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This week I was sitting at my computer thinking about all the things I had to do, but was not doing. Edit the Garden Time show, edit client videos and commercials, write the weekly rundown, schedule up-coming shoots and write this article, but I found my mind drifting. It could have been the warmer weather arriving, the pollen clogging my brain or just a bad case of spring fever; still, productive work was elusive. I found myself walking the gardens of London and Paris in my mind (and on the internet). I guess the lack of motivation was due to 'all of the above' and the fact that my nephew had taken his wife to Europe and they were visiting some of the areas and gardens that we will have a chance to see in August of this year when we lead the Garden Time tour to London, Paris and Brussels. Why are we attracted to other gardens when we have our own slice of heaven in our backyard? I know that if you compliment most gardeners, they will act embarrassed and tell you how terrible their gardens look. 'You should have seen it last year'. 'I really haven't had a chance to get it into shape yet'. Yet we are willing to forgive if it is somewhere, or someone, elses. I guess I need to learn to appreciate my garden more, and get some work done!

It is our hope that the Garden Time magazine helps you create a garden that will make friends and foreigners jealous. To that end, we have a few stories to brighten your day, including one on sunflowers! Judy gives us a little history on these smile inducing flowers and how to grow them. Another flower that will bring smiles is the rhododendron. Ron takes us on an adventure to the Rhododendron Festival in Florence. Rhodies thrive on the coast and their festival rivals anything we have here in Portland. They even have a parade! And to make your taste buds happy, Therese shares some information on growing green beans and even shares our family recipe for 'Dilly Beans', a family favorite that will have you switching from canning pickles to beans! Plus we have a story that will help you take the 'H-E-double toothpicks' out of hell strips. William gives us a list of plants that will help you succeed where many other gardeners have failed.

Well, I need to get back to work, but I will 'travel' the neighborhood looking at gardens and then return to my own and appreciate what I have... and avoid work once more. I wish the same for you!

Happy Gardening!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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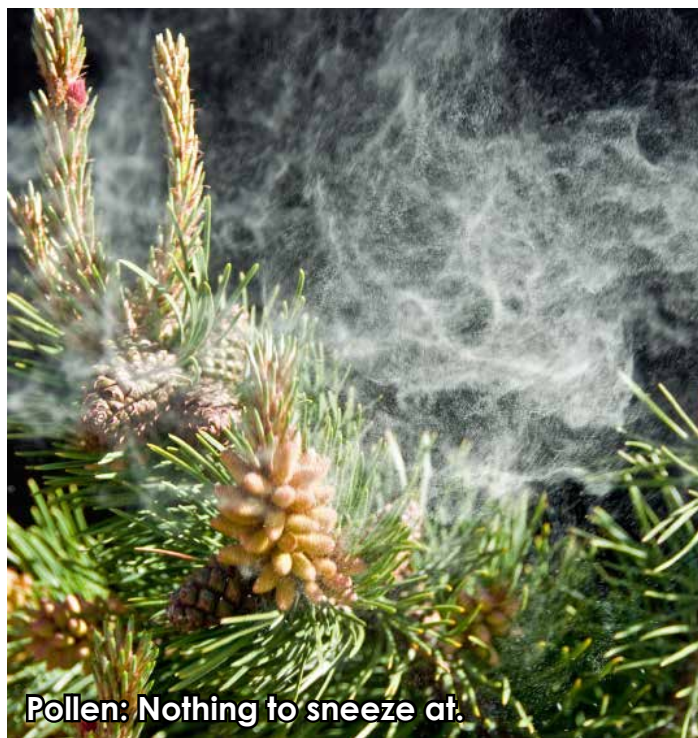
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Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



Ask Mortimer



Pollen: Nothing to sneeze at.

Dear Mortimer,

This pollen is killing me! I'm wondering if there is something I can do with my plants so I'm not suffering as much.

Thanks,
'Sneezy', feeling 'Dopey' and looking for a 'Doc'

Dear Sneezy,

Sorry, there is not a lot you can do about the pollen problem if you are just going to focus on your plants. You have to remember that these plants are just trying to get 'intimate' the only way they know how... by spreading their reproductive cells. Yes, birds do it, bees do it, and the pollen in the trees do it! The pollen is the male cell that is looking for a female flower (or other receptacle) to land on, and they increase their chances by producing a TON of pollen grains. In fact, there is not a time of the year when you won't find pollen in the air, it's just that spring is the time when it is the most prolific. Even if you were to cut back your trees and shrubs, the pollen would still drift in from other areas.

The best thing to do is to avoid the open air as much as possible. That means keeping indoors, closing windows, keeping your surroundings as clean as possible and even wearing a mask when necessary. You can even get shots and medications from your physician or

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pharmacist. Just know that, eventually, the onslaught will slowly abate and you will start to feel comfortable again; until mold season!

Your frisky, pollen producing, friend,
Mortimer

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Dear Mortimer,

I'm noticing a lot of stink bugs showing up on my house. I heard that if you kill the brown marmorated stink bug it will attract more?

Making a Stink in Stayton

Dear Stink,

First of all do you know if it IS a stink bug? Check out my article from last month's edition, (<http://www.gardentime.tv/gto/1804/GTDM-1804.pdf>) to see if you are really dealing with the BMS. If you are, then no, stink bugs do not attract other bugs if you kill one. That is a common myth; that killing a bug will attract more of the same species. If it does happen it is because these bugs are social creatures. Honey bees and wasps (not solitary wasps) will attack if you attack their nests or kill one near a large group of them, most bugs do not attract others of the same species if you kill one of their relatives. What is happening right now is that stink bugs and box elder bugs are being attracted to heat and light. You will find them on the southern facing sides of your home and killing one will not make the problem worse. There are just a lot of them out right now.

If you do know that they are BMS, then you need to contact the OSU Extension Office or the Oregon Department of Agriculture. They will want to make sure they know where these pests are showing up.

Thanks for your question,
Mortimer



Stink bug: Death be not crowd.

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You Are My Sunshine

Assortment of Sunflowers

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I think sunflowers are one of those flowers that just make people smile.

by Judy Alleruzzo

The traditional bright yellow flowers are a cheery summer

annual garden flower. But, sunflowers are found not only in shades of golden yellow but in russets, tawny tans, mahogany and even burgundy. Just check out the seed racks at your favorite garden center to see the extensive selection. You can find dwarf varieties like 'Sunny Smile', 6-20 inches tall to the magnificent, very old, huge variety like 'Mammoth Russian'

with 9-12 foot tall stalks and flowers up to 20 inches across. Other varieties can have petals arranged in a single row around a head of seeds or double petals so thick you can't even see the center like 'Teddy Bear' Sunflower.

Sunflowers are not just garden flowers but also an agricultural crop.



According to the National Sunflower Association, "The wild sunflower is native to North America but commercialization of the plant took place in Russia. It was only recently that the sunflower plant returned to North America to become a cultivated crop. But it was the American Indian who first domesticated the plant into a single headed plant with a variety of seed colors including black, white, red, and black/white striped."

Archaeological findings show sunflowers in settlements around 3000 BC in areas of present day Arizona and New Mexico. Some researchers think that sunflowers were grown as a crop before corn. It is also believed that Native Americans pounded sunflower seeds into flour to make bread or a mush and even to make oil for use in cooking.

And as many of us do today, these native people ate the sunflowers seeds.

Strange to say but sunflower seeds were used to make a

purple dye for fabrics and body decoration. These plants are also rich in medicinal values and used

to treat snakebites and to make healing salves.

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Sunflower 'Teddy Bear'

Sunflowers arrived in Europe in the 1500's and were grown more as a garden plant than as a food source, but later there was a European patent in 1716 for making sunflower oil.

During this same time in Russia, sunflowers really took on more popularity as an ornamental and then by 1830 were commercially grown for cooking oil. The Russian Orthodox Church inadvertently furthered the oil's popularity. In those days, foods with oil were banned during Lent. Because sunflower oil was so new, it wasn't on the 'forbidden food' list. People could still cook with this oil during their holy season.

Russian farmers really embraced sunflowers for a food crop and planted more than two million acres of varieties for oil production and other edible products.

By the late 1800s sunflower varieties came back across the world to the U.S.

Earlier I wrote about the sunflower variety called 'Mammoth Russian'. This variety was advertised in seed catalogs all those years ago and today, it is still available by seed companies like Burpee and Park Seed.

Gardeners loved to grow this new variety, but farmers took notice too and began to grow sunflowers for poultry feed in the late 1920's. Canada jumped into research for commercial sunflower oil production and the U.S. followed with increased acreage. Sunflower oil is a healthy alternative oil as it's low in saturated fatty acids and enjoyed in many foods. In present day, sunflower oil production is highest in The European Union, Argentina and China. The U.S. is 6th on this list according to The National Sunflower Association.

Now gardeners can't really grow sunflowers for oil production, but we can grow them for ornamental and edible uses. Here are several tips for growing huge sunflowers by Dr Tom Heaton, world's foremost sunflower breeder and supplier to Renee's Garden Seed Company.

Pick a tall variety

Choose a traditional sunflower look of large seed head and yellow petals

Site and soil prep

6-8 hours of direct sun

Add in compost

Add in fertilizer of your choice

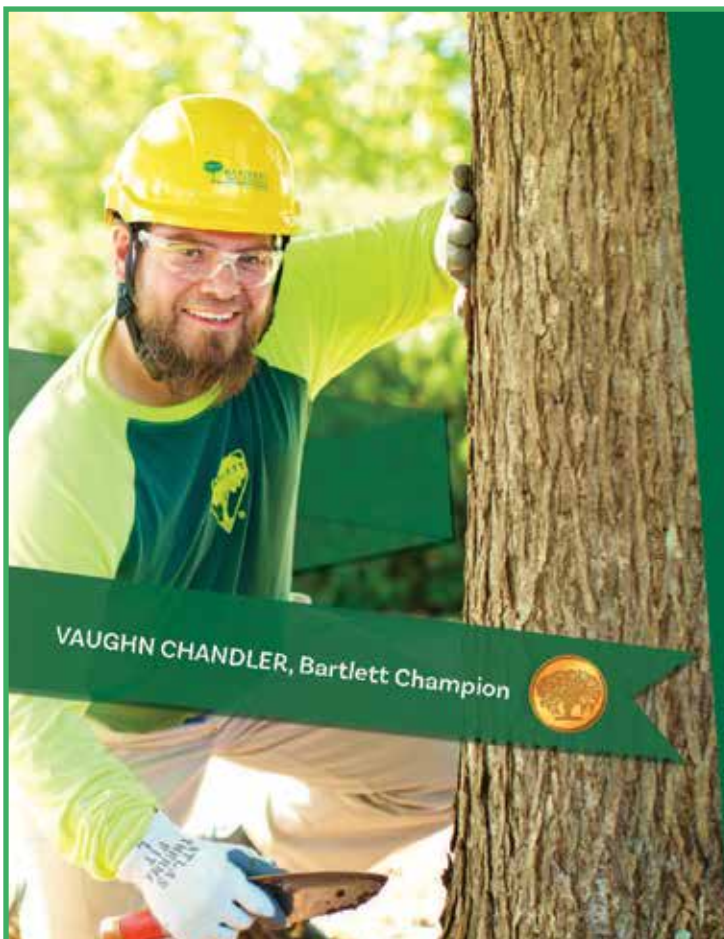
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Dr Heaton advises that the sunflower seed heads are easy to cure to bring to your county fair or to feed you and your backyard birds.

