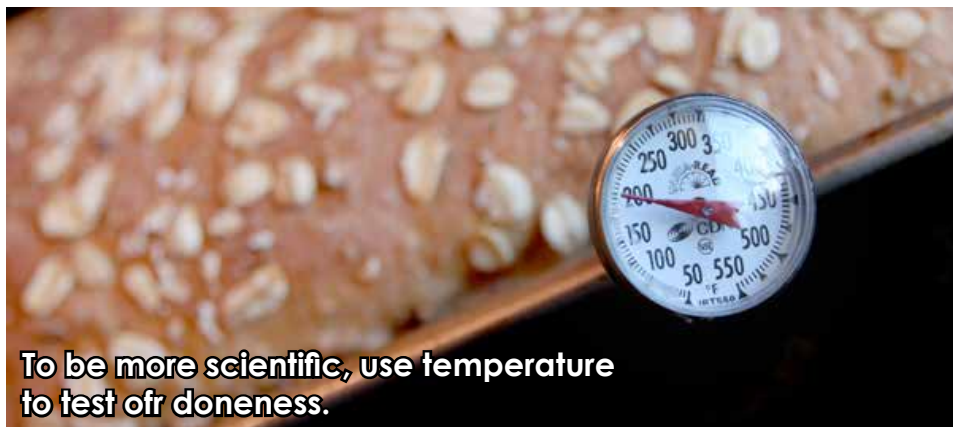
- Check the expiration date on your yeast. Don't use yeast past its expiration date.
- Follow your recipe for the addition of whole wheat flour or whole grains. Without the proper amount of white flour, the dough will not properly rise.
- Last but not least, let the bread rest before cutting. Yes it is difficult to wait, but if you slice too early, it can deflate the entire loaf.

A successful bread baker really only needs a bowl, measuring utensils and a bread pan. However, here are a couple items that come in handy and will help create success:

- Oven and a handheld thermometer. Temperature is critical in baking and yeast preparation.
- Bench scraper. They make clean-up of a doughy counter a lot easier. You can also purchase a dough scraper which is more flexible and used for working the dough in a



A bench scraper is a multi-purpose tool and great for clean-up.



To be more scientific, use temperature to test for doneness.



A no knead bread that will be the envy of your friends.

bowl.

- Invest in a kitchen scale. Baking is part science and science calls for precision. Measuring by volume can be done, but is not as precise.

I recommend that your first loaf of bread be a basic white bread recipe and rather than provide a basic recipe that can be found in almost any cookbook or online, I want to share a link to a no knead bread. Yes, no knead. This recipe does require a Dutch oven with a lid, but this foolproof recipe will create an artisanal loaf of bread on your first try. The look, texture and taste of this bread is amazing.

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/11376-no-knead-bread>

Enjoy your homemade bread, however, the next time you buy a sliced loaf of bread, remember this:

Otto Frederick Rohwedder of Davenport, Iowa invented the first automatic bread slicing machine. Although developed in 1912, it was not used in a bakery until July 7, 1928 in Chillicothe, Missouri.

On January 18, 1943, Claude R. Wickard a US Food Administrator banned the slicing machine due to its use of wax paper, which was needed for the war effort. This was followed by the order being rescinded on March 18, 1943. It was stated that the savings was not as much as expected.

Lastly, when the bread slicing machine was first introduced, it was known as "the greatest step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped". The importance of this invention is apparent by the saying we are all familiar with, that's "the greatest thing since sliced bread".

How to Hand Knead Dough



1 Turn the dough onto a clean counter dusted with flour.



2 Press the dough forward with the heels of your hands.



3 Fold the upper edge of the dough over toward the edge of the counter.



4 Rotate the dough 90 degrees.



5 Press the dough forward with the heels of your hands.



6 Repeat.

Do the windowpane test to see if the dough is ready.

Cut off a piece about the size of a golf ball and pull it into a thin square. If the dough stretches without breaking, it's ready for the next step.

If it breaks, continue kneading and test again in a few minutes. When the dough is finished, it will feel smooth and slightly tacky.



