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April Showers Lead to May Flowers

This old 'saw' (an old phrase or saying) has a basis in history and is a touchstone around the world. Some believe that the name for the month of May is from the Greek goddess Maia, a goddess of fertility. Not too hard to imagine with all the new growth that is happening this time of year, in fact her festival was held in 'May'. Those May flowers have led to so many other observances around the world based on spring's new growth. Though Arbor Day is observed in April for most of us, in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island it is celebrated in May, national tree planting day happens in Mongolia during this month as well. There is also a Flores de Mayo (flowers of May) celebration and the Garden for Wildlife event in May. Of course, we have those widely observed holidays of Mother's Day, May Day and World Naked Gardening Day (?) happening as well. The month is full of blooms and festivals to help celebrate those blooms

May is also a great time to be a gardener. Everything is new and changing every day. You can see it at the big festivals that dot our area in May. The tulips at Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm are slowly fading, but still looking gorgeous, lilacs at Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens are in full bloom and the peonies of Adelman Peonies and irises at Schreiner's Iris Gardens are just starting to pop. Our own gardens are also growing at a rapid pace, and looking around, so are the weeds! Soon we will be enjoying roses and daylilies and all the rest of our favorite blooms! Still, you don't need to travel far to enjoy beautiful blooms; just take a walk around your garden or neighborhood to enjoy the changes that are happening.

This month we feature one of those beautiful places I was just talking about, Schreiner's Iris Gardens. Ron tells us about this great family and the little festival that has grown to be a 'must see' in the spring. We also start talking about vegetables as the growing season kicks off. There's a wonderful story on lettuce, all the types you can find and even a recipe on how to grill it! I also put my writing hat on to tell you about a planter we trialed last year for vertical gardening, and a new planter that makes watering easy. Also, David takes a look at some plants for home security. You can protect your home and make it look good at the same time.

So, enjoy this wonderful month and those wonderful flowers but be careful dodging those spring showers.

Happy Gardening!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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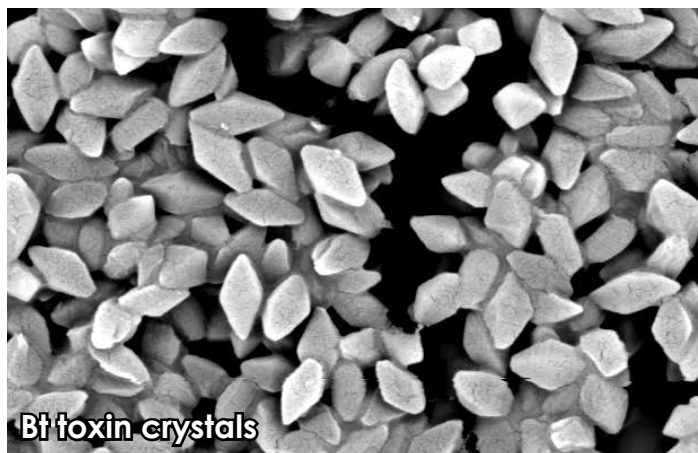
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Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



Ask Mortimer



Bt toxin crystals

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Dear Mortimer,

I keep hearing about Bt and how it can kill garden pests. What is Bt and how do I use it?

Yours,

JGardener

Dear JGardener,

Bt is also known as *Bacillus thuringiensis*. It is a soil dwelling bacterium. It is a part of some organic/natural pest control products. Some Bt strains go through a process of sporulation (creation of spores) and that makes crystal proteins which some species of bugs can handle in their gut. This kills these bugs. Different strains affect different bugs. For example, one subspecies of Bt is used to control mosquitoes. These different types of Bt are used and applied in different control methods. Pellets and sprays are the most common (remember to follow label instructions when applying). Bt is considered environmentally friendly, with little or no effect on people, and is used in a lot of organic applications. New strains of the Bt bacteria are being developed to broaden their effect and to combat Bt resistant pests. Of course studies are continuing on all the strains on the market.

I hope that answered your question. For more details and information you can always contact your local OSU Extension office.

Your pest free friend,

Mortimer

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Dear Mortimer,

I'm confused.... I see tomatoes for sale everywhere,

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but people tell me that it's too cold to plant them. When can I plant my tomatoes? What's with the cold?

Signed,
Wondering?

Dear Wondering,

Yes, you are seeing tomatoes everywhere. There is nothing like a fresh tomato and a lot of gardeners want to get those tomatoes on their summer table as quickly as they can. Unfortunately, a lot of these people have not read the signs at their local garden center. Pretty much all the garden centers have a sign up advising people to give these tender annuals a little protection. Even though the ambient temperatures are getting warmer and the days are getting longer, you will want to cover them on those colder nights or wait until the soil temps get a little warmer. Waiting until the last 'frost date' in your area is also a good bet. That frost date is based on averages and varies from county to county and on your elevation. Experts at OSU recommend that your soil temps be at least 50 degrees for your tomatoes to survive and thrive. A lot of people want to get those plants in the ground so they can have an early harvest, but if the soil is too cold, then the tomato will just sit there and not actively grow until the soil temperatures get warmer. In fact, some extension agents will tell you to wait and even plant in May. We have seen plants that are in the ground later, catch up with the earlier planted tomatoes.

Of course, when you do plant your tomatoes you will want to plant them deep. The tomato is one of the few plants that will grow roots from the stem, so planting them a little deeper is good. You will also want to use a nice transplant fertilizer and a little garden lime to help prevent Blossom End Rot on your fruit. The key is to make sure the conditions are right for growing your tomato, then after that sit back and wait for the great late summer harvest!

Happy growing,
Mortimer

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When Iris Eyes are Smiling

If you like colorful flowers, then you must experience Bloom Season at Schreiner's Iris Gardens in Salem.

Display gardens at Schreiner's Iris Gardens

by Ron Dunevant

For garden lovers, May is truly an embarrassment of riches. Among the flowers that burst forth in this month are lilacs, magnolias, pansies, roses, heathers, amaryllises, peonies... the list goes on. There is, however, one that stands out among equals, and that is the iris. There are two reasons for this distinction. First, irises all bloom at the same time, during a six-week "bloom season" that encompasses May. Second, irises come in every color of the rainbow. This cornucopia of hues is the result of decades of hybridization, the process of breeding one plant with an individual of another species or variety.

If you are an iris aficionado, there is no place more inspiring than Schreiner's Iris Gardens in Salem, Oregon. The Schreiner family has spent nearly a century devoted to the love of irises and

the pursuit of the "perfect iris." Their efforts in hybridization have added substantially to the health, diversity and popularity of this magnificent flower. This passion and years of hard work all culminate in an annual celebration aptly titled "Schreiner's Iris Gardens Bloom Season."

This year's event, which runs from May 10th to May 31st, has many attractions, the most conspicuous of which is their ten acres of display gardens filled with over 500 named irises. Visitors are invited to tour the gardens and immerse themselves in a sea of gorgeous colors that fill the senses and enrich the soul. Adding to this experience are the supporting elements of the event, featured on various weekends: wine, liqueur and tea tastings, demonstrations, mouth-watering food, art displays, live music and a chicken barbeque.

This much-anticipated affair is just the latest incarnation of an annual tradition that began in the chilly climes of Northern Minnesota. It was there, in the rural outskirts of St. Paul, that F. X. Schreiner, a buyer for a department store, pursued his hobbies of gardening and animal husbandry. On a buying trip to the east in 1920, F. X. met John Wister, the president of the recently-founded American Iris Society and an obsession was born. Soon, F. X. was a serious collector of iris at a time when most irises had to be imported from European growers.

By 1925, F. X., assisted by his son Robert (Bob), was growing over 500 varieties of irises on over an acre of ground, which they began selling to help finance the acquisition and care of new iris varieties. F. X.'s other children, Connie and Bernard, nick-

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named "Gus," soon joined the family business. Their first catalog was published in 1928.