- Best to cover the seed head with mesh to deter birds if you want to try your hand at a blue ribbon winning specimen
- Wait until the petals begin to shrivel and fade



Sunflower 'Sunny Smile'



Sunflower Field, Grinter Farms, Kansas



Showing off a mammoth Russian sunflower.

- When the seeds have a hard shell, cut the whole head off the stem and rub off the seeds by hand.
- Fill your bird feeders or lightly toast in the oven for a tasty snack.

Sunflowers do have a long history and are more than a pretty face. They are a powerhouse crop in the agricultural world, supporting farmers across the globe. Beyond them being a farmed crop, they are beautiful flowers in our garden.



Sunflowers can be attached to gigantic stalks or diminutive stems. Their range in size and colorful petals is incredible, plus pollinators like bees and butterflies love them too. My favorite aspect of sunflowers is that they are just as lovely in a mason jar vase as my afternoon snack. That's my kind of garden flower! Well, there is the perennial species of sunflowers, but I'll leave that for another article.



Removing sunflower seeds.

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To Hell and Back

A parking strip can be a real pain in the grass. But, choosing the right tree or groundcover can bring both salvation and redemption.

by William McClenathan

On *Garden Time* we have done many stories on hell-strips.

How to set them up and how to maintain them.

But this story is about which plants do well in them from a tree to a ground cover.

Of course there are many plants which work in this type of a garden. Let us not forget that this is a specific kind of garden. So let's do this from the top, beginning with the trees, all the way down to the groundcovers.

The problem with trees in hell-strips is not just the water and root space issues. That is what most of us consider, but that is not where we should begin. We should start with city ordinances. There are indeed rules we need follow in cities on which trees are allowed in a hell-strip. From the width of the hell-strip to the power lines which are above them to



Zauschneria



Vitex Tree

PHOTO CREDIT: PORTLAND MONTHLY

the ultimate height and spread of them.

So the first thing to do IF you are committed to having a tree (especially a larger specimen) in your hell-strip is to check with your city ordinances. And also, consider the damage that many large trees can do to sidewalks, curbs and driveways over time. A tree you adore for the decade you may be in that home can often easily become a misery to future home owners. And don't forget to call before you dig! Utility and gas lines often go under that area we call hell-strips and if you are digging in them and cause damage, you the home owner or landscaper are still held accountable!

After that information is collected, then is the time you can consider water issues those trees require to thrive in that environment. As I am not a fan of large trees in these gardens, I shall give one example. You can certainly check with your local garden center for more varieties of trees for hell-strip gardens. Garden centers should also have the guidelines from your city on the requirements.

The only reason I changed my ideas of trees in hell-strips was because of seeing Magnolia 'Little Gem' while filming at Pomarius Nursery recently.

It was in a stunning example of a hell-strip. I am still cautious of having true trees in these gardens as over time they can still grow large trunks and root systems. But if one is committed to having an actual tree, this is certainly one beautiful broadleaf, blooming evergreen to consider.



Prunus Laurocerasus Prunus



Columnar Conifers



Lavender 'Imperial Gem'

If you are still committed to a tree in your space, how about a shrub which has been trained like a tree? For example, PeeGee Hydrangeas are often grown now with a single limb which becomes the 'trunk' of the 'tree'. These types of tree formed shrubs will allow you to have a plant which, as it ages and grows, will actually look like a small tree. Making both the city ordinances and you the gardener happy. And the wonderful thing is, many garden centers carry a great selection of these 'faux tree' look-a-likes. A couple I know which would love the environment of hell-strips (low water needs and hot sun) would be Vitex and Prunus nobilis. Both of these would thrive in hell-strips once established and the Prunus is evergreen and you can cook with the leaves.

When considering shrubs for hell-strips, one must consider the size because as many shrubs can be larger, even with consistent pruning, they can outgrow many hell-strips. Over time, no matter how much pruning is done, it becomes difficult to open a car door when parking on the street and they tend to expand too far onto the sidewalks. Rosemary jumps to mind, along with many conifers which remain very small for de-



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cludes. If you desire shrubs in a hell-strip, it will take some time to find the best ones. As always, choose wisely. Hell-strip's name also refers to the difficulty in finding the right plant for this form of a garden.

Remember this too. The reason they are named hell-strips is because they tend to not have water and tend to be hot...just like Hell is described as. I have always suspected hell would be ice cold as I loathe cold, but I digress.

Now we come to perennials. This is an easy choice. With just a bit of research, you can find many different varieties of perennials and ground covers which do best in these hot, dry gardens. Some of my favorites are Zauschneria, Coreopsis and Achillea millefolium. The last two have so many colors available one could make an entire hell-strip garden of them alone!

And now, ground covers. To me, these are true hell-strip heroes. Sure, they do not really bring height to the fight, but they do thrive well in hell-strips. This is also a garden where sedums can thrive. And who doesn't love sedums?

Cacti also love hell-strips. But again be aware that some varieties of Opuntia can get several feet tall and wide.

And should you plant bulbs in hell-strips? Hell-



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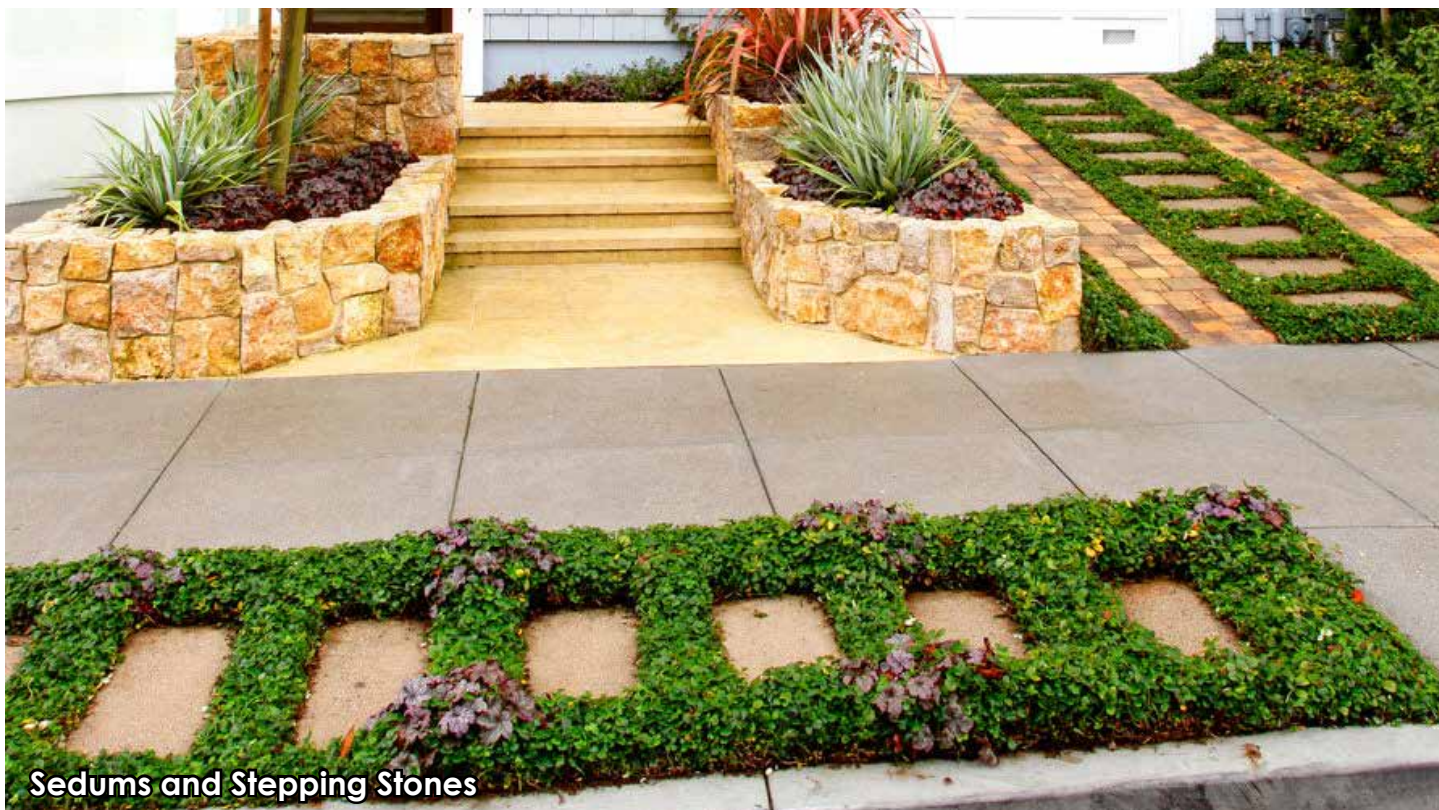
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Sedums and Stepping Stones



Sedums

strip yes! Just make certain they are the bulbs which thrive in summer droughts like our abundant daffodils do.

Many things can change if you have sprinklers or drip systems in your hell-strip. What does not change though is the size issues of both the plant on top and the root systems below. So pay attention to the ultimate size of the plants you choose and what it will take to maintain them. And while this article concentrated on sun hell-strips, some can be in the shade too. And there are many plants which would thrive in a dry summer shade area as well.

You may want to think about adding a brick path or two in your hell-strip for folks to cross over. I have seen many beautiful designs with larger stepping stones added throughout the space as well.

And remember, a hell-strip directly affects others in a semipublic place. Both the sidewalks and the parking on the street become used by many, not just you.

So always use thoughtfulness and kindness in the creation.