TIP If the dough feels too wet or sticky, dust hands in flour. If it feels too dry, wet your hands.

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Our Northwest summers aren't nearly as hot as other places in the country, but it's not uncommon to have a few 100 degree days. Plants, just like people, need special care when the temperature rises. Be sure you give your plants the same attention during these hot spells that you would your pets or kids.

PLANNING

- Have you been good about keeping up with the journal writing? We won't tell if you want to just sit down and cheat some notes from spring and summer now. If this helps you grow better crops

next year we think you'll enjoy the act of noting the good and the bad things that happened in the garden this season.

PLANTING



- Time to plan on a new lawn? August through mid-October is prime time to get a new lawn put in. In the late

summer and fall the grass seed germinates in the warm soil so much faster than in April or May. Good grass seed blends will give you the best looking lawn on the block, plus add some lime and good fertilizers to start lawns with!

- Time to over seed a tired lawn? For the same reasons given in the above note on planting a new lawn, over seeding an old tired lawn is great to do now too. Mow the lawn short, (this one time we give you permission to mow it short) thatch (rent a thatching machine to make the job a lot easier) and then seed with premium lawn seed blends for this area. Cover the seed barely with some Organic Compost to keep the birds away from the seed. Fertilize with natural lawn fertilizers for outstanding results. Keep the compost dark with moisture

while seed is starting.

- Plant perennials and biennials from seed this month directly in the garden. The seed germinates pretty quickly in the warm soil and big beds of future flower



color can be created starting with seed now.

TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- Clean up the strawberry beds. After final harvest, cut off all foliage (fun and fast to run over the bed with a lawn mower set on high, so as not to damage the plant crowns). Water and fertilize with Azalea & Camellia fertilizer to encourage strong new growth. You can also reduce a thick planting at this time by removing the "mother" plants, leaving the newer "daughter" plants.

- Mulch the garden and ornamental beds if needed to conserve soil moisture. If you have not mulched the garden beds yet you'll notice they dry out very fast. Get topdressing on the beds of Organic Com-

post or bark to hold in soil moisture, retard weeds and make it easier for soil to absorb water. Keep the flowering annuals dead-headed and fertilized to keep them going strong until fall.



- Prune Raspberries and other cane berries after harvest.

Summer crop raspberries produce fruit on two-year-old canes. After harvest, the two-year-old canes that produced the fruit begin to die. Remove the old

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canes anytime after harvest.



During the growing season, keep only 1 to 2 of the strongest new one-year-old canes per plant. Continually cut out all the small canes and sprouts. The big, strong canes will produce the following summer's crop.

Ever bearing raspberries produce their main crop of berries in the fall, on the top 12" of one-year-old canes. After harvest, you have two choices: 1) remove the top portion of the cane that has fruited, leaving the rest of the cane to produce a crop the following spring, or 2) cut the canes off at ground level in mid-October, thus allowing the plant to fruit only in fall (the fall crop on ever bearing varieties is superior to the spring crop). If you choose to let the plant produce two crops, remove the two-year-old canes after harvest.

- Make sure the irrigation system is working properly if using one or create one if you haven't yet—it's never too late. Watering plants thoroughly and deeply is

very important this time of year.

- Work on your compost piles. Make compost out of grass clippings and any clippings or pulled plants that are ready to be recycled, unless foliage is diseased. If you have a pile going already,



turn the compost over and water it if necessary. Do not use grass clippings in compost if you have used weed kill-

ers on the lawn! To get the pile decomposing faster use compost starter. The addition of microbes and good bacteria will help plant material break down faster.

- Mow the lawn higher in hotter weather. Grass 'roots' length is directly related to the grass 'shoots' length. In other words if you scalp the lawn short, then the roots will be ultra short too. The longer grass blades help shade the lawn roots, help the grass compete with weeds for space and allow the grass plants to lengthen its roots deeper to where the soil does not dry out as quickly. Plus the leaf blades are where photosynthesis takes place

so when you cut the lawn short it can no longer feed itself!