F. X. Schreiner was 53 when he died in 1931. His three children continued with the new business, and heeding some advice from their father, they sought to find a more agreeable climate that would offer a better chance of success for their iris operation. The dust storms of the 1930s and severe winters proved challenging, sometimes wiping out entire breeding lines. Bob looked through USDA yearbooks and sent iris to other areas of the country to be tested, hoping to find just the right place to move the operation. Ultimately, the choice came down to the Tennessee Valley and the Willamette Valley.

After much debate, the decision was made and, in 1947, Schreiner's relocated to their present site in the Quinaby district north of Salem. Since then, the business has continued to grow, and subsequent generations of Schreiners have dutifully taken the reins of this family business.

Steve Schreiner, son of Gus and grandson of F. X. is a co-owner of Schreiner's Iris Gardens and oversees the flower show, photography and retail orders. He describes his initial participation in the family business as "a gradual affair." Says Steve, "I just started



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Bob, Connie and Gus Schreiner

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Iris Bloom Season

May 10-31, 2019 • 9:00am-6:00pm

Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Stroll the 10-acre display gardens and take in the sight and fragrance of over 500 named Irises in full bloom. During bloom season, the gardens are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the gift shop is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine.

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working here after college and I really never left." Be that as it may, the iris is an alluring mistress, and decades later, his enthusiasm has, like the business itself, thrived and expanded.

"The color is really just astounding," Steve says, "because only the orchid rivals the iris in the color range, but the orchids don't all bloom at the same time. When you walk along and see these colors, it's just mind-blowing." Claiming the iris comes in all the colors of the rainbow is not an exaggeration, and hybridizers like the Schreiner family get the credit for this achievement. Steve's ardor is evident, even in a phone conversation. "These colors are just incredible. They really are almost every color imaginable except a true red, and they have reds that are really close; and a green, and they have yellows with a green cast, but even there they are making advances."

But you don't have to be an iris fanatic to appreciate them. What is known now as "Bloom Season" has been attracting visitors from around the world for over 30 years, and according to Steve, "Even in St. Paul we had a display garden and people would visit." After the move to Oregon, the crowds would continue to appear, often enticed only by word-of-mouth. "Boy, when they were blooming, cars would be lined up, parked along the street, because our parking lot was a lot smaller."

The Oregon climate proved to be a boon to the Schreiners and their irises. As the plants prospered, the catalog grew, awareness increased and the customers followed. In the early 1970s, interest in irises "exploded," with huge national nurseries needing enormous numbers of bearded irises. The 50 acres of planted bulbs quickly doubled to 100 and then to 200. The Schreiner hybridizing program became recognized internationally as one of the best, with numerous accolades, including an unprecedented



Visitors from the American Iris Society tour the gardens.

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eleven Dykes Memorial Medals, the highest award given by the American Iris Society.

The iris is also a hardy species, and can be grown in almost every one of the contiguous United States, from snowy Minnesota to sultry Louisiana and coast to coast. Except, interestingly, Florida. According to Steve, "They do need a winter, and Florida doesn't give them enough of a winter."

The event known as Bloom Season lasts just 22 days, but during the three week span, there are several special events and weekends, including Opening Weekend, Mother's Day, Keizer Iris Festival Weekend, and Memorial Day Weekend. In addition to touring the gardens, attendees

can view hundreds of irises on display in the Schreiner's Cut Flower Show in the covered barn, with fresh-cut irises available for purchase every day. Some weekends include wine, liqueur and tea tastings, benefit garden tours, and free demonstrations and workshops. There will also be a food cart selling sausages, curly fries and soft drinks.

On Memorial Day, itself, visitors line up to attend their famous Chicken BBQ, cooked up by the the Gervais Knights of Columbus. For just \$12 per plate, you can chow down on a half-chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, and beverage. Check out the inset in this article for an overview of all the events, and see our event listings

in the back of the magazine for specific event times and details.

To help cover increasing costs of the event, Schreiner's Iris Gardens now charges a flat fee of \$5.00 per car. There is a nominal fee for the wine, liqueur and tea tastings. Everything else is free and open to the public.

Outside of the irises, themselves, one of the more popular attractions during Bloom Season is the gift shop, where visitors will find unique items 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. You can also shop a selection of potted, blooming irises and companion plants to complement your iris garden, and place an order for iris to ship this summer. For many first-time and returning visitors, the gift shop has become the main attraction, most likely because Bloom Season is the only time of year it is open. At the conclusion of this event, the gift shop is shuttered, much to the disappointment of summer visitors. Make a note: if you want to peruse the gift shop, be sure

to visit Schreiner's during Bloom Season.

If you've never attended this amazing event, the above descriptions should be more than enough of a lure. But many visitors return year after year. So what's different this time around? "Every year we have around 40 new irises," says Steve Schreiner, "and we have 17 introductions of our own. The other 23 are highly regarded hybrids from other hybridizers."

A "hidden gem" that many visitors overlook is one of Steve's fa-

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Bloom Season

May 10 – May 31, 2019

Display gardens open daily from 9:00am-6:00pm and the gift shop is open daily from 10:00am-6:00pm, rain or shine. Cut flowers are available daily from 9:00am-6:00pm. The gardens are open to the public. Entrance fee is \$5 per car. Specific events: Demonstrations are free and open to all. Wine, liqueur and tea tastings for nominal fee.

Schreiner's Iris Gardens' Opening Weekend

with Anne Amie Vineyards and Spiritopia

Friday-Sunday, May 10-12, 2019 • 9:00am-6:00pm

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 Anne Amie Vineyards and Spiritopia, plus demonstrations, classes, food, drinks and awesome scenery!

Celebrating Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 9:00am-6:00pm

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 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 \$4.00 for a dozen stems! Spend the day and enjoy delicious wines from Anne Amie Vineyards, liqueurs from Spiritopia and tasty food and drinks, all nestled within ten acres of our famous Iris gardens.

Keizer Iris Festival Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19, 2019

• 10:00am-6:00pm

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 the festival 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, sample unique liqueurs from Spiritopia, and participate in the discussion of two interesting demonstrations about floral arranging and caring for your iris.

Artist Fair & Memorial Day Weekend Events

Saturday-Monday, May 25-27, 2019 • 10:00am-6:00pm

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 Saturday and Sunday, most stay through Monday.

Annual Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 27, 2019 • 9:00am-6:00pm

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. Music performance is free and open to the public. The chicken BBQ is \$12.



**Members of the Schreiner family:
Ben, Ray, Liz and Steve.**

avorites: several beds dedicated to Dykes Medal winners. "To me that is the most interesting attraction, because in a few steps, as you walk around this bed, you're going to cover the years 1927 up to the present time and you're going to see the development of the irises. Back then, decades and

decades ago, they were much smaller; some colors didn't even exist, like pinks, until the '40s and they looked a lot more primitive, and yet in their day, they were sensations. Someone like my grandfather, he would have given his eye teeth to be able to take that walk and look into the

future, so to speak."

To underscore the Schreiner family's fascination with the iris, Steve relates a story from the 1920s about his grandfather paying \$100 – a lot of money in those days – to purchase a red iris. "That's just astounding," he marvels.

The attractions at Schreiner's Iris Gardens also go well beyond the three week Bloom Season. The gardens are open as long as the irises are in bloom and different varieties can be viewed outside of those 22 days in May. Blooming around April first, "we do have several hundred varieties of dwarf bearded irises," says Steve Schreiner. "Not many people come out to see those, but they are really, really beautiful."

In June, the Louisiana Irises, a separate species native to the southeastern United States and specific to Louisiana, begin to bloom. "They can grow in dirt, in water or in mud," says Steve. "They also have a redder iris. We also grow the other category, Siberian Irises. They bloom at the same time as the tall irises and



An artist paints in the garden.

we have those in beds."

Then, in July, there are what are called "re-bloomers." These are varieties that have in their genetics the ability to bloom a second time, in the summer and/or fall. "If you really like iris," Steve says, "there's three months right there." Like many flowers, the length of the iris blooming season depends on the climate. In places like San Diego, "there are some varieties blooming close to year-round."