A well created and maintained hell-strip can be a garden that not only you adore, but countless others will consider beautiful as well.



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Ready to Rhody

The beloved coastal native takes center stage for Florence's annual celebration.

by Ron Dunevant

The Grand Floral Parade

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Over a century ago, as early pioneers sought to tame the wilds of the Oregon coast and create settlements, the trailblazers were dazzled by the vivid colors of wild Rhododendrons scattered along the way. These enormous specimens, some over twenty feet tall, thrived in the moderate climate, regular rainfall and fertile soil of the region. As townships and small cities began to sprout and take root, the residents, inspired by the awesome sight, found prosperity and permanence. It was a message of hope not forgotten by the new Oregonians, and in tribute, they paid homage to the encouragement embodied by those inspiring plants.

In 1907, one town, petite in size but formidable in vitality, promoted this humble denizen to almost-iconic status, and selected it as the centerpiece of an annual celebration; one that would recognize their good fortune, their shared journey and the gifts that nature had bestowed upon them. And, for over 100 years now, this ceremony

has been repeated, augmented and refined, becoming a signature occasion for flower enthusiasts and ocean lovers, alike.

The event is the annual Rhododendron Festival and the town is Florence, Oregon.

Located at the midpoint of the Oregon coastline and incorporated in 1893, this hamlet of about 8,500 inhabitants lies at the mouth of the Siuslaw River, an hour south of Newport and the same distance north of Coos Bay. It is placed on a latitudinal par with Eugene and easily accessed via U.S. Route 101 or Oregon Route 126. Florence is a hidden jewel that sits on the sandy shores of the Pacific, just waiting to be discovered by spirited adventurers.

The Florence Rhododendron Festival, held the third weekend in May, is designed to coincide with the peak of the rhododendron blooming season. It also kicks off the tourist season for this resort town, and draws over 10,000

visitors for this event, alone. If you are a fan of the Rhododendron, and if you enjoy the amenities created by the confluence of small-town hospitality and the Pacific coastline, then this event is definitely for you. "Rhody Days" as it is now nicknamed, began in 1908 when city leaders planned and held their first event. It is the third-oldest flower festival on the West Coast, behind Pasadena's Tournament of Roses (1890) and Portland's Rose Festival (1907).

Local businesses also participate, often creating special festival window displays with a contest and winner for the best display. Of course, you will also find rhody bushes in a majority of the yards. It would almost be unpatriotic without them. Take a driving or walking tour of the residential areas hugging highway 101, which bisects the town vertically, or stop by Gallagher's Park on Spruce Street and you will see them in all their glory.

This year's festival, the 111th,

draws inspiration from a long line of traditions. The Grand Floral Parade, which will take place on Sunday, May 20th, is the most-anticipated event of the weekend. It embodies everything visitors have come to expect from rural, coastal life in Oregon: gaily-decorated floats, local bands, kith and kin waving from trucks, trailers, motorcycles and dune buggies, smiling children and adults lining the sidewalks and a general sense of celebration that imbues both regional resident and far-flung foreigner. If you love a parade but eschew the gargantuan proportions of Portland's Rose Festival, then this event is clearly the best of both worlds.

At an even three hours from downtown Portland, Florence is an attainable day-trip destination, but if you stay for only a day, especially during the Rhododendron Festival, you're missing out. The three-day celebration is packed with events throughout the city, with enough variety to sate the desires of just about any attendee.

The festival officially begins on Thursday, May 17th, with the Rhododendron Court Coronation at the Florence Events Center, an annual ritual that bestows a crown on the newest Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast, the ambassadors of the festivities.

Following the coronation is three days of Rhody-centric activities. A list of this year's events was unavailable at press time, but past years have featured several events throughout the weekend, including:

Friday: The festival begins in earnest. The young and young-at-heart can enjoy the Davis Shows Carnival in the Port Parking Lot in Old Town, which features a variety of carnival rides, games and a celebratory atmo-



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Friday, May 18, 2018 • 11:00am-5:00pm
 Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 10:00am-5:00pm
 Florence Events Center
 The Florence Regional Arts Alliance show and sale of unique fine arts and crafts.

Rhody Queen & Court Display

Friday-Sunday, May 18-20, 2018
 Siuslaw Pioneer Museum
 A Rhody Queen and Court Exhibit honoring the festival's past, present and future.

Maple Street Vendor Fair

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Davis Shows Carnival

Wednesday-Sunday, May 16-20, 2018
 In the Port Parking Lot in Old Town
 Rides, games and surprises on the bank of the Siuslaw River.

sphere, on the bank of the Siuslaw River. (The carnival actually begins on Wednesday, so if you arrive a little early, you can enjoy the rides before the festival kicks off and spend the weekend at other events.)

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum will have its Rhody Queen & Court Display throughout the weekend, an exhibit that honors the festival's past, present and future.

Friday and Saturday, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance presents their Arts Festival, a show and sale of unique fine arts and crafts at the Florence Events Center.

The Rhody Festival Junior Parade, a pint-sized appetizer for the big event on Sunday, kicks off at noon on Saturday, with the staging beginning at 11:00am in Miller Park.

On Saturday and Sunday, The Florence Events Center, at 715 Quince Street, hosts the Rhododendron Flower Show, a spectacular display of hundreds of specimens, all blooming for your camera and your pleasure.

Also Saturday and Sunday is the maple Street Vendor Fair, a chance to peruse local wares and bring home a few souvenirs.

Other activities that have been included in past years are classic car cruises, hot dog and hamburger sales, a 5-K run, barbeques, pie sales, a motorcycle show, a quilt show and more. Check the Florence Chamber of Commerce website (<https://florencechamber.com>) for an updated list of events as we get closer to the festival date and mark your calendars for this historic floral celebration from our neighbors on the coast.



The Festival Flower Show and Sale at the Florence Events Center

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String Theory

There is nothing like the flavor of crispy green beans picked fresh off the bush or vine!

by Therese Gustin

Green Beans

Kentucky Wonder, Spanish Musica, Blue Lake, French Emerite...whatever variety of green bean you prefer, adding this prolific legume to your vegetable garden will reward you with a bounty of produce up until frost!

The green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) has its origins in Central and South America. Although the exact place of origin can't be determined, researchers found cultivated forms of green beans dating back over 7000 years in Peru and Mexico. In Christopher Columbus's journey to the New World it appears in his journals that he discovered the green bean in Cuba and brought it back with him to the Mediterranean. By the 17th century the green bean was grown in Italy, Greece

and Turkey. Usually in my research for these articles I find the origins of most plants to be in Asia, the Middle East or Europe. It's refreshing to see a common vegetable originate in our 'neck of the woods' and travel across the ocean to far off lands!

Green beans, also known as string beans, are packed full of nutrition. These long slender pods contain large amounts of antioxidants and flavonoids. They contain compounds to help improve heart health, prevent cancer and diabetes. They are low in calories and fat, high in fiber and are a great source of Vitamin A, antioxidants such as lutein, zeaxanthin and beta carotenes all of which neutralize free radicals. Green beans are also rich in Vitamin C and their antioxidants help protect

eye health. Green beans also contain good amounts of B vitamins including folate, B1 and B6 as well as the minerals, iron, calcium, magnesium, manganese and potassium. If you are looking for another reason to add green beans to your diet, this nutrient rich vegetable tops the list!

There is nothing like the flavor of crispy green beans picked fresh off the bush or vine!

There are two types of growth habits of green beans, bush and pole. Bush beans stay low to the ground and were developed to be mechanically harvested. They are great in gardens that have a lot of room. If you want more "bang for your buck", I suggest growing pole beans. This type of bean has a vining



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Dilly Beans

(My Grandmother's recipe)

4 cup white vinegar

4 qt. water

1 cup pickling/canning salt

2 large sprigs of dill per quart jar

4 large cloves of garlic, peeled

4 quarts of fresh green beans, washed and stem end removed

Wash and boil 4 quart size canning jars, lids and rings. Bring the brine (vinegar, water and pickling salt) to a boil. Put 1 clove of garlic and 2 sprigs of dill in the bottom of each sterilized quart canning jar.

Fill with beans leaving at least 3/4 inch head space. Pour brine over beans leaving 1/2 inch of head space.

Cover with lids and hand tighten rings. Place in a hot water bath canner and boil for 15 minutes.

When lids are sealed and jars cool, label the lid with the date.

Beans should be ready to eat in about a month.



Bean Poles



Bush beans in a field.

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habit and needs a trellis or support to grow on and for those smaller garden spaces, you can harvest a lot more beans in a smaller footprint. Growing both types require the same conditions. Seeds can be planted when soil temperatures reach 55° F usually the end of May in the Willamette Valley. Planting bean seeds when the soil is too cold will prevent good germination. Plant seeds in full sun in well draining soil. Pole beans can be planted 1-inch deep and about 4-inches apart along a trellis or around strong stakes or tripod poles. Seeds usually germinate in about a week to ten days and plants are generally fast growing... think Jack and the Beanstalk...I grow my favorite pole variety 'French Emerite' and I swear they grow about six inches a day! Green beans should be harvested often and when young. During peak harvest time I usually harvest every three days to keep the harvest going and the beans crisp and tender. Leaving beans too long on the vine can cause them to yellow, get tough and taste bitter.

If you have a bumper crop of beans, they can be canned, blanched and frozen or my favorite...pickled!



Green Beans

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Putting the CHIC in 'Chicks'

With a combination of hard work and hard play, Becky Wright-Sell has turned "gramma's garden plants" into the hot new trend.

by Judy Alleruzzo

Becky Wright-Sell from Sedum Chicks is a bundle of energy with a passion for plants and love for her family. In a way she has it all, a vibrant, successful business and time for her kids and husband. After school her husband Paul is home from his school administrative job and their kids, Jorja and Jacobe, join her in the greenhouses when not busy with sports or homework. Sedum Chicks is a family business with the motto of "work hard and play hard."

Sedum Chicks has a long history. I love family stories and love stories. This history is both. In 1998, Becky and her love, Paul Sell decided to get married in two years, so a date was set. They were both in college and needed a fundraiser to put on a wonderful wedding. Becky's mom, Donna, had a backyard hobby of growing and planting containers of Sedums and Hens & Chicks (Sempervivums). So Becky, her Mom, her Gramma Betty and Paul all decided to work together to make a small business from this backyard hobby. Now remember



Becky Wright-Sell with daughter Jorja and son Jacobe



The Sedum Chicks Greenhouse

that this was the late '90s when Sedums and Hens & Chicks were still minor players in the garden world. They were either viewed as "Your Gramma's Garden Plants" or collector specialty plants. I think they all pushed the trend of this group of plants to the forefront of the Salem and Portland garden scene. There wasn't another specialty grower that stocked the selection of Sedum and Hens & Chicks at this time, plus they also sold hypertufa pots filled with the plants. They sold a little here and there before their big debut at the May 2000 Clackamas Master Gardener Spring Garden Fair.