- Water the lawn with 1 inch of water once a week. To determine how long to water, place empty cat food or tuna fish cans out on the lawn under a sprinkler and time how long it takes to fill the can to 1" deep. That is all the water needed, once a week to maintain a beautiful lawn.

- If you have been maintaining your lawn with irrigation then apply a good fertilizer to carry it into the fall. Use natural lawn fertilizer for a dose of natural pro-bi-



otic microbes that will help break down naturally, thatch and encourage deep root development.

- Keep an eye out for fresh notched leaves on ornamentals. Root Weevil adults are still feeding this month.

- Apply Beneficial Nematodes to the beds below rhododendrons and azaleas to fight root weevil damage.

VEGETABLE GARDEN



- Continue to fertilize the vegetable and herb crops. This will aid in maintaining good production through your harvest months.

- Seed out, directly in the garden, for fall and winter crops;

Arugula, basil, broccoli raab (aka Italian broccoli) cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, collards, kale, lettuce,

mache, mustard greens, radishes, salad greens, spinach, swiss chard and turnips.



- Plant a cover crop called 'green manure' in the spaces vacated by harvested crops. This 'green manure' will be turned over, into the soil before it flowers to decompose, adding rich nutrients back into the garden soil.



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

Sunsets in the Garden

Wednesdays thru September 27, 2017

The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Sunsets in the Garden is a great way to enjoy a summer evening after-hours in the Garden with live music, beer, wine and spirit tastings, hors d'oeuvres, tram tours and sunset viewing on Wednesdays, July 26th, August 30th and September 27th. New this year, Sunsets in the Garden will take place at the Oregon Garden Resort's patio, which features great views of the Garden. Guests are encouraged to explore with their tastings and hors d'oeuvres. Well-behaved pets on a leash are welcome. www.oregongarden.com.

Live music and tastings will be at the following times:
August 30, 2017 • 6:30pm-8:30pm

Movies in the Garden

Thursdays thru August 31, 2017 • Dusk

The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Join us for Movies in the Garden presented by Willamette Valley Pie Company every Thursday, July 13th – August 31st! Doors will open at 7pm, and the show will begin at dusk on the beautiful Garden Green, in the heart of The Oregon Garden. It's also a great opportunity to catch a sunset in the Garden! Parking will be available in the lower parking lot, across from the Pavilion. Please, no outside food or drink.

Movies in the Garden will go on, rain or shine! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move indoors. The parking and admissions locations remain the same. Since we won't be at the mercy of the sunset, the movie will begin at 8:30pm. Well-behaved pets on a leash are also welcome. www.oregongarden.org.

Schedule

August 3: Kill Bill: Vol 1, R*

August 10: The Little Rascals, PG

August 17: Edward Scissorhands, PG-13

August 24: School of Rock, PG-13

August 31: The Lorax, PG

*Attendees must show ID for R-rated movies. Under 18 will not be admitted without an adult.

Art in the Garden

Thru September 30, 2017

The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Join us for Art in the Garden, which features stunning art installations in the Garden throughout the summer.

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Summer Houseplant Sale

Thursday-Wednesday, August 3-9, 2017 • Store Hours

Portland Nursery (Stark & Division), Portland, OR

30% OFF Houseplants, 30% OFF All Pots, 30% OFF Indoor Bonsai, 30% OFF Orchids. Free "Pot Up" with purchase of a Houseplant and Pot. Largest Selection at our Division location.

Create A Ladybug House

Saturday, August 5, 2017 • 11:00am(W)

Saturday, August 12, 2017 • 11:00am(S)

Saturday, August 19, 2017 • 11:00am(G)

Saturday, August 26, 2017 • 11:00am(V)

Al's Garden Center, Woodburn, Sherwood, Gresham, Wilsonville(V), OR

Ladybugs are beneficial insects that help our plants grow and stay healthy. They are also fun to see around the garden! Create a ladybug house to invite these helpful insects into your garden and watch the aphids start to disappear. Cost: \$7.50, to cover the cost of materials.

Fuchsia Society Show and Sale

Friday-Sunday, August 11-13, 2017 • 10:00am-4:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

Harvest Time!