The work at Schreiner's Iris Gardens is also a year-round activity. In July, the crew begins to fill retail and wholesale orders, with as many as 125,000 plants on a semi-truck. In August, they transplant the irises, an exercise that ensures customers will get "the most blooms possible" from their plants. In October, the seasonal crew is reduced and attention turns to working on the catalog for the coming year, adding new varieties and dropping some old ones. They also take inventory, work on machinery, speak at garden clubs and dig up weeds. This continues until the weather warms up in the spring, and the cycle begins all over again.

In spite of all of his experiences over the years, Steve Schreiner is still a little envious of the visitors to his family's garden. "They're lucky, they get to do what we can't do. They can walk around and look at these colors... you can never get enough of it. Because we always have to do other jobs, we're lucky if we can get out a few times to look at them. It's a time of the year when we're working every day."

So, make time in May to visit Schreiner's Iris Gardens during Bloom Season. And, as you're admiring the colors, think about how lucky you are to be able to see this truly inspiring spectacle, thanks to the hard work of one family whose love of the iris makes it possible for all of us to enjoy.



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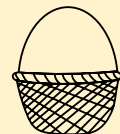
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Put 'em Up!

If you need more space in your garden, you should see how a vertical planter stacks up.

by Jeff Gustin

No we're not talking about a hold-up; we're talking about your gardening. People are trying to make the most effective use out of the small spaces we all seem to have in our gardens or on our decks and patios. There are lots of systems out there, but last year we found a product that worked amazingly well, the

GreenStalk Vertical Planter. The idea behind the GreenStalk product is to plant your plants in stackable layers or tiers. These layers alternate so you have six little pockets to plant in on every tier. In between those levels you have a small tray at the center. This tray helps distribute the water, and that

is the beauty of the system, you just water it from the top. Once water goes into the top reservoir it trickles down through the center and those distribution trays. All your plants get watered! Also, the planter itself only takes up a small space on your deck or patio.



The company had contacted us to see if we would be interested in trying one out. I have to tell you that sometimes we get different gardening products in the mail and a lot of them just don't work out. This one exceeded our expectations!

The kit came to us and was really easy to put together. We filled a layer put on the watering tray and then did another layer. Once we finished the last tier, we placed the reservoir on top and we were done. In our case we planted the entire planter with basil. We had grown a bunch of basil for a story we did on seed starting and had 24 extra plants to

work with. It was wonderful for the four level planter we got. They also have a five tier planter that can handle up to 30 plants! Because of the planter we were able to have basil and make pesto many times over. A couple of pointers that we found useful. Use a quality potting soil. This will help your plants get off to a good start and will drain well. We also recommend that you get the GreenStalk Mover, a wheeled tray for under your planter. This made it easy to rotate the planter and so all sides got even exposure to light. And, you don't have to plant just basil in your planter! They recommend that you try many different flow-

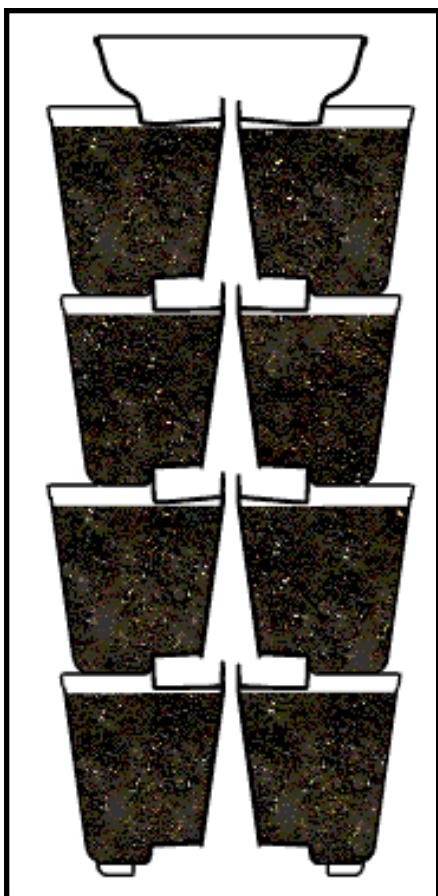
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ers and vegetables in yours. From strawberries to watermelon and a wide assortment of flowers, you can grow just about anything. The one thing they recommend in your plant selection is that you put your taller plants in

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Early Fall Harvest Community Gardens

Neighborhood Swatch

I am now one of 25 “seasonal owners” of a garden plot.

by Judy Alleruzzo

Not everyone has a large plot of land to grow a garden, either for pretty flowers, vegetables or anything else they would like to grow for themselves. Since the time of Victory

Gardens called as such during World War I and II, people have borrowed plots of land to grow vegetable gardens, many times in public parks. There is something primal about growing a garden, especially gardens of fruits and vegetables, that is in our DNA. During wars, it was to help ourselves, neighbors and friends eat fresh produce during hard times. In modern times this type of gardening has changed just a bit.

These days, there is a return of the Victory Garden of borrowed plots of land, but with the new name of “Community Gardens”. Since it is relatively peace time, this new name merges the same idea of growing vegetables but with a few new mission statements, we want fresh, local produce. For us gardeners with a small space of land around our home or for apartment dwellers, the Community



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A few years ago, my friend was too ill to garden at her Community Garden vegetable bed. To give her and me a summer project, I took over her vegetable plot. I have a very small space of land surrounding my home plus it's a bit too shady to grow tomatoes, my favorite summer fruit! It was a great partnership; she planned the bed with her favorite green beans to later can as Dilly Beans and added in tomato plants for me. I was the grunt worker and she was the supervisor. We had a fun time planning and watching the first flowers bloom on the beans. She was called to heaven before we got to can her favorite recipe of Dilly Beans. That summer the garden helped me and her family remember her through her love of vegetable gardening.

Since that first summer, I am now one of 25 other "seasonal owners" of a garden plot at this local Community Garden. It's a simple set up of land donated by a church. They are so very generous to provide the space and water for free, encouragement and a network of garden friends to ask for help watering or donating bounties.

My friends Susan and Dave Gilmore were the garden coordinators at The Sherwood Community Friends Church for the past few years. They are handing over the task to a new person, but Susan was very kind with her time to explain how the church had come to offer their land for a Community Garden. The church's "Better Together Project" wanted to explore community outreach and saw this garden as a way to do just that. Susan told me, "The garden seeks to provide a wonderful way to increase community awareness, meet new people, as well as to enjoy the art of planting a garden for those who need a place to grow." The church is very helpful and provides, "Pre-season professional tilling, use of plot (no fee), water, hoses, yard waste recycling, and a directory of gardeners to help share watering or extra produce with each other."

When talking to Susan I asked what kinds of people participate in their Community Garden. She said we have many different people that garden each year, including family members, friends, neighbors and even a Girl Scout Troop. I also asked if there are opportunities to donate produce in the area. "Sherwood's Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center greatly appreciates all the produce that is shared." She added a new fun idea that is being planned at the garden, "This year we



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plan to grow pumpkins for our "Trunk or Treat" free celebration and supper for the whole community on October 31st." This sounds like a great idea for all to enjoy.

A few weeks ago, William interviewed Dawn Grunwald the program Co-ordinator at Luscher Farm in Lake Oswego (Episode 507, April 6th). At that Community Garden, there are two kinds of plots to garden in each year. There are 180 standard garden plots that are rented for a small fee with residents of Lake Oswego given priority for a space. In this part of the garden, you garden on your own and are required to volunteer 4 hours a season at Luscher Farm. The second kind of plot to garden in is the "Adopt a Plot" program in the Demonstration section of the Garden. That area is used for classes, summer camp programs and field trip tours. It's managed by gardeners paying a small fee to grow vegetables organically in the plot. The vegetables are used in cooking classes for the summer camps and also

donated to the local Adult Community Center. The produce is distributed in their Meals on Wheels program. In return for their efforts, the "Adopt A Plot" gardeners get an organic gardening education and support in taking care of the plot, and a share of the harvest too. There is help to plant, water and weed their garden plot. This program is perfect for new gardeners or people with limited time that want to learn more about organic gardening and to help in their community.