Becky did think they needed a name to go with their business as at that point they were without a proper name. One day they were all working in the greenhouse and Becky just called out, "Sedum Chicks". It is the perfect name as it's exactly the plants of the business.

That first plant sale was a huge success and the money fund for the wedding was filled. This is not the end of the story but the beginning. Over the next years, Becky and Donna both worked

at separate weekday jobs but still made time to work together on Saturdays. The business expanded to more plants, more greenhouses, more weekend plant

fairs and farmers' markets, plus the annual "Hypertufa Making Day" on Thanksgiving weekend. Hypertufa is a lightweight concrete made with Portland cement and perlite

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Becky and her creations.



Becky planting sedums.



Becky's "outhouse".

and formed into containers. Becky and family, extended family and all types of friends got together to make hundreds of containers for the next year's stock. The Garden Time gang participated a few times and it was a blast! It was the old adage of "many hands make light work". The usually cold, rainy day seemed sunny and bright with jokes and laughs all around. Donna's backyard warehouse functioned as a hypertufa container assembly line complete with a lunch time pot luck!

In 2006, Becky and Paul bought their first home with land to build a hoop house to propagate and grow more plants. The next year another 3000 sq ft of growing space was added. Sedum Chicks' plants and creative containers were in demand as more and more gardeners discovered this unique business. In the gardening world, Sedums and Hens & Chicks were now on a huge upward trend of being the "Hot Plants" at garden centers and plant fairs in the Northwest and probably across the U.S. These unique hardy succulents were stars!

The next year, 2007, Becky and

Paul added a new "baby chick" named Jorja to their family. As Becky says, "life as we knew it had changed." She wanted to stay close to her new daughter and decided to take over the Sedum Chicks business as a full time job. Donna still helped from time to time, but it was Becky with Paul's help, that now drove the business. Becky was out in the greenhouses full time with baby Jorja in tow. Paul helped on the weekends building containers, propagating plants in the greenhouses and moving plants to the weekend plant fairs and farmers' markets.

The trend of Sedums and Hens & Chicks continued to be popular and business continued to expand. In 2009, Becky and Paul's son, Jacobe joined their flock. Paul's Mom, Peggy had retired from her career and helped out in the greenhouses plus she loved to hang out with her family. Time passed with lots of fun and hard work in the backyard greenhouses and in 2015 a larger home and property was found. The family business expanded to six greenhouses, a planting/storage shed/ kid's playhouse plus an outdoor play

area for Jorja and Jacobe. I love the 'Decorative 'Outhouse" that sits in the greenhouse area. It really is a whimsical structure to house pumps and electricity!

Becky loves to teach people to create Sedum and Hens & Chicks containers. In this demo-mode, she is in her element of feeling that she is speaking to one person in a group of 50 to 500. She feels comfortable talking in front of people if she is making a container.

Becky related this story to press the point.

"Mike Darcy called me in February 2017 to be a presenter at the plant extravaganza *Nerd Night*. I said no, I'm not a Nerd Night kind of speaker. I'm not Dan Heims. End of the phone call. I told my Mom and she said, I can't believe you told him no! You are missing a wonderful opportunity for your business. We talked about a possible solution and came up with a Sedum and Hens & Chicks container demonstration instead of a plant talk. I called Mike back and said I would participate if I can do a demonstration. Mike said we can work with that. We need



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The Sell Family: Jorja, Becky, Jacobe and Paul

something new and I want you there. It was a complicated kind of set up with a Go-Pro camera and a screen and a 12 minute time limit. After Nerd Night, tons of people said to me they feel more confident with Sedums and Hens & Chicks. I never had that many people come up to me before." I missed Nerd Night last year, but heard Becky's container demo is in Nerd Night History!

This year Becky is growing about 43 varieties of Sedums, 50

varieties of Hens & Chicks and 14 varieties of companion plants that play well in the containers. I asked Becky about the huge interest in succulents over the past several years. It seems they are still so popular with no peaking of the trend! She believes social media has brought up the awareness of the plants, "and shown people the uniqueness of succulents in all seasons, climates and characteristics."

Becky also stays up with succulent

varieties and containers by researching different growers, checking on line sources and "keeping my ears open" to new ideas.

Sedum Chicks containers can be found in several Portland and Vancouver area retail stores. If you are interested in seeing Becky's creations, you can find them at New Seasons, Digs Inside and Out, Ravenna Gardens, Orchards Feed Mill and Little Baja. You can also meet Becky and maybe her family at many local plant fairs or farmers' markets from March to June, including GardenPalooza!



Hypertufa Containers

The word is out in a wider circle about Becky and Sedum Chicks. For the past few years Sedum Chicks has participated in the Northwest Flower & Garden Show in Seattle. This year, Becky got a call from succulent author, Debra Lee Baldwin. Debra is an author of many books on succulents including her latest book "Designing with Succulents". Debra was on the speakers list for the show and contacted Becky for her expert information. Being from southern California, Debra wanted to hear firsthand about the care and culture of Sedums and Hens & Chicks in the Pacific

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Northwest. Becky sent her photos and talked on the phone to her and via email. Debra was so taken by Becky's knowledge and enthusiasm that she asked if she could interview her sometime during the 5 day garden show. Becky also was on the seminar schedule at the show. She taught a "How To" seminar called 'Hardy Succulents in Space-Saving Stacked Planters'. In the allotted time frame, she planted a container step by step, all the while answering questions, choosing plants to snuggle next to each other and finishing the project by the end of the seminar! She is so very experienced in making containers that she relays that confidence to all in the audience.

Sedum Chicks is that kind of business that is evolving in creativity and plant material every year. Becky hopes to teach more classes and expand the Christmas Open House she hosted in December 2017. Stay tuned to her website for that event and other events for Sedum Chicks. I so admire Becky and her family, living and working together and having a great time. As Becky told me, "We work hard, play hard."

Watch a **YouTube** video of Becky Wright Sell from Sedum Chicks and author Debra Lee Baldwin

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If You Build It...

Asking questions, especially of yourself, is the cornerstone of a successful landscape renovation.

by Ron Dunevant

Decorative stones and raised beds can create a whole new look for your yard.

It is said that home ownership is the American Dream and, for many, an integral part of that dream is a gorgeously landscaped yard. In the last three decades, this tiny piece of acreage has evolved from a square of sod abutting a concrete patio into an outdoor living space, earmarked by multi-tiered decks, raised flower beds, artistic stonework, decorative pavers, outdoor kitchens, fire pits and exotic flowers and plants.

This movement has spawned the publication of hundreds of landscape- and outdoor-oriented magazines, websites, blogs and cable-TV channels, the best-known of which is HGTV. If you have spent any time perusing HGTV's programming, then you know the feelings that can be stirred up: the urge that dwells in the pit of your stomach to keep up with the Joneses; to upgrade your yard from tedious tract into pulchritudinous paradise.

For those who possess the desire

– and the budget – there is literally an endless supply of companies that will help you, from big box DIY stores like Lowe's and Home Depot, to local nurseries that offer an array of landscape services, to small yard-maintenance companies consisting of a couple of guys with a pickup truck and a lawn mower. These days, it seems everyone is willing to do yardwork. To paraphrase the saying from *Field of Dreams*, "if you want to build it, they will come."

If you are considering a medium-to-large-scale renovation of your outdoors, and if you lack the time or the knowledge to be a do-it-yourselfer, then seeking the assistance of a professional is a reasonable course of action.

As a first step, most people will surf the internet, a place where – all things being equal – everyone is treated as being equal. In cyberspace, anyone can present themselves as competent, experienced and trustworthy. Separating the wheat from the chaff can

be challenging, but it's a necessary chore if you want to protect your investment, your pocketbook and, most importantly, your sanity. If you think vetting a bevy of landscapers is likely to induce psychosis, try maintaining your stability after an unqualified and unscrupulous contractor has dug up your yard and disappeared with your money. The research you do and the precautions you take beforehand will pay dividends throughout the project.

A Google search for "landscape renovation" will elicit millions of results. Narrow them by adding your city and, perhaps, a specific item or two you would like to be included in your renovation, for example, "decks" or "water features." As you peruse each listing, you will find the services offered generally fall into three categories: landscape architect, landscape designer or landscape contractor. The areas of knowledge and experience of these groupings are often similar, but they differ in the following ways:

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Inquire about the timeline for your project and be prepared for your yard to be torn-up for the duration.

Landscape Architect: A person that has a bachelor's and/or master's degree in landscape architecture from a university and is licensed by the state. An architect is usually (but not exclusively) hired for big-budget or commercial projects.

Landscape Designer: A person with training in landscape design but who does not have a license with the state. Most designers will have taken courses in design but some are self-taught. A designer will usually work on smaller, residential projects.

Landscape Contractor: A person or company that will do the actual construction or installation of a project. A landscape contractor will often work with a designer or architect. Some contractors have a designer on-staff, which allows you to execute the entire project through one company.

Which one(s) you hire will depend upon several factors: the project's timeline, size, complexity and, most importantly, budget. Even minor yard renovations can run into the thousands of dollars, and it is not uncommon for larger projects to run over \$50,000 and even higher. That's a substantial investment that warrants a lot of scrutiny. Just as if you were hiring for

a business, you should make the time to interview several prospective "employees," and grade them on a scale of what they have to offer, how well you get along with them, if they share your vision and their estimated cost.

You can save some time by checking online ratings websites such as Angie's List (www.angieslist.com), Yelp (www.yelp.com), Google (www.google.com) and the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org). These services may not answer the question of whom to choose, but it will definitely help you elimi-

nate the businesses that have a bad reputation or an excess of bad reviews.

Once you have a list of possible candidates, it's time to hit the phones. Here are some of the questions you should ask:

How long have you been in business? A company that has been in business longer will have more of a track record. You want the company to have a history that you can access, from pictures of completed projects to feedback from clients. Like any company, there are bound to be a few instances of dissatisfied customers, but in general, online reviews are good at showing trends. If a business has consistently bad reviews, or if customers are dissatisfied for the same reason, you can determine a company's strengths and weaknesses and compare them with your specific needs. In addition, see if the company will provide you with names of some of their recent customers. You will often learn more talking one-on-one with someone than reading a bunch of short reviews. Plus, you'll be able to ask questions.