Saturday, August 12, 2017 • 10:00am(S,W)

Saturday, August 12, 2017 • 1:00pm(G,V)

Al's Garden Center, Sherwood, Woodburn, Gresham, Wilsonville(V), OR

It's that time of the year. Time to reap the benefits of those edibles you have taken care of since spring. Our Al's Experts will cover everything you need to know about harvest time. From how to tell when your fruit or vegetables are perfectly ripe, to what to do with all the extra food. We will also cover what to do after harvest to help prepare your beds for next year. Bring your questions and try to stump our experts. In order to help us prepare, registration is appreciated but not required.

Wiring & Candle Pruning of Black Pine

Saturday, August 12, 2017 • 11:00am-1:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Learn about wiring technique, pruning, potting and care of Black Pine. Go home with your own finished bonsai. Fee: \$50, includes Black Pine, pot, wire, and soil. www.garlandnursery.com.

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D.I.Y. Tiny Topiary
Sunday, August 13, 2017 • 1:00pm
Al's Garden Center, Gresham, Wilsonville,
Woodburn, OR

We've all seen the gigantic elaborate topiary adorning castle hedge mazes and thought how cool it would be to have one in your own yard, but the thought of the upkeep alone quickly changes your mind. Well we have just the solution for you! This great workshop will teach you how to make a charming topiary that is just the right size. Small enough to keep on your dining room table to show off to friends, and big enough to set on your patio and add that stylish touch to your outdoor living space. Using very simple tools and tricks we will create a custom topiary that fits your style and personality just right. Cost: \$30.00, includes container, soil, wire, vine, and expert instruction. Registration is required.

The Therapeutic Garden Program Celebration
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 • 11:30am-1:00pm
Legacy Good Samaritan, Portland, OR

Celebrate 20 years of healing, hope and health 1997-2017 at Good Samaritan Stenzel Healing Garden. June 6, 1997 John King, MD, Legacy CEO and Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon patients lead the garden dedication ceremony. All Legacy team members and community members are invited to join garden celebration activities:

Join us for garden tours, raffle prizes, therapeutic garden information, pet therapy and more. See rehabilitation, recovery and restoration in action in Legacy's first hospital healing garden. Legacy team members make this a family outing, and get your Good Health Passport stamped for these activities. For more information contact Teresia Hazen coordinator of therapeutic gardens thazen@lhs.org. See more about the garden at www.legacyhealth.org/gardens.

WWW: Tiny Topiary
Wednesday, August 16, 2017 • 4:30pm
Al's Garden Center, Sherwood, OR

We've all seen the gigantic elaborate topiary adorning castle hedge mazes and thought how cool it would be to have one in your own yard, but the thought of the upkeep alone quickly changes your mind. Well we have just the solution for you! This great workshop will teach you how to make a charming topiary that is

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just the right size. Small enough to keep on your dining room table to show off to friends, and big enough to set on your patio and add that stylish touch to your outdoor living space. Using very simple tools and tricks we will create a custom topiary that fits your style and personality just right. 21 and over only, please. Cost: \$35.00, includes container, soil, wire, vine, expert instruction, local wine, and a light dinner from Tree's Restaurant and Catering. Registration is required.

Iris Society Show and Sale
Saturday-Sunday, August 19-20, 2017 • 9:00am-4:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

Bonsai Class: Tools & Pots
Saturday, August 19, 2017 • 11:00am
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

In August we will focus on tools and pots used in bonsai: What differentiates tools used in bonsai from standard gardening tools, and what tool is appropriate for each job we do. We will also talk about pottery used in bonsai. We will discuss how size, shape and color plays into the overall effect and image of our trees. As always people are encouraged to bring trees they are working on and members of the group will work together to answer any questions and offer input and advice. We will discuss what to look for in selecting nursery material to work with. People at all levels of experience are welcome at our group. We will always try to make our groups helpful to beginners and more advanced practitioners alike. A fee for materials may be added. Call us for more information. www.tsugawanursery.com.