These two Community Gardens are just a hint of gardens that are available to plant a few rows of vegetables in our area.

Check the websites below or just walk around your neighborhood to discover what garden spots are open close by to your home. May is not too late to plant summer vegetables. If no plot is open, ask a neighbor if there is room in their vegetable patch. You may just find a new gardening friend.



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List of Portland Community Gardens

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/39846>

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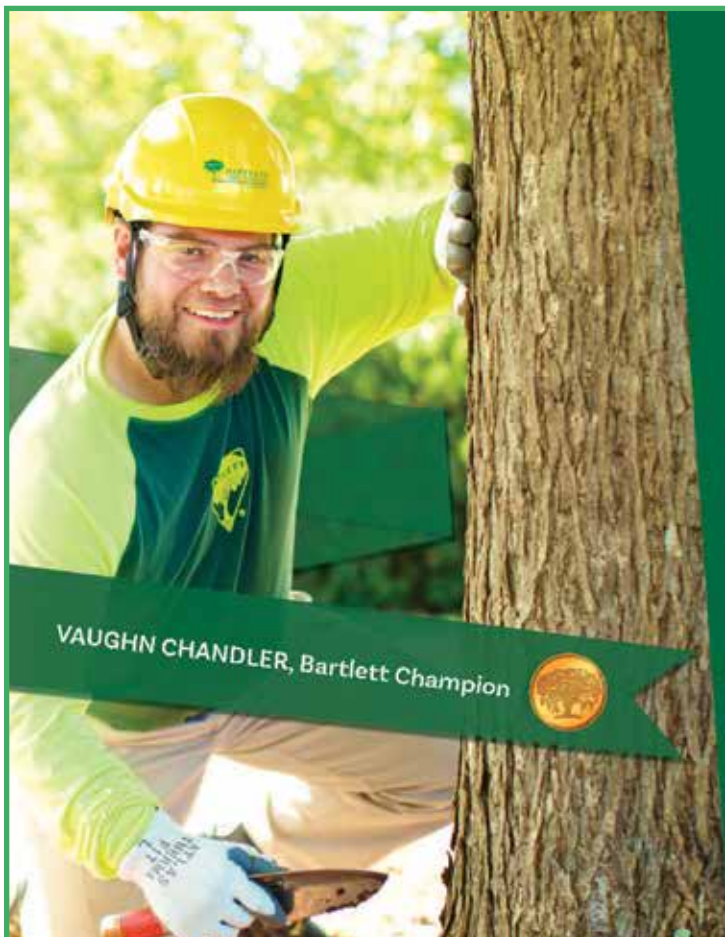
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Head of the Class

Add more healthy salads to your spring diet with homegrown lettuce.

by Therese Gustin

Spring is the time I take a serious look at my diet and vow to make more healthy choices. More often than not I include extra salads in my menu. As long as low-calorie dressings are chosen, salads are a great way to pack in the nutrients without packing on the pounds and lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) is the basis for many of our spring salads.

There are many types of lettuce but the most common types are Leaf, Romaine or Cos, Iceberg or Crisphead and Butterhead.

Leaf lettuce, also known as loose-leaf has loosely bunched leaves and is the most widely planted. It comes in green, red and speckled varieties. It is used mainly for salads.

Romaine or Cos lettuce forms long upright heads. It is commonly used in Caesar salads, sandwiches

Leaf Lettuce



Leaf Lettuce

and is a great variety for grilling.

Iceberg is the most popular variety in the United States. It was widely grown commercially in the

northern United States because of its heat sensitivity and it ships very well. Unfortunately it is the least nutritious and lowest in flavor of the lettuce varieties. It has a higher water content than most other lettuce



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Romaine Lettuce

types. It does make a great wrap for burgers or sandwiches though.

Butterhead or Bibb lettuce has a round head with leaves loosely arranged. It has a sweeter flavor and a tender texture.

Stem lettuce is grown for its seed stalk rather than its leaves. It is primarily used in Asian cooking as well as used in stewed and creamed dishes.

Although lettuce is composed mostly of water, it does contain important vitamins and minerals.

Depending on the variety, lettuce is an excellent source of vitamin K and vitamin A, with higher concentrations of the provitamin A compound, beta-carotene, found in darker green lettuces, such as Romaine. With the excep-



tion of the iceberg variety, lettuce is also a good source of folate, manganese and iron.

Lettuce and leafy greens can be grown by experienced gardeners or beginners alike. Because of their short growing season, multiple crops can be grown per season. They can be grown in the garden and in containers on your patio or deck. They can even be grown in shadier areas.

The great thing about all these amazing varieties is how easy they are to grow in your own garden! Your independent garden center carries many types of seeds of individual lettuce varieties and numerous salad mixes. They may even carry some lettuce starts. Pick a sunny to partly shady spot in your garden or place a container in the sun on your patio or deck. Anywhere from February until June, scatter the seeds with the palm of your hand onto finely worked soil. Cover with 1/4 inch of fine soil. Gently firm the soil and water in with a fine spray. Keep the seed bed evenly moist. Thin out the small plants as they grow and add the baby leaves to your favor-



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ite salad. You should be harvesting your lettuce in about a month and a half. If you use kitchen shears to harvest the lettuce about one to two inches above the base of the plant, the plants will regrow for several more cuttings. You can also replant seeds in August and September for a fall crop. Plant greens in early spring through early summer for summer harvest. For fall harvest, plant greens in late summer. Hot weather causes greens to bolt or set seed. When this happens, leaves become thicker and take on a bitter flavor. Choose slow-bolt or long-standing varieties if you want to harvest through the summer.

Add more healthy salads to your spring diet with some homegrown lettuce...just be sure to go easy on the fatty dressings!



Butterhead Lettuce

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How to Grill Romaine Lettuce

Recipe from SimplyRecipes.com by Elise Bauer

INGREDIENTS

- 3 to 4 romaine hearts (Romaine lettuce with the outer leaves removed)
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp red wine vinegar (or apple cider vinegar)
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme, oregano (or 1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper

METHOD

1 To prepare the romaine hearts—pull off any old leaves. Cut off the top 1 or 2 inches of the lettuce head, and shave off the browned part of the root end, leaving the root end intact so that the lettuce head stays together.

2 Prepare your grill for high, direct heat. Prepare the vinaigrette. Combine the oil, vinegar, herbs, salt and pepper in a small bowl and whisk with a fork to mix. Paint the lettuce hearts all over with the vinaigrette.

3 Grill the romaine hearts until lightly browned on all sides, turning every minute or two until done.

Serve immediately. You can either serve the hearts whole, or chop them and toss them for a salad.



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How Phil Rose to the Occasion

When it comes to roses, Phil Edmunds is consultant, gardening coach and "Mr. Hands-On."

by Judy Alleruzzo

I looked up on the Internet to see what everyone's favorite flower is. Just reading that sentence, I bet a picture of a rose popped into your mind's eye and that would be the right answer. Roses are wonderful flowers, with beautifully colored petals and an amazing fragrance. It is no wonder that Phil Edmunds, the May Garden Time Magazine Hortie, has spent his lifetime surrounded by them!

Phil and his family "married" into the rose business in the late 1950's, Phil's mom Wini, married Fred Edmunds Jr. and a young Phil was now absorbed into a new world of rose growing culture that would become his life's calling. Fred started the rose farm growing exhibition grade roses in 1949 in Wilsonville. At that time, The American Rose Society was 22,000 members strong and these types of roses were in high demand. His interest in roses was cultivated early in life as his father, Fred Edmunds, Sr. was the curator of the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden in the 30's and 40's. Over the years, Fred Edmunds was the President of the American and Portland Rose Societies and a Royal Rosarian.

In the early days of Edmunds' Roses, Fred worked on the farm during the day and at night, ran the Boones ferry that crossed the Willamette River. This

was the time before I-5 spanned the river. The whole family worked for the business with 12 year old Phil and his sister working at it too. He was paid \$1.25 an hour budding roses which is another term for grafting. Phil reminisced, "I hated every minute", but this early experience in working at the farm, paid off later in Phil's life in roses!