Are you bonded and fully insured? This is your protection if something goes wrong and should be a question for anyone who



If your project requires the use of large equipment, make sure your yard has adequate access from the street.



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does work around your home. Ask the business what agency they are licensed with and contact the licensing agency. For insurance and bonding, ask the company to have their agent send you a Certificate of Insurance, which is proof that the business is currently covered by a policy. Bonding should also come from an insurance company. A little work on your part can cover you in case something goes wrong.

Do you guarantee your work?

A reputable landscaping contractor should guarantee their work for at least two years. Five years is even better. If plants are included in the job, inquire about a separate warranty to cover them.

Will you provide a drawing of the plan?

A designer or architect should create a plan showing you exactly what the project will look like when completed. This is essential for any job where construction is involved. Drake's 7 Dees in Portland is one of the premier landscape design companies in the area. Becky Thomas, Drake's Irrigation Manager, says the details in their drawings sometimes come as a surprise to her customers. "A lot of people think that a design is just somebody coming out and doing a rough sketch and showing where it's going to be placed and

things like that. If they're saying they want a design, it's going to be a full scale design on a blueprint." Such a drawing is invaluable to the contractors tasked with the job. Having a blueprint will help you to visualize the completed project, as well, so you'll know exactly what is going where.

What specialists do you have on-staff?

Depending on the job, you may need a specialist in irrigation, electrical, arboriculture, horticulture, pool construction or any one of a dozen other areas. A landscaping project could involve

several areas of expertise. If you are planting trees, for example, an arborist can inform you of the long-range impact of certain varieties. Thirty years from now, you don't want to have to dig up a tree that has become too large for the space. The Pacific Northwest, with its propensity for heavy rain, makes irrigation a big consideration. "There is so much rain, you have to take into consideration (that) if you have a project that has a sloped area, you have to adjust for that," relays Becky Thomas. "It also affects our plantings and what can go where and if they will do well in this type of climate."

What is the timeline for this job?

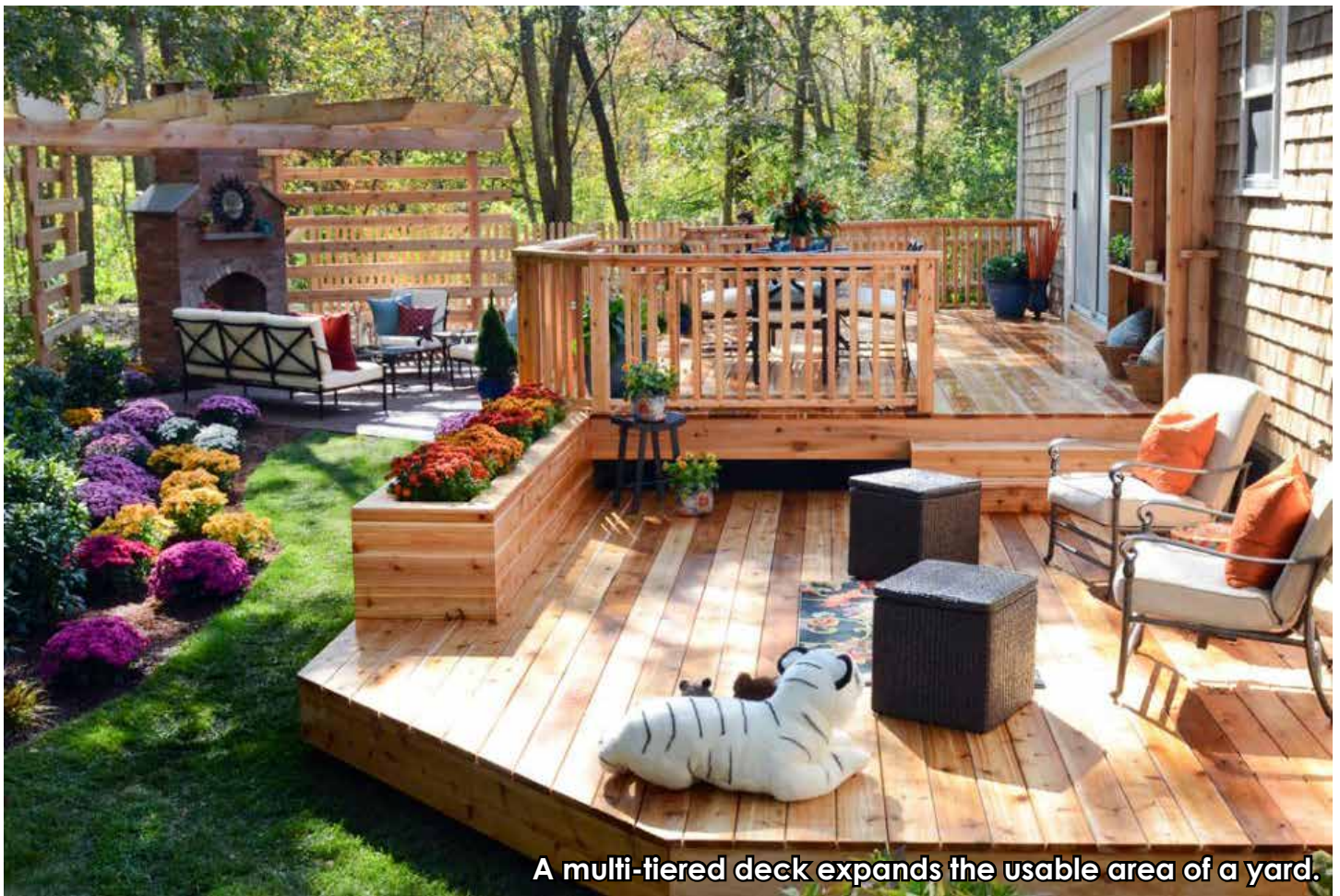
If a company has multiple jobs going at the same time, they may leave your site before completion to work on another project. Get a clear understanding of when they expect to be finished, so you are not waiting around with a half-bulldozed yard.

What equipment will you use to complete the job?

A well-run company should have construction details and standard practices for how they will tackle a particular project. Moving dirt, constructing walls, placing stones or pouring cement involves sometimes-sizeable equipment. Determine if this equipment will be used and if



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your yard has sufficient access to the area of construction from the street.

From this information, you should be able to come up with three to six companies that have a good reputation and provide the services you require. From there, you will want to set up appointments. Most companies will charge for a "consultation," maybe \$75 to \$100 an hour. The larger your budget, the more consultations you may wish to receive. After all, a few hundred dollars is a small price to pay if you find a designer whose ideas will save you thousands. Some companies will even waive the consultation fee if you choose them to complete the project.

When you meet with your designer, the tables will be turned. A good designer will want to get a feel for what you want. Often he or she will have a questionnaire for you to fill out. Knowing the answers ahead of time will expedite the process.

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If you don't know what you want, that's OK, too. Becky Thomas says only about half of the people who call have an idea in mind. "Some people know exactly what they want. They just need to know if it's feasible. Then some people are like, 'I've just got this blank yard, I need some help... I need some ideas.'" When that is the case, Thomas has a plan for that, too. "We ask them what they are looking for, if they are wanting only plantings, because a lot of people affiliate that with landscaping. If they are looking for any hardscaping involved in this, like pavers, patios, when we do swimming pools, irrigation... we just go down the list and ask them what they are looking for."

A good designer will have a list of questions for you, which will vary from business to business, but may include:

What is important to you about the plants in your yard?

Would you prefer plants that are low maintenance? Drought tolerant? Perhaps you want them to make a statement or provide an image. Do you want to grow your own vegetables and herbs? Would you like to attract wildlife, reduce street noise or wind, create privacy, or provide a space for exercise or meditation? Do you want an immediate landscape or one that develops over time? Would you like a specialty garden area, an integrated garden or one with a distinct focus?

Are there plants that you are fond of?

Not every plant will be appropriate for your landscape design, but knowing what you like and don't like will help a designer include as many of your favorites as possible.

What colors would you like

around your garden? If you have a favorite color, a designer can suggest plants that fit the bill and will bloom at different times of the year.

Do you like water in your landscape?

A fountain or pond can provide a soothing, natural sound in a yard, but it also requires maintenance.

Do you like pathways in your landscape?

There are a multitude of ways to incorporate paths, from gravel to pavers to groundcovers.

How much time can you spend on maintenance?

A better question may be, "how much time do you *want* to spend on maintenance? An improvement to your yard may reduce some work (less lawn means less mowing) while increasing or creating other work (a new deck or pond needs regular maintenance.) Be realistic

about how much time or expense you want to commit to maintaining your new amenities. Are you willing to perform yardwork on a daily basis? Weekly? Monthly? Or, would you prefer to hire someone to perform those tasks for you? Your answer will be a great help to a landscape designer in determining what to include and what types of plants to use.

What is your favorite season?

It may seem like a pickup line at a bar, but knowing what you like or dislike about each time of year will help a designer choose plants and trees that are right for you. If you like to be out on hot summer days, shade trees or a gazebo might be a good choice. If you like to look out the window on a cold rainy day, plants with colorful fall foliage might be the answer.

When do you use the garden most?

Not only a seasonal, but a time-of-day or -week answer. If you're busy at the office until late each night, then a weekend-centric design might work best. If

you like to sip your morning coffee in the sunshine, then a deck may accommodate that. If you look forward to cool evenings, then a fire pit could provide just the right amount of warmth and atmosphere.

Do you like grass? This is not a pot-related question but rather one about sod. To some people, a yard without a grassy area is unthinkable. For others, the thought of dispensing with the tedium of mowing is a dream come true. Your answer will determine the role that turf plays in your design.

How do you feel about your yard? You might consider this a strange question, but feelings have everything to do with design. A good landscape plan is one that evokes certain emotions. Some people dream of a tranquil spot to get away from the stresses of the world. Other's desire a yard that encourages activity, like playing games or cooking.

What do you like most/least

about your current landscape?