Total Eclipse of the Garden
Saturday-Monday, August 19-21, 2017
The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Total Eclipse of the Garden presented by Sprint. The Great American Eclipse – August 21, 2017 Experience this unique solar event in the beautiful 80-acre garden while enjoying a weekend of camping, extended Garden hours, and educational and fun activities. On Monday, August 21, experience the eclipse in one of our 22 specialty gardens, followed by a viewing party with live music from exciting bands, food, drinks and more!

Camping
 The Oregon Garden is offering camping throughout the weekend! Bring your RV, tent or trailer and enjoy

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PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town (continued)

the festivities. Advance camping reservations are necessary prior to the Festival and the purchase of Monday's Eclipse Viewing Party Ticket is required to camp. A minimum three-night camping package (Saturday through Monday) is required, with an add-on option for Friday night camping available.

Camping and festival passes can be reserved and purchased online here.

If you have questions, please call toll free, 1-888-992-7397, ext. 2. If you have already read the information, and are prepared to reserve your campsite, go directly to Online Reservations. Campsites are limited and will sell out, so reserve your site today!

August 19th & 20th

The weekend before the eclipse, the Garden will open for extended hours and will offer educational programs for adults and children. Standard Garden admission will apply and these activities are open to the public. Saturday, August 19th: 9am to 8pm; Sunday, August 20th: 9am to 8pm.

Activities: Garden University: Garden & nature themed workshops, Jr. Gardener's Club: Educational activities and workshops for children, Themed Tours: Fun and thematic walking tours of The Oregon Garden, Yoga in the Garden, Outdoor Movies & More!

Viewing Party – August 21st

Tickets for the viewing and after party must be purchased in advance. Get your tickets now!

At the Total Eclipse of the Garden Viewing Party, you'll enjoy:

- Viewing areas throughout our 80-acre botanical garden
- Eclipse viewing glasses
- Live music
- Bars in the Garden serving bloody marys, mimosas, and coffee cocktails in the morning – local beers and wines will be sold in the afternoon and evening
- Food booths and food trucks
- Outdoor movies at sundown

Music Schedule

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10:30am-11:30am

- Keith Greeninger: 11:30am-12:30pm
- Hank Shreve Band: 1:00pm-2:15pm
- The Sextones: 2:45pm-4:00pm
- Polyrythmics: 4:30pm-6:00pm
- Jelly Bread: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Times and artists are subject to change.

Please bring your own blankets and low-back beach chairs. No high-back chairs, umbrellas, or pop-up tents that block the view of the stage.

Food trucks and vendors will be on-site. Please no outside food or drink, except sealed water bottles and snacks for children.

Solar Eclipse

For more information about this solar eclipse please visit NationalEclipse.com

Solar Eclipse Camping on the Farm Saturday–Monday, August 19-21, 2017 French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR

Join us for this once in a lifetime opportunity! See the Great American Solar Eclipse on our farm! Enjoy 2 or 3 day dry camping (tent or RV), family fun activities, delicious eats including a picnic brunch, nightly family activities around the bonfire, growler fills and pints by the glass and so much more! Enjoy a special Tractor wagon ride out to our private viewing party in the farm fields to see the Total Solar Eclipse all while enjoying a picnic brunch. Book your spot today there's only 100 to choose from! We are conveniently located close to Wine Country and other family activities. Don't have the weekend? Come out for a day of fun on Monday August 21, 2017 to see the total eclipse at 10:17am! Here's a toast to the path of totality! The whole weekend enjoy family friendly activities including Pig Barrel Train Rides, Farm Animals, Farm Ninja Obstacle Course, Slide Land, Corn Hole Boards, Hand Pump Duck Races, and Tire Swings. Choose from 2 great ways to Enjoy the Solar Eclipse on the Farm! www.fpggardens.com.