Edmunds' Roses grew not only exhibition roses but also introduced patented rose varieties from Europe into the U.S. The royalties from these sales to the American market were split with the breeder. They sold through mail order using a widely distributed catalog. Eventually, Fred put photos of these roses into the catalog. Mom and Dad just didn't think it was necessary but Phil pushed them to see it would increase their profits!

In the late '60s Phil went into the military and served in Vietnam for two years.

He returned back to the U.S and went to college to pursue a business degree. Phil studied business at Portland State and worked in a few jobs to get settled in a pathway to his future. 1982 rolls around to become an important year for Phil. He married his lovely wife Kathy and returned back to the family

business to become the Production Manager at Edmunds' Roses.

The next ten years were busy for the family. Phil was working at the farm plus he began attending Mail Order Gardening Conferences to gain more information to enhance the family business. In 1992, Fred Edmunds was ready to retire so Phil and his wife Kathy bought Edmunds' Roses. Even though he retired, Fred still helped to cultivate fields, driving a tractor even with a leg prosthesis. Over the next few years, Phil initiated many changes to the business he had learned from experience and those conferences. He started the first rose nursery mail order website, revolutionized catalog sales by adding an 800 number in the catalog and allowed customers to use a credit card to buy their roses. He expanded the catalog offerings from 50,000 to an amazing total of 100,000 roses.

Looking back, from the time Phil became production manager in 1982 through the years he owned Edmunds' Roses, Phil was very involved in rose societies nationally and locally. The following accolades are found on his business website.

- Past President, Portland Rose Society
- Past President, All America Rose Selections
- Past American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian
- Past American Rose Society Horticultural Rose Judge
- Founding Board Member of Portland's Best Rose Trials
- Silver Honor Medal Pacific NW District, American Rose Society
- Bronze Medal Recipient, Portland Rose Society
- International Rose Trials Judge
- Speaker for Conventions,

Garden Clubs, Clinics and Workshops on Roses.

The business was humming along in the years after Phil bought the business. The family joke of the photo accompanying this article of Kathy, son David and Phil, is "Our Family, Outstanding in their Field". The smiling family is seen as enjoying the pun but also enjoying the truth of growing beautiful and quality roses at their farm.

Life and business was good.

On September 11, 2001, Edmunds' Roses catalog was arriving in gardener's mailboxes. The tragedy of 9/11 shocked the nation and rose plant purchases were far from many people's minds. The business was hurt and by this time Phil stopped growing roses in the Willamette Valley, moving production to California. He did keep a block of rose varieties for trialing and new introductions at the Wilsonville Nursery. During this time, Oregon native, Sue Casey wanted to install three

memorial rose gardens, called "Remember Me Rose Gardens", one at each 9/11 plane crash site, to honor the victims and fallen service members helping in the crisis.

Edmunds' Roses joined in this project. They chose to introduce in the U.S the rose, 'Firefighter'®, dedicated to the Firefighters who lost their lives in 9/11. This is a hybrid tea rose with extremely fragrant and intense red flower color. It was originally bred by Pierre Orard of Lyon, France and one of Phil's favorite roses.

It seemed the events of the fall of 2001 changed not only the world, but the world of rose production for Edmunds' Roses. In 2005, Phil decided to sell the Edmunds' Roses business including the Edmunds name, reputation and photos to Jung Seed Company of Wisconsin. He took a hiatus from the rose industry, but thought he would be back working with his favorite flowers at some point in the future.

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Phil, son David and wife Kathy,
"Outstanding in their Field."

Phil's Rose Tips

If Roses are not growing well:

- Get a Soil Test, possibly need to add Nitrogen, lime and sulfur to soil
- Afraid to prune roses? Safe pruning tip is to cut back all canes by 2/3s and take out all deadwood

He worked at Solexx Greenhouses for several years trying out a different type of work before an early retirement. About a month or two into his retirement, Phil decided, "I don't want to be retired; roses are my passion, why don't I do something."

The "something", is his new business, Garden Rose Consulting!

It's a great concept, plus Phil is working with roses once again. He can be a "Gardening Coach", teaching how to take care of roses or he and his staff can take care of the roses in your garden all year long. This full service approach is listed on his web page, naming all the company can provide, "pruning, planting, spraying, fertilization, weed control, deadheading and winter protection." There is more client service than solely the care of roses. Phil can help clients design their garden, identify existing roses and help to select the best rose varieties to plant in their garden. He works with landscape professionals and home owners. Phil told me that one client has over 495 rose plants and really wants to just enjoy them! "We do what clients don't want to do." He and his staff can be the caretakers for their roses so they can sit back and enjoy the rose's fragrance and beauty.

I asked Phil what is one of the first things he does



A client's rose garden

when evaluating a client's rose garden? Without skipping a beat he said, "We do a complete soil test." He went on to say the soil is usually lacking sulfur and is low in Nitrogen and the pH is too low. We adjust a fertilizer program including Nitrogen, lime and sulfur to correct the deficits in the soil. Phil told me the roses really respond to these changes.

This year, Phil has two employees and over 65 clients with care schedules running the gamut of full on maintenance to rose care coaching. Phil is Mr. "Hands-On", assessing new client's rose plants to helping late winter pruning to trouble shooting rose problems. He loves it all! Phil is still involved in the Portland Rose Society and involved everyday with his passion for roses. Not long ago, I ran into Phil and his wife Kathy at a local nursery. They were picking up summer annuals for their own garden. They were smiling and having a great time choosing a new color scheme for this summer's garden. I know he works long hours tending to his clients rose gardens, but he still takes time to enjoy a day off with his wife. He's a happy man and just not ready to be in retirement!

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Phil with rose 'Firefighter'

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Plants That Will 'Mess You Up'

Shrubs and trees that have their own defense mechanism can help deter and slow down intruders.

Holly can create a beautiful and impenetrable wall.

by David Musial

We are all familiar with offensive landscapes, but what about defensive landscapes? Yes, defensive landscapes, those designed to protect from unwanted intruders. In years past, that could include moats or stone walls, along with an impenetrable thicket or dense growth of bushes. Although moats are not as practical today; most now prefer smaller 'water features', the strategic selection and planting of shrubs can create a defensive landscape

or additional layer of security to the home.

Most exterior security systems are visible and quite often unattractive. Plants on the other hand can create security while still being attractive. This is done by using the natural defense mechanism of some plants, which in most cases means thorns. I like to refer to these as 'plants that will mess you up'!

Over time, plants have evolved to create their own defense mechanism and one such mechanism is their sharp protrusions. It is believed that this defense mechanism was to deter animals from eating their fruit. There are plants with wicked thorns, spines on leaves and foliage with serrated edges. Some of these plants will intimidate just by looking at them, while others hide their spines or thorns and provide a painful surprise to intruders. In

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From stem to stern, pyracantha is sure to get an intruders attention.

either case, they will help deter and slow down intruders.

To get started, take a walk around your property and look for areas that would allow unprotected or easy entry into your house or yard. This could include first floor windows, gates or fences, or even the entire perimeter of your property. Next, select plants that

are appropriate for the requirements of the area.

There are several plants to choose from and the area to be protected will help dictate which plant is best suited. Selection considerations would include desired plant height and plant needs; such as light and watering requirements. Here are a few

plants to consider:

Pyracantha

The name is derived from the Greek word for fire and thorns, pyr and akanthos. Fire for the plant's bright orange to red berries (technically a pome, similar to an apple) and thorn for the obvious. This attractive evergreen shrub hides long needle sharp thorns along the stems. This plant works well around windows.

Roses

Roses are probably one of the most attractive plants to be used for security planting. Well known for their thorns, they come in several shapes and sizes, from bush to climbing, and can be pruned to meet the needs of the location. Obviously the bonus is their flowers. For a truly fierce rose, look for Rosa sericea omeiensis pteracantha or winged rose. You will appreciate the beauty of the thorns and any intruder will respect the thorns. Roses truly pull double duty, beauty and the beast.