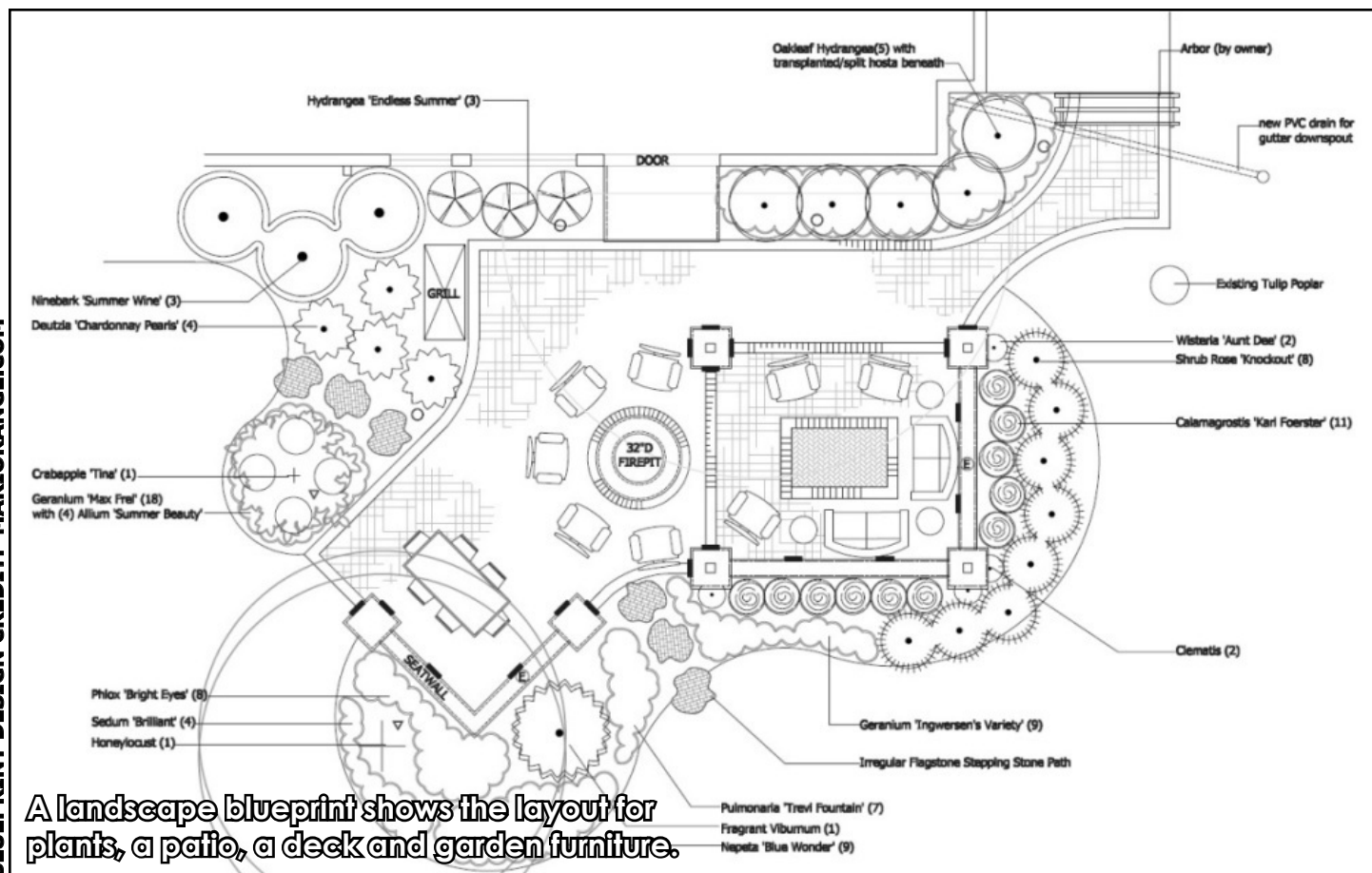
You may find several answers that fit either side of this question, but it's worth thinking about before you talk to a landscape designer. Walk around your yard and look at things from different angles. Taking notes will help you determine which aspects evoke the strongest emotions.

What about the view from inside?

Are there special features that you would like to see from certain windows? Are there ways that your outside garden can enhance the inside of your home when you look out the windows?

Finally, the toughest question.

What is your budget? Come up with a range that fits your finances. It is best to come up with a set of numbers before you talk to a designer. Determine how much you can afford and how you will come up with the money. Then, stick to your guns. When you see all the things that you *could* do to your yard, it will be tempting to go beyond your preset amount. But



A landscape blueprint shows the layout for plants, a patio, a deck and garden furniture.



A fire pit creates a cozy spot on a cool night.

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the best part about a nice yard is not worrying about how you're going to pay for it. Stay with the plan, and if your designer has some ideas you really love but can't yet afford, see if there is a way to leave room in your design for future development. That will give you something to look forward to and still allow you to sleep at night. Don't be afraid to discuss budgetary concerns with a designer. A good one will work within your means.

Once you decide to move forward, a designer will come to your home, look around the yard, take pictures and inquire about your desires and preferences, including plants. He or she may accompany you to a local nursery to help you choose which plants and materials you want to use. They will charge for their time, so be sure to include that in your budget.

If you have the money, you may

wish to have several companies look at your property and draw up a plan and estimated cost. You may discover several ways to achieve the same goal and possibly save some money. And, if all the bids are similar, at least you will know you are getting a fair price.

And just what is that price? For a high-end company like Drake's 7 Dees, no job is too large. "Sometimes, some people are very surprised at the price," says Thomas. "We have done backyard projects that are \$250,000 or \$300,000 and we've also done some that are 5 & 10 (thousand)." She says the majority of jobs they do are around the 50-k mark. It all depends on the vision of the homeowner and the plan created with the help of the designer.

If you're not quite ready to consult a professional, magazines,

websites and TV programs are a great source of inspiration. They can acquaint you with the landscape renovation process, demonstrate the techniques involved in various construction work and show you what's trendy. As for Northwest yards, Becky Thomas says stone is big right now. "The patios, the flagstone, that's a huge thing that's really popular right now. The outdoor kitchens, fire pits, that's the up-and-coming thing. There are so many different types of things you can do and there's granite... so many different choices now."

In today's yard, it's all about choice. There is almost no limit to what you can do with your outdoor spaces. So let your imagination run wild, and when you decide what you want, be sure to enlist the assistance of a professional to help you make your landscaping dreams come true.

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W T D I T G

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

PLANNING



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

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

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

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



PLANTING

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



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

- Flowers & Annuals: Plant out gladiolas,

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

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

- Landscape planting now still

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

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



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

TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

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

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

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

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Magic is safe around pets and breaks down into usable iron for the plants to consume.



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

VEGETABLE GARDEN

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

Hulda Klager Lilac Days

Through May 13, 2018 • Daily, 10:00am-4:00pm

Hulda Klager Lilac Garden, Woodland, WA

The gardens are open daily 10:00am until 4:00pm year around. A \$5.00 gate fee is payable at the gate. Children 12 years old and under enter free when accompanied by an adult. No pets are permitted, this includes therapy or comfort dogs. Only service dogs as defined by ADA.gov are permitted to enter Gardens. The Lilac Gardens are located off I-5 exit 21, 30 minutes north of Portland, Oregon or 2.5 hours south of Seattle, Washington at 115 South Pekin Road, Woodland, Washington 98674. www.lilacgardens.com

Spring Garden Fair

Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, 2018

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby, OR

It's time again for the annual Spring Garden Fair, presented by the Clackamas County Master Gardeners. Returning for our 34th year is an all-star lineup of vendors with everything for the gardener. Our vendors offer plants from annuals and perennials to trees and shrubs with everything in between. We have specialty vendors with tools, garden art and compost. And vendors that specialize in all sorts of vegetables and herbs. This two day event also offers plenty of free attractions - making it worth the drive to Canby!

Our award winning 10-Minute University returns with short classes on gardening - Ask a Master Gardener booths in two locations to answer your garden questions - Free pH soil testing in 4-H Hall both days along with displays from local organizations and Free Children's Activities. The Greater Portland Iris Society is holding their annual Early Show on Sunday, May 6 - they will be on the back porch of the Main Pavilion. The Potting Station has great deals on containers (they will even pot up your purchases before you leave). Each year we invite local student volunteers to work the Plant Taxi's, towing for tips. The Free Plant Check will hold your purchases - you can even drive by to pick them up in your car on the way out of town! Every year we have our Garden Fair Raffle with dozens of prizes each hour, Silent Auction featuring New Plant Introductions and favorites from local growers, and there is even a Food Court and Coffee Thyme for taking a break - with covered or indoor seating available.

Hours: Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm Admission: \$5.00 admission. Under 16 free. Clackamas County Event Center, 694 NE 4th Ave., Canby, Oregon 97013.

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Tomato Plant Sale

Saturday, May 5, 2018 • 9:00am-2:00pm

Mary Woodward Elementary School, Tigard, OR

We have a wide selection of plants, \$2.00 each for 4" pots, or 2 for \$3.00. All proceeds support our school garden. Please call, if you have questions (503)459-8609, or email: joanne.noren@gmail.com.

Mary Woodward Elementary School, 12325 SW Katherine St., Tigard, OR.

2nd Annual Mary Woodward Elementary School Tomato Plant Sale

Saturday, May 5, 2017 • 9:00am-3:00pm

Mary Woodward Elementary School, Tigard, OR

Over fifteen varieties, heirlooms, hybrids, large slicers, sauce, cherry/grape and special Italians grown from seed into 4" pots in our green houses by students. 2 for \$3.00. Hours: 9am-3pm or until sold out like last year. Mary Woodward Elementary Grade School, 12325 SW Katherine St. Tigard, OR 97223.

The Tillamook County Master Gardeners Association Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 5, 2018 • 9:00am-2:00pm

Tillamook County Fairgrounds, Tillamook, OR

A variety of garden plants, including tomatoes, other vegetables, perennials, native plants, houseplants, and shrubs will be available. We are featuring tomato varieties adapted to produce well in our coastal climate. The Master Gardeners Help Desk, Garden Garage Sale and many local vendors will be onsite. The Tillamook FFA club will be selling beautiful hanging baskets. NEW THIS YEAR - Garage Sale Silent Auction. Proceeds will benefit the programs and scholarship fund of the Tillamook County Master Gardeners Association as well as Future Farmers of America and 4-H activities. This popular annual event brought over 1,500 gardeners last year, so come early and bring your yard wagons. The 4-H/FFA Livestock Pavilion is on the west side of the Tillamook County Fairgrounds, 4603 Third St. Admission is FREE! For more information visit our website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/tillamook/mg/tcmga> or 'Like us' on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/tillamookmastergardeners/>

Unique Mother's Day Planter

Saturday, May 5, 2018 • 9:30am

Al's Garden & Home, Wilsonville, Gresham, Sherwood, Woodburn, OR

Plant a container of beautiful blooms for Mother's Day! These annuals offer a long-lasting color explosion that can be enjoyed by everyone throughout the spring and summer. We'll be using a fun planter that Mom will

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love! Cost: \$7.50 to cover the cost of materials. als-gardencenter.com

Knowing and Growing Lilies
Wednesday, May 9, 2018 • 12:30pm
Corbett Fire Hall, Corbett, OR

The Columbian Garden Club is hosting a free program - Knowing and Growing Lilies - on May 9, 2018, 12:30 p.m., in the Corbett Fire Hall meeting room, 36930 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy., Corbett. Karen Schaaf, Garden Club member, will provide descriptions and visuals of Lily varieties and provide tips for cultivation.