The Life and Times of a Modern Plant Explorer Wednesday, August 23, 2017 • 7:00pm-8:30pm Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

Author, plant collector, lecturer, teacher, consultant, nurseryman, naturalist, and gardener, our speaker Dan

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Hinkley has traveled the world in his quest for distinctive plants. His search has taken him to China, Korea, Nepal, Chile, Vietnam, and remote areas of North America. In this lecture, he will focus on the expeditions themselves and their associated challenges. Learn the stories behind some of the plants that Dan is particularly proud of having introduced into cultivation. Dan established Heronswood Garden in Kingston, WA with his partner, Robert Jones. He has written several books about plants from his travels, including *The Explorer's Garden*. More recently, Dan and Robert have developed a new garden and nursery, Windcliff, dedicated to propagating only those plants they feel deserve greater recognition in gardens of North America. No-host bar opens at 6:00pm. Pre-registration required for everyone: \$10 (Free for Leach Garden Friends.) Leach Botanical Garden 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. Thank you to Portland Nursery, sponsor of this year's lecture series. www.leachgarden.org.

Pacific NW Dahlia Show
Saturday-Sunday, August 26-27, 2017
Oaks Park, Portland, OR

Hosted by The Portland Dahlia Society. On display in the Dance Pavilion will be hundreds of dahlias from throughout the northwest region competing for Best in Show as well as arrangements and a dahlia photo competition. Admission and parking are free.

The 2017 Annual Dahlia Festival
Saturday-Monday, August 26-28, 2017
Saturday-Monday, September 2-4, 2017
Swan Island Dahlias, Canby, OR

Indoor Display Hours: 10 am to 6 pm; Field Hours: 8 am - 6 pm. A must see for the dahlia lover, or if you just love flowers. View over 400 floral arrangements of dahlias, over 15,000 cut dahlia blooms on display, in our three indoor display rooms. This is the largest display put on by one grower anywhere in the United States!

About The Festival: Floral arranging demonstrations and talk on dahlia culture take place daily during the festival at 1pm. Live dahlia tuber dividing demonstration 12noon to 4pm each day during the festival. You can also take a stroll through and view over 30 acres of dahlias in full bloom during the festival. Be sure to

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take some cut flowers home with you to extend your visit and remember the beauty. Dogs are NOT allowed in the indoor display rooms during the 6 days of the festival. Dogs are allowed on the premises and only on a leash. Even though they are allowed we do not recommend them to be brought during this extremely busy event. Thank you for your cooperation and for thinking about the safety of your 4-legged friends. Food booths & refreshments will be located at the farm during this event. www.dahlias.com.

The Therapeutic Garden Program Celebration
Saturday, August 26, 2017 • 10:00am-1:00pm
Legacy Good Samaritan, Portland, OR

Celebrate 20 years of healing, hope and health 1997-2017 at Good Samaritan Stenzel Healing Garden. June 6, 1997 John King, MD, Legacy CEO and Rehabilitation Institute of Oregon patients lead the garden dedication ceremony. All Legacy team members and community members are invited to join garden celebration activities:

Join us for garden tours, raffle prizes, therapeutic garden information, pet therapy and more. See rehabilitation, recovery and restoration in action in Legacy's first hospital healing garden. Legacy team members make this a family outing, and get your Good Health Passport stamped for these activities. For more information contact Teresia Hazen coordinator of therapeutic gardens thazen@lhs.org. See more about the garden at www.legacyhealth.org/gardens.

Exposed Root Indoor Bonsai
Saturday, August 26, 2017 • 11:00am-1:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Create and take home an indoor Exposed root style bonsai using Serissa. Class covers potting, wiring, pruning and care. Fee: \$55, includes Serissa, pot, wire and soil. www.garlandnursery.com.

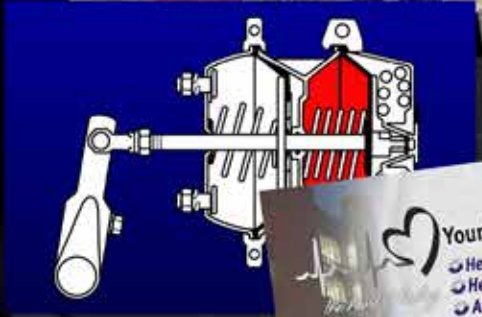
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