The winged rose is an impressive defensive plant.



Protective gear is in order when pruning defensive plants.

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Eleagnus

Eleagnus pungens or thorny eleagnus is a formidable plant. It is a tough evergreen shrub that reaches 10-15' and holds a sharp surprise on every branch. It is an attractive landscape shrub with several variegated cultivars available.

Poncirus

This plant is also known as hardy orange. It is deciduous and wicked looking, and reminds me of the forest of thorns in *Sleeping Beauty*. This plant provides winter interest with its twisted structure and thorns, and will give all intruders cause for pause. A little harder to find, but well worth seeking out.

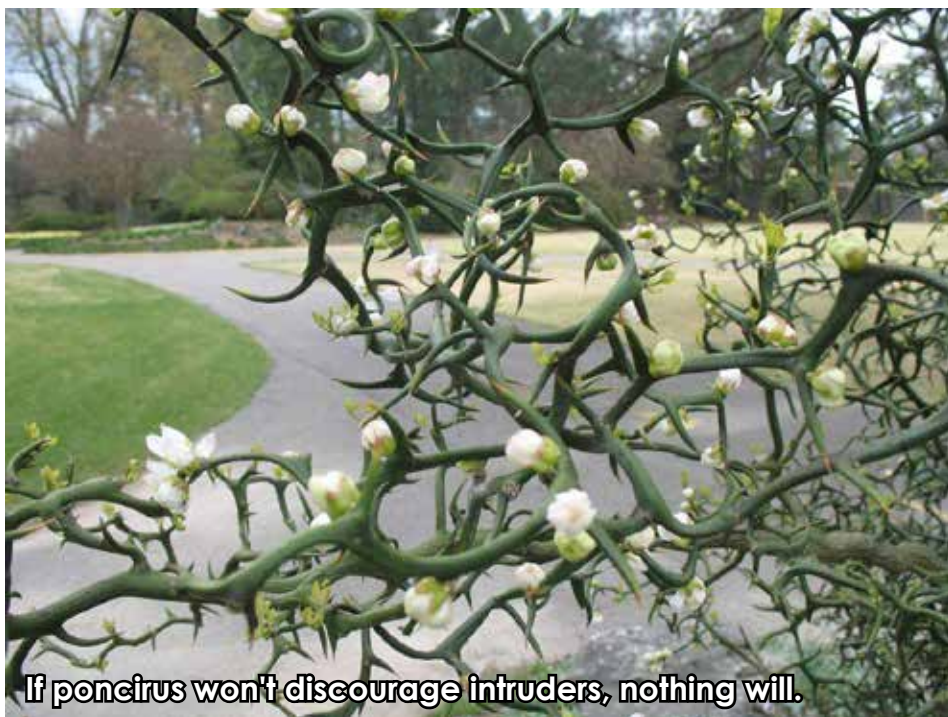
Barberry

Barberry is an excellent landscape plant. It is attractive, hardy, will create an excellent barrier or hedge and most important has lots of small sharp thorns. This is not a plant to work with barehanded. If that weren't enough, many varieties will change colors in the fall. They grow to varying sizes and do take well to pruning.



Eleagnus pungens ...ouch!

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If pongamia won't discourage intruders, nothing will.

Holly

There are several species of holly and many will fit the bill for security, but English Holly or *Ilex aquifolium* is a good choice. It has thick, stiff prickly leaves and can be used to create an impenetrable hedge. As English Holly can grow quite large, proper placement in the landscape or pruning will be required. There are male and female plants and one male plant should be included in your planting to ensure a set of the deep red berries.

Yucca

Yucca may look like a desert plant, but there are varieties that do well in the Pacific NW. These drought tolerant plants have words such as sword, needle and dagger in their common name. A formidable plant to add to the arsenal.

Edibles

There are several fruit bearing plants that can be used as a barrier; in particular, blackberries and gooseberries. Blackberries not only have spikes up and down the stem, they can create a dense thicket. Just be sure not to buy a thornless blackberry. Sev-

eral varieties of gooseberries are available and they form an attractive shrub and besides having sharp thorns, they produce a fruit that makes great pies and jams.

Check with your local nursery for other thorny plant suggestions that will work for your site.

When creating your defensive landscape, here are a few things to consider:

- Don't create hiding places

with plants. For example, don't let a plant get so large that it obscures a window.

- Keep plants far enough away from the foundation to avoid insect issues.
- As pruning will likely be required, wear protective gear. This would include eye protection, leather gloves and thick jacket. I took a *pyracantha* thorn deep in the knuckle several years ago and to this day it still hurts.
- Be creative, a climbing rose that runs on top of a fence will create a beautiful barrier.
- Start now, it takes time for the plant to reach its optimum defensive size.

The objective of defensive plants is to deter or slow down intruders, but as has been shown, they can also provide beauty in the landscape. After giving further thought, offensive landscapes might just be defensive as well. Not that I would promote an offensive landscape, but one look at an offensive landscape and an intruder might decide that with such an offending landscape there may be nothing of value inside!



Although not as practical today, moats were one of the first defensive landscapes.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

VEGETABLE GARDEN

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

Lilac Days

Through May 12, 2019 • 10:00am-4:00pm
Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, Woodland, WA

Each year in the spring, the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens hosts Lilac Days to celebrate the beauty of lilacs in bloom. Visitors from around the world stroll through the gardens, buy their favorite lilacs, visit Hulda's Victorian era home, and shop for special lilac inspired items in the gift shop. The gardens are open daily 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. year around. A \$5.00 gate fee is payable at the gate during Lilac Days. Except during Lilac Days, the gate fee is \$3.00. 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. <http://www.lilacgardens.com>

Adelman Peony Gardens Open House **Through June 16, 2019**

Adelman Peony Gardens, Salem, OR

We currently grow over 25 acres of peonies, featuring nearly 500 varieties with profound color variations. Let us help you make both memories and excitement in your garden with peonies! Peonyparadise.com

TCMGA Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 9:00am-1:00pm
Tillamook County Fairgrounds, Tillamook, OR

The Tillamook County Master Gardeners Association Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, May 4 at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Livestock Pavilion. Doors open at 9 am and will close at 1 p.m. 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 on-site.

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 1,600 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, and Tillamook. <https://tillamookmastergardeners.com>

3rd Annual School Garden Tomato Plant Sale

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Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 9:00am-2:00pm

Mary Woodward Elementary School, Tigard, OR

Sold in 4" pots, a wide selection (20) of hybrid and heirloom tomatoes for slicing, snacking or sauce (try the Italian Red Pear slicer, a new favorite!), as well as a variety of peppers. Attract butterflies to your garden with our showy & orange milkweed plants. Planted from seed by students in our greenhouse. All proceeds support the school garden.

Mary Woodward Elementary School, 12325 SW Katherine St., Tigard, OR. 97223

Kids' Club: Blooms for Mom

Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 9:30am-10:00am
Al's Garden & Home, Woodburn, Sherwood, Gresham, Wilsonville, OR

Plant a container of beautiful blooms for Mother's Day! These annuals offer a long lasting color explosion that can be enjoyed by all throughout the spring and summer. We will be using a fun planter that mom will love!! Show your appreciation for mom and learn what it means to be an "annual" flower. Cost: \$7.50. www.als-gardencenterevents.com

35th Annual Spring Garden Fair

Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 9:00am-5:00pm

Clackamas County Event Center, Canby, OR

Clackamas County Master Gardeners present the annual Spring Garden Fair, now in our 35th year. We have over 100 of your favorite garden vendors with annuals and perennials, vegetable and herbs, trees and shrubs and everything in between. There are also specialty vendors with garden art, tools, compost and so much more. This two day event has plenty of free attractions for gardeners of all ages - making it worth the drive to Canby.