Schreiner's Iris Gardens Bloom Season 2018
May 11 – May 31, 2018 9:00am-6:00pm
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Tour Schreiner's Iris Gardens' 10-acre display gardens filled with over 500 named Irises. Shop unique gifts in the Gift Shop on site, featuring an exciting mix of reasonably priced home and garden accents, Iris-themed gifts, glassware, t-shirts and handcrafted artwork, as well as gardening tools and accessories. Shop a selection of potted spring flowers and companion plants to complement your Iris garden and place an order for Iris to ship this summer. View hundreds of Irises on display in the Schreiner's Cut Flower Show. Fresh-cut Irises are available for purchase every day, weather permitting. The gardens are open to the public. Parking is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. www.schreinersgardens.com

Schreiner's Iris Gardens Opening Weekend
Friday-Sunday, May 11-13, 2018 • 9:00am-6:00pm
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Join us to celebrate the opening weekend of Schreiner's Iris Gardens! Rain or shine, the Irises will be exploding with gorgeous color across ten acres of display gardens. Highlighting this much-anticipated event will be tastings from Methven Family Vineyards and Spiritopia, plus demonstrations, classes, food, drinks and awesome scenery!

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Iris Bloom Season open house kicks off, rain or shine with the gift shop open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. Get your heart pumping and join The Adult Congenital Heart Association Bicycle Ride. All proceeds from this event will benefit ACHA. Enjoy a tour of the gardens and receive a bouquet of irises for your contribution! Registration is \$30. Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Spiritopia Craft Spirits of Corvallis, Oregon (www.spiritopia.com), will offer tastings of their fine liqueurs. Tantalize your taste buds with their premium artisan liqueurs and

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purchase your favorites to take home.

Saturday from Noon to 5:00 p.m., Elixir Craft Spirits of Eugene, Oregon (elixircraftspirits.com), makers of artisanal liqueurs in the Old World tradition will tempt you with tastings of their Iris liqueur and other varieties.

Also Saturday & Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m., Methven Family Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon (methvenfamilyvineyards.com) will offer tastings of their incomparable Willamette Valley wines. Saturday 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., check out our live How to Dig & Divide Iris Demonstration. We will discuss and review the proper time and technique for digging and separating Iris. It's easier than you think! Bring your questions and learn tips from the experts. Free demonstration, open to all.

The gardens are open to the public. Demonstration is free and open to all. Wine and liqueur tastings for nominal fee. Parking is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. www.schreinersgardens.com

National Public Gardens Day Celebration
Friday, May 11, 2018 • 11:00am-2:00pm
Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

All across the country, America will be celebrating our public gardens today. Here at Leach Garden, some special activities are planned. The Stone Cabin will be open from 11-2; our Education Coordinator, JoAnn Vrilakas, will lead an Ethnobotany Tour at noon; Gavin Bell of Dragonfly Forge will be on hand to sharpen pruning shears from 11-2; and local author, Teresa Bergen, will be in the gift shop from noon-2 signing copies of her new book, *Easy Portland Outdoors*, which includes an entry on Leach Garden. Come by and enjoy this annual celebration of gardens with us! Location: Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. Information: www.leachgarden.org (click on "learn") or contact JoAnn Vrilakas, Education Coordinator, 503-823-1671 or jvrilakas@leachgarden.org

Mother's Day Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, May 12-13, 2018
Adelman Peony Gardens, Salem, OR
 Bring Mom. We'll give her a special gift! www.peonyparadise.com

Camas Plant & Garden Fair
Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 9:00am-4:00pm
Downtown Camas, WA

Save the date for the Camas Plant & Garden Fair! Everything for your yard and garden in charming Down-

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Gardening Events Around Town (continued)

town Camas! Saturday, May 12th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held the day before Mother's Day, each year the plant fair draws in thousands of people to enjoy and explore the amazing selection of plants, trees, garden art and supplies, and much more provided by our dedicated local growers and vendors. Kids' activities, live music, entertainment, fresh food, and the shops and restaurants of Downtown Camas all add to the community experience. Come make a day of it! Visit the Plant Fair website www.cwplantfair.org and www.facebook.com/camasplantandgardenfair for all the info.

Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 9:00am-3:00pm

Risley Landing Gardens, Oak Grove, OR

Over a 1000 plants, garden décor and more, plus refreshments. At the historic Risley Landing Gardens, 16195 SE River Forest Place, Oak Grove, OR. www.OakGroveGardenClub.com

2018 Mother's Day Show and Sale

Saturday & Sunday, May 12 & 13, 2018

• 9:00am-5:00pm

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland, OR

Presented by The Portland Chapter of The American Rhododendron Society. The garden will be at peak bloom time. Come and join us to view the garden. The sale: In the front parking lot. More information: www.rhodies.org or 503 771-8386. <http://www.rhodies.org/chapter/sales-shows/Mothers/flyers/mothersday.pdf>

Digging in the Dirt

Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 10:00am

The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Join The Oregon Garden for Digging in the Dirt presented by Columbia Bank. Beginning at 10:00am, enjoy a day outdoors planting our spring annual flowers. After you are done, sit back and relax in the beautiful Garden with a brunch buffet, live music & bottomless mimosas! You will also receive a piece of the Garden to take home with you. General admission tickets: \$35; Garden Member admission: \$30. Minors are allowed and children 4 & under are free. Please park at the Oregon Garden Resort and follow the signs into the Garden to the Discovery Pavilion.

Schedule Of Activities: 10:00am: Coffee and pastries; 10:15am: Teams head out to plant annuals, guided by Garden volunteers and staff members; 11:30am – 1:30pm: Live music by Val Blaha, brunch and bottomless mimosas will be served in the Discovery Pavilion in the Rediscovery Forest. www.oregongarden.org

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Little Sprouts – Paint and Plant a Flower Pot for Mom

Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Perfect for Mother's Day! The kids will paint their own pot and then plant it with beautiful flowers for that special Mom. Children will learn how to plant flowers and care for them. Cost: \$7.00 per child. Garland Nursery, 5470 NE Highway 20, Corvallis, 97330. www.garlandnursery.com

Paint & Pints Painting Series

Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 1:00pm

French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR

Join us for our First Paint & Pints Class! Who doesn't love having a fun outing with your girls, your special someone, or your little one! No experience needed – just be ready for some fun!! We will help you with a tutorial and any questions you have along the way! We provide – everything you need! Includes your Stencil, Wood, Paint and YOUR 1ST PINT! (or non alcoholic beverage if you choose). There are 14 different fun stencils to choose from to celebrate Spring! The sign is a 6" x 16" size – sizing may be a little different based on lumber purchased. Stencil size will be 5.5"x 12" roughly depending upon the design. Paint Class Attendees receive a coupon to use towards their next purchase, so you can shop after class! Plus, we'll even turn on some tunes so we can paint with the music!

Mother's Day Country Brunch

Sunday, May 13, 2018 • 9:00am-12:00pm

French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR

Treat your mom extra special this Mother's day with an exquisite time on the farm. Guests will enjoy a mouth-watering brunch, served buffet style, prepared by the French Prairie Gardens family. Bring the whole family with mom, as there will be pig barrel train rides, plenty of farm animals and more. Of course our garden center will be open and you can get your mom the beautiful hanging basket she picks out right here on the farm! 17.99 per adult, 7.99 per child. Please purchase reservations online. www.fpggardens.com

Celebrating Mother's Day at Schreiner's Iris Gardens

Sunday, May 13, 2018 • 9:00am-6:00pm

Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Everyone is invited as we celebrate "Mom" at Schreiner's Iris Gardens. Make it an extra-special day with a stroll through our gorgeous garden of colorful, blooming Iris. Enjoy a leisurely picnic in the park-like setting of our 10-acre display garden. Picnic tables will be available and dogs are welcome, on leash.

Give mom (or yourself) a potted Iris from a selection
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of Irises in half-gallon pots. In celebration of all mothers and their children, your FIRST DOZEN fresh-cut Iris Stems Bouquets will be half-price – that's just \$3.75 for a dozen stems! Spend the day and enjoy delicious wines from Methven Family Vineyards, liqueurs from Spiritopia and tasty food and drinks, all nestled within ten acres of our famous Iris gardens. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Spiritopia Craft Spirits of Corvallis, Oregon (www.spiritopia.com), will offer tastings of their fine liqueurs. Tantalize your taste buds with their premium artisan liqueurs and purchase your favorites to take home. Also 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., join us for a Tea Tasting with Plum Deluxe of Portland, Oregon (www.plumdeluxe.com). Enjoy tea amongst the flowers by sampling several delicious, hand-blended creations, thoughtfully chosen for the day's celebration. Bring your mom or a tea-loving friend and enjoy a relaxing afternoon!

Then, Noon to 5:00 p.m., Methven Family Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon (methvenfamilyvineyards.com) will offer tastings of their incomparable Willamette Valley wines. Also, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Mt. Angel Sausage Co. cart will also be here with mouth-watering sausages, curly fries, elephant ears and soft drinks for purchase.

The gardens are open to the public. Wine, liqueur and tea tastings for nominal fee. Parking is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. www.schreinersgardens.com

Chrysanthemum Sale

Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 8:00am-4:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

The Portland Mum Society's Spring Mum Sale. www.portlandnursery.com

Annual Fundraiser Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 9:00am-3:00pm

Camas United Methodist Church, Camas, WA

The Community Garden Club of Camas Washougal's Annual Fundraiser Plant Sale will be May 19th. Great selection at low prices! Indoor shopping and free parking. Community Garden Club of Camas Washougal is a non-profit 501c(4) organization. Camas United Methodist Church, 706 NE 14th Ave., Camas, WA. Website: www.gardenclubofcamaswashougal.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/CommunityGardenClubOfCamasWashougal.