Master Gardener sponsored activities include : Award winning 10-Minute University 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 with displays from local organizations and Free Children's Activities. And don't forget Garden Fair Raffle giving away dozens of prizes each hour, and Silent Auction featuring New Plant Introductions and favorites from local growers.

Returning Fair favorites: The Potting Station has great deals on containers - Plant Taxi's with student volunteers

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towing for tips - free Plant Check will hold your purchases, and you can even drive by to pick them up on the way out of town! When you are ready for a break we have a Food Court and Coffee Thyme - with covered or indoor seating. Returning once again is the Greater Portland Iris Society with their annual Early Show on Sunday, May 5 - find them on the back porch of the Main Pavilion.

It's all happening on the weekend before Mother's Day at the Clackamas County Event Center: 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, Oregon 97013. Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is just \$5.00 with under 16 free, always FREE parking and ATM's on site. Please remember the fairgrounds is a non-smoking facility, and no pets - service dogs only please.

Clackamas County Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by Oregon State University in the science of gardening. Proceeds fund horticulture scholarships for students at Clackamas Community College as well as community grants and free educational programs. Find out more about our event at www.SpringGardenFair.org or <https://www.facebook.com/SpringGardenFair>.

Tree Care: How to Plant a Tree
Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 10:00am-12:00pm
PCC Rock Creek, Portland, OR

Presenter: Elizabeth Price, Master Gardener. The day a tree is planted is the most important day in the life of a tree. Unfortunately, many are improperly planted, which often causes a tree problem in the short term and later on. Learn how to select, place and plant a tree, giving it the best start possible for surviving and thriving in the landscape.

In the Garden Series - WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek, 17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland, OR 97229. Enter campus from Springville Rd, follow road past Building 9 and Past Parking Lot E. At stop sign turn left into gravel lot and follow to the garden site. Parking is free campus-wide on Saturdays. Free event, no registration needed. Event is held rain or shine, under cover, if needed.

Creating a Wildlife Habitat Tree
Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 11:00am-12:30pm
Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

More than a quarter of woodland wildlife species use dead and dying trees for food, shelter, and cover. In-

stead of cutting a tree to the ground, snags can remain, and can be coaxed into critical habitat for wildlife in the urban landscape. Using a chainsaw, Board Certified Master Arborist and PCC instructor Anne LeSenne will demonstrate how to attract bats and birds by creating just the right size and location of habitat holes in two standing snags. Meet at the entrance to the Claybourne Parking Lot. \$25.00 General/\$20.00 Leach Garden Friend. Limit: 16. Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. 503-823-1671. www.leachgarden.org

Leach Botanical Garden Free First Saturday Guided Tours
Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 11:00am-12:00pm
Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

Join Gardener/Curator Courtney Vengarick for seasonal explorations of the Garden. She will show you what's blooming and of seasonal interest, provide useful and engaging information, and share fun stories about the adventurous creators of the Garden, Botanist Lilla Leach and pharmacist/civic leader John Leach. Meet in front of the Manor House. Free. No registration required. First come, first served. Maximum tour size 15 visitors. Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. 503-823-1671. www.leachgarden.org

Hoyt Arboretum Guided Tours
Saturdays & Sundays, through October 27, 2019
• 12:00pm-2:00pm

Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, OR

Guided tours of the Hoyt Arboretum every Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon - 2:00pm. Free to Hoyt Arboretum Friends (HAF), donations appreciated from non-members. www.hoytarboretum.org

Growing Giant Pumpkins
Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 1:00pm-3:00pm
Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

Description: Ever thought of growing a prize-winning giant pumpkin? Join our workshop to learn about seed selection, germination, plot selection, plant care, watering, and harvest. Class participants will receive a "Dill's Atlantic Giant" pumpkin seed, specially selected to produce HUGE Pumpkins. Cost: free. www.bloomingjunction.com

32nd Annual Corvallis Spring Garden Festival
Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 10:00am-4:00pm
Art Center Plaza/Central Park, Corvallis, OR

Plant sale, live music, local bakeries, kids activities. 7th St.

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Kodomo no Hi, Children's Day
Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 10:00am-1:00pm
Portland Japanese Garden, Portland, OR

Included with Garden Admission. A beloved family tradition, come celebrate the health and well-being of your little ones at the Portland Japanese Garden's annual Kodomo no Hi, or Children's Day.

Children's Day is observed in Japan as a day to honor all children in the hopes that they will grow up healthy and strong. With a range of activities like origami helmet-making, a haiku scavenger hunt, Taiko drum performances, height measuring, a kid-friendly tea ceremony, and our famous Koi Parade, this event has something for children of all ages. Most events will take place at the Cultural Village, in the Yanai Classroom, Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation Courtyard, and the Cathy Rudd Cultural Corner. The Koi Q & A will take place at the Koi pond. The Koi-nobori Parade will take place throughout the Garden. japanesegarden.org

The Scoop on Poop and More
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 • 6:50pm
Griffith Park Building, Beaverton, OR

Presenter: Ross Penhallegon, Assoc Professor Emeritus OSU Dept. of Horticulture. There seems to be a very large discussion about the good and bad of organic and/or conventional gardening/agriculture. This talk will look at how we currently grow food in our gardens; what we do; what we think are good gardening techniques; AMAZING myths; and really look at what fertilizers we use or the "scoop on poop"; how we control insects – or not; and the differences between these techniques or non-differences. This is not a good verse bad, this is to better understand the choices we make. Location: City of Beaverton, Griffith Park Building, Room 330, 4755 SW Griffith DR, Beaverton, OR 97014 (sponsored by Washington County Master Gardeners Assn. No registration needed, free parking). *Class is approved for one-hour MG Education Credit.

Iris Bloom Season
May 10-31, 2019 • 9:00am-6:00pm
Schreiner's Iris Gardens, Salem, OR

Bloom season at Schreiner's Iris Gardens is upon us! For only a few short weeks a year, Schreiner's opens the doors of their spectacular Iris farm to the public for self-guided tours. Stroll the 10-acre display gardens and take

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in the sight and fragrance of over 500 named Irises in full bloom. During bloom season, the gardens are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the gift shop is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. Hundreds of cut Iris stems will be on display in our covered barn as part of Schreiner's Cut Flower Show; open daily during bloom season from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Schreiner's Gift Shop offers unique gifts and gardening delights for Iris lovers. Fresh-cut Iris stems are available for purchase every day. During the three-week bloom season, Schreiner's will host special events, including wine and liqueur tastings and live demonstrations every weekend. Join us for this once a year special event!

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 in the covered barn. Fresh-cut Irises are available for purchase every day. Cost: The gardens are open to the public. Entrance fee is \$5 per car. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. Schreinersgardens.com

Opening Weekend with Anne Amie Vineyards and Spiritopia
Friday-Sunday, May 10-12, 2019 • 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 Anne Amie 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, 11:00 a.m. Benefit Garden Tour. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and the Menashe Fund researching adult congenital heart disease at OHSU. Enjoy a tour of the gardens and receive a bouquet of irises for your contribution! Registration fee ap-

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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 purchase your favorites to take home.

Also Saturday & Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m., Anne Amie Vineyards 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. Entrance fee to gardens is \$5 per car. Demonstration is free and open to all. Wine and liqueur tastings for nominal fee. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. Schreinersgardens.com

22nd Annual Camas Plant & Garden Fair
Saturday, May 11, 2019 • 9:00am-4:00pm
Downtown, Camas, WA

Save the date for the 22nd Annual Camas Plant & Garden Fair in Downtown Camas! The day before Mother's Day, Saturday, May 11th, 9am-4pm. Gorgeous plants, trees, and flowers galore and locally made garden art will fill our downtown! Free kids zone, petting zoo, plant & garden experts, live music, tasty food, local shops, and the charm of our historic town will all add to the experience of the day. Join us in celebrating all the local growers and artists that come together in Downtown Camas. Can't wait!