Oregon Fuchsia Society Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 9:00am-2:00pm

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(or until all plants are sold)

Fabric Depot Parking Lot, Portland, OR

There will be a limited number of baskets (we just don't have members who can transport such large, fragile plants at this time), and a much larger selection of gallon container hardy upright or lax fuchsia plants. Sale will last until 2:00pm, or until all of the plants are sold. At the parking lot of Fabric Depot, SE 122nd and Stark.

Beaverton Garden Club 10th Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 9:00am-2:00pm

St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Beaverton, OR

Plants from members' gardens. Perennials, veggies, shrubs, house plants. Proceeds support scholarships, conservation and local public gardens. The SW Portland Fuchsia Club will also be participating. St. Cecelia Catholic Church at SW 5th & Franklin in Beaverton.

Ohara Ikebana Exhibition

Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20, 2018 • Garden Hours

Portland Japanese Garden, Portland, OR

What distinguishes ikebana from other approaches to flower arrangement is its asymmetrical form and the use of "empty" space as essential features of the composition. A sense of harmony among the materials, the container, and the setting is also crucial. Ikebana shares these aesthetic characteristics with traditional Japanese paintings, gardens, architecture, and design. Members of the Seattle Chapter of the Ohara School of Ikebana set the tone for spring with an array of exquisite designs on display in the Yanai Classroom. www.japanesegarden.org

Nature Fair! "Chew Chomp Slurp: How Critters Eat"

Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

Come explore how the food an animal eats affects its body and behavior. Check out different skulls and match the teeth and bones with the kind of food the animal eats! We'll have bear, cougar, horse, an alligator and many more! What can you learn by looking at your own teeth? Plus: Critter Explorations - grab a mini-terrarium, net & magnifying glass and see what you can discover!

See insect-eating plants, make an animal mask, try the Salmon Run game, meet Audubon's Education Birds, go on a lady bug nature walk, enjoy face painting, crafts, Nature Fair Post Cards, slug races, music, popcorn & 25¢ Ice Cream Cones & more! Thanks to our sponsor, PNW Federal Credit Union, and our partners: Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Audubon Society of Portland, Portland Parks & Recreation Environmental Education Pro-

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gram, Portland State University Biology Department and Adventure WILD. Free! Location: Upper Garden Meadow. Location: Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236.

Keizer Iris Festival Weekend at Schreiner's Iris Gardens! **Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20, 2018 • 10:00am-6:00pm** **Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR**

Each year Schreiner's Iris Garden donates hundreds of field-fresh Iris stems to the Keizer Iris Festival and there is no better place to celebrate than at Schreiner's Iris Gardens. Check out the beautiful floats in the parade in Keizer, then visit our 10-acre display garden in full bloom, join in a 5K or 10K walk/run through the irises, sample unique liqueurs from Spiritopia, and participate in the discussion of two interesting iris demonstrations.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Keiser Iris Walk with the Willamette Wanderers. Walk or run through fields of colorful iris on a 5K or 10K route. The walk begins at the Display Gardens. Registration required. Leashed, sociable dogs are welcome. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Spiritopia Craft Spirits of Corvallis, Oregon (www.spiritopia.com), will offer tastings of their fine liqueurs. Tantalize your taste buds with their premium artisan liqueurs and purchase your favorites to take home. On Saturday from Noon to 5:00 p.m., Elixir Craft Spirits (elixircraftspirits.com), makers of artisanal liqueurs in the Old World tradition will tempt you with tastings of their Iris liqueurs and other varieties.

Also Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., check out our live How to Dig & Divide Iris Demonstration. We will discuss and review the proper time and technique for digging and separating Iris. It's easier than you think! Bring your questions and learn tips from the experts. Free demonstration in our Plant Sale area, open to all. From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, join us as special guest Sue Bielemeier of Green Thumb Flower Box Florists provides a free demonstration of flower arranging, highlighting the use of Iris in a variety of arrangements.

The gardens are open to the public. Liqueur tasting are available for a nominal fee. Parking is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. www.schreinersgardens.com

Bonsai Class: Topic TBA **Saturday, May 19, 2018 • 11:00am** **Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA**

Join us and learn about this fun, relaxing and artistic hobby. All levels are invited. We look forward to seeing you! A fee for materials may be added once topic is determined. Call us for more information.

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Memorial Weekend **Saturday-Monday, May 26-28, 2018** **Adelman Peony Gardens, Salem, OR**

Special prices on cut flowers to help you honor those who have fought for our country and family members who are no longer with us. www.peonyparadise.com

Botanical Printing **Saturday, May 26, 2018 • 9:00am-4:00pm** **Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR**

Botanical printing uses historical methods to capture colors, textures, and shapes found in nature – resulting in stunning plant portraits on fabric. Leaves are layered onto natural fabrics, tightly bundled, then steamed or boiled. This environmentally gentle process permanently transfers botanical pigments without synthetic dyes, inks or paints. Anna Zell, textile artist, designer and pattern-maker, will lead you step by step through the eco-printing process. You'll take home your own eco-printed silk noil and either crepe de chine or charmeuse silk scarf, along with the knowledge necessary to make more, for yourself or as spectacular gifts for others. (See Anna's work at www.facebook.com/annazell designs). Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. Location: Manor House and East Terrace. \$125/person includes all silk fabric and dyeing supplies, along with a take-home kit. Pre-registration required.

Spring Fever Open House **Saturday-Monday, May 26-28, 2018 • 10:00am-5:00pm** **Cascade Nursery Trail Nurseries, Aurora/Salem, OR**

Three day extravaganza of garden touring, plant sales and special events at our 6th annual open house, perfectly timed for peak garden photo ops! Feel the fever of plant lust and the thrill of finding those alluring beauties as you fill your wagon at each stop...pausing for munchies or libation and some sage gardening advice from your nursery hosts before heading to your next trail destination. Come out for a day in the country, meet the owners and find plants you may not see anywhere else. We will all be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday so you'll have time to get to ALL the CNT Nurseries! www.cascadenurserytrail.com

Artist Fair & Memorial Day Weekend Events **Saturday-Monday, May 26-28, 2018 • 10:00am-6:00pm** **Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR**

Celebrate the holiday weekend with amazing art, excellent wine, artisan liqueurs, and gorgeous flowers! Artists from around the valley will join us in the gardens to display and sell their works of art. Many of these artists have been painting in the Display Gardens for years; all will have Iris-themed work on display and for sale. Grab a glass of wine or a sip of liqueur and browse the amazing art among the Irises. Artists are scheduled for

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Saturday and Sunday, most stay through Monday.

Saturday thru Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Spiritopia Craft Spirits of Corvallis, Oregon (www.spiritopia.com), will offer tastings of their fine liqueurs. Tantalize your taste buds with their premium artisan liqueurs and purchase your favorites to take home. Also Saturday thru Monday, Noon to 5:00 p.m., Methven Family Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon (methvenfamilyvineyards.com) will offer tastings of their incomparable Willamette Valley wines. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., check out our live How to Dig & Divide Iris Demonstration. We will discuss and review the proper time and technique for digging and separating Iris. It's easier than you think! Bring your questions and learn tips from the experts. Free demonstration, open to all. Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., The Language of Flowers, a presentation by local antique expert Lisa Hand of Wild Horse Antiques. Victorian & Edwardian Language of the Flowers Tradition, Remembrance, Sentiment and Beauty communicated through the elegance of living blooms. Also Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., join the Tussie Mussie Floral Bouquet Workshop - a whole conversation you can hold in your hand.

The gardens are open to the public. Wine and liqueur tasting are available for a nominal fee. Parking is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. www.schreinersgardens.com

2018 Inviting Vines Garden Tour
Saturday, May 26, 2018 • 11:00am-4:00pm
Rogerson's Clematis Garden, West Linn, OR

Please join us for our Inviting Vines Garden Tour with events to celebrate our eleventh annual tour. In addition to the Rogerson Clematis Garden there will be four private gardens for you to visit.

We've added two very special events to our garden tour this year. For special event ticket holders the day begins with "Breakfast with Lucy Hardiman" at 9:00am. Enjoy a light breakfast in the milking parlor of the barn at Luscher Farm, while Lucy shares the historical research and plant selection for the Heirloom Garden and beyond with her presentation "Breaking Ground: The Rogerson Clematis Garden from Research to Reality". After her talk, follow Lucy for an exclusive tour of the Heirloom Garden with its original plant list in hand.

New this year, in the afternoon special event ticket holders may also join the Collection's curator Linda Beutler, for tea and her presentation: "Clematis Unbound: Planting the Heirloom Garden's Clematis" followed by a private tour of the Heirloom Garden with Linda. Both will continue where Mike Darcy left us last year with the

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City of Lake Oswego's agreement to house Brewster's collection. Our special ticket holders will move through the design of the Heirloom Garden and the selection of companion and heirloom plants around the farmhouse. This will be a great opportunity to share the garden with friends, and maybe take an heirloom clematis home with you by purchasing raffle tickets to win our garden baskets.

Private gardens open 11:00am-4:00pm. Extra Events: Breakfast with Lucy Hardiman & Afternoon Tea with Linda Beutler. Breakfast at 9:00am-10:30am with Lucy Hardiman; Tea at 2:00pm to 3:00pm with Linda Beutler. The Rogerson Clematis Garden is located at Luscher Farm: 125 Rosemont Road, West Linn, OR 97068. www.rogersonclematiscollection.org/invitingvines2018/

Schreiner's Iris Gardens' Annual Memorial Day Celebration
Monday, May 28, 2018 • 10:00am-6:00pm
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Celebrate Memorial Day at Schreiner's Iris Gardens with a daylong event featuring delicious liqueur and wine tasting, tangy barbequed chicken and toe-tappin' music, all set among our gorgeous blooming Iris gardens. Artists from around the valley will be joining us to display and sell their works of art. Many of these artists have been painting in the Display Gardens for years; all will have Iris-themed work on display and for sale.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. sit down for our famous Chicken BBQ featuring the culinary delights of the Gervais Knights of Columbus, just \$11 per plate, it includes a half-chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, and beverage.

From Noon to 5:00 p.m., Methven Family Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon (methvenfamilyvineyards.com) will offer tastings of their incomparable Willamette Valley wines. Then, Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., listen to memorable tunes and swingin' songs from the talented musicians of Calamity Jazz (calamityjazz.com), a group of top performers from all over the West Coast.

The gardens and music performance are open to the public. The chicken BBQ is \$11. Wine and liqueurs available for a nominal fee. Parking is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. www.schreinersgardens.com

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