16th Annual Plant Sale
Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12, 2019 • 9:00am-5:00pm
Milwaukie Floral & Garden, Milwaukie, OR

The Friends of the Ledding Library are having their 16th annual plant sale May 11th and 12th from 9 am to 5 pm. Community members donate plants from their gardens, new plant starts, garden art and more for the sale. All proceeds go to the Ledding Library in Milwaukie for programs. Milwaukie Floral & Garden, 3306 SE Lake Rd., Milwaukie, OR.

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2019 Mother's Day Rhododendron Show & Sale
Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12, 2019 • 9:00am-5:00pm
Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, Portland, OR

Rhododendrons will be at peak bloom time. Come and join us to view the garden. The sale will be in the front parking lot. Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, 5801 SE 28th Avenue, Portland, OR. www.rhodies.org or 503 771-8386. Presented by The Portland Chapter of The American Rhododendron Society. All proceeds benefit the garden.

Digging in the Dirt
Saturday, May 11, 2019 • 10:00am
The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Presented by the Oregon Garden Foundation. Spend Mother's Day weekend at The Oregon Garden for Digging in the Dirt. 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 and a ticket to return in the spring to see your flowers bloom! 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. www.oregongarden.org

Family Bird Walk
Saturday, May 11, 2019 • 10:00am-11:30am
Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, OR

Join us for a birding hike for the whole family! These guided walks provide opportunities for parents and children to learn a new outdoor skill together. Each session covers a new topic and includes activities to strengthen your birding skills. Binoculars and field guides will be available, or participants are welcome to bring their own. What better way to spend your family time than learning together in nature? Cost: \$7/attendee. www.hoytarboretum.org

Beginning Backyard Beekeeping*
Saturday, May 11, 2019 • 10:00am-12:00pm
PCC Rock Creek, Portland, OR

Presenter: Anne LeSenne. Interested in learning about beekeeping? Learn about the Best Management Practices for Backyard Beekeeping, how to site your hives, how to be a good neighbor, resources in the community and more.

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Little Sprouts – Paint & Plant a Flower Pot for Mom
Saturday, May 11, 2019 • 11:00am-12:30pm
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.

Garland Nursery, 5470 NE Highway 20, Corvallis, OR 97330. www.garlandnursery.com

Native Bee Workshop
Saturday, May 11th, 2019 • 1:00–4:00pm
Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

Native bees pollinate 85% of the world's flowering plants, so their conservation is vital to environmental and human health. They're also fascinating and beautiful – well worth an up-close look. Join us for an overview of Oregon's native bees, followed by a bee survey in the Garden. We'll record our finds on iNaturalist, and will teach you how to do that so you can contribute your own observations in the future. Instructor Jess Tyler holds an MS degree in environmental Science from PSU and currently works on insect conservation with the Center for Biological Conservation. He surveys for Oregon Bee Project,

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with an emphasis on Leach Garden. \$20 general/\$15 Leach Garden Friend. Limit 12. Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. 503-823-1671. www.leachgarden.org

Mother's Day at Lan Su
Sunday, May 12, 2019
Lan Su Chinese Garden

Share Lan Su in full spring bloom with Mom, Grandma and the other important women in your life this Mother's Day. Wander the pathways, take in the fragrance of flowers and enjoy special Mother's Day activities. Also on Mother's Day, don't miss our special Mother's Day Chrysanthemum Sale! All events are included with Lan Su admission or membership; no registration required. <https://lansugarden.org>

Mother's Day Country Brunch
Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 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! Menu Features: Mini Quiches, French Toast Blueberry Casseroles, Egg Casseroles, Bakery Pastries (Donuts, Coffee Cakes, Scones), Oven Potatoes, Fruit Salad, and Ham. *Gluten-free options are available – however we are NOT a gluten-free facility and cook all items in the same kitchen. We try our hardest but cross-contamination is possible. Seatings are: 9am, 9:30am, 10am, 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, or 12pm. Cost: \$7.99 – \$17.99. www.fpggardens.com

Celebrating Mother's Day at Schreiner's Iris Gardens
Sunday, May 12, 2019 • 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 of Irises in half-gallon pots. In celebration of all mothers and their children, your FIRST

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DOZEN fresh-cut Iris Stems Bouquets will be half-price – that's just \$4.00 for a dozen stems! Spend the day and enjoy delicious wines from Anne Amie Vineyards, liqueurs from Spiritopia and tasty food and drinks, all nestled within ten acres of our famous Iris gardens.

11:00 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., Anne Amie Vineyards 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. Cost: The gardens are open to the public. Entrance fee to gardens is \$5 per car. Wine, liqueur and tea tastings for nominal fee. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. Schreinersgardens.com

Chrysanthemum Sale

Saturday • May 18, 2019 • 8:00am-4:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

The Portland Mum Society's Spring Mum sale at the Stark Location, 5050 SE Stark. portlandnursery.com

Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18, 9:00am-3:00pm
Camas United Methodist Church, Camas, WA

Plant shoppers can get top-quality plants at incredibly low prices at the annual Plant Sale of the Community Garden Club of Camas-Washougal (CGCCW). The plants—propagated from the members' gardens throughout Clark County—are nurtured in clean potting soil, and cost a fraction of what you would pay retail. The Plant Sale is popular among area gardeners looking for selection, quality and good prices. This year we are pleased to offer native trilliums as well as a wide selection of perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, NW na-

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tives, ground covers, shrubs and sedums. There is plenty of parking, in the church lot and off-street. Shopping is indoors. Cash and checks are accepted as payment, no credit cards. Camas United Methodist Church, 706 NE 14th Ave., in Camas, WA

CGCCW is a non-profit (501c(4) organization and focuses Plant Sale proceeds to promoting and supporting local gardening education projects. They welcome new members. See more about the group at www.gardenclubofcamaswashougal.org and www.facebook.com/CommunityGardenClubOfCamasWashougal/.

Oregon Fuchsia Society Spring Fuchsia Sale

Saturday, May 18, 2019 • 9:00am until all plants are sold
Tran's Auto Service, Portland, OR

Many varieties of hardy Fuchsias in gallon containers, and a limited number of hanging basket Fuchsias will be for sale. Come browse and talk fuchsia with us!!! Cash, checks, and VISA/Mastercard accepted. NEW LOCATION due to sale of Fabric Depot property, Tran's Auto Service at 4810 SE Belmont Avenue.

Propagation by Cuttings

Saturday, May 18, 2019 • 10:00am-11:30am
PCC Rock Creek, Portland, OR

Presenter: Helen Dorbolo, Master Gardener. A hands-on introductory plant propagation class with focus on cloning through stem cuttings. Cutting and preparation techniques will be demonstrated; students will take cuttings of various perennials and shrubs (provided). Potting mix and after-care will be discussed. Bring your gardening gloves and sharp pruners or scissors if you have them.

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Keizer Iris Festival Weekend at Schreiner's Iris Gardens!

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19, 2019 • 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 the festival than at Sch-

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reiner's Iris Gardens. Check out the beautiful floats in the parade in Keizer, then visit our 10-acre display garden in full bloom, sample unique liqueurs from Spiritopia, and participate in the discussion of two interesting demonstrations about floral arranging and caring for your irises.

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.

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 irises. 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. Cost: The gardens are open to the public. Entrance fee to the gardens is \$5 per car. Liqueur tastings are available for a nominal fee. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. Schreinersgardens.com

"Fun with Nature" - Children's Nature Fair **Saturday, May 18, 10:00am - 2:00pm** **Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR**

Come shimmy like a salmon or chirp like a Chickadee. Make a mask of your favorite animal and then take the stage to play your part as predator or prey, pollinator or ? Enjoy lots of fun activities and nature-based crafts. Meet some surprise guests, dance to the music, and have a traditional ice cream cone. Free, donations appreciated. Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. 503-823-1671. www.leachgarden.org

Bonsai Class: Topic TBA **Saturday, May 18, 2019 • 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!

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A fee for materials may be added once topic is determined. Call us for more information. www.tsugawanursery.com

Planning and Planting a Cutting Garden **Saturday, May 18, 2019 • 11:00am-12:00pm** **Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**

Looking to maximizing production, minimizing maintenance, and grow flowers that will look great together in a vase? Join us for this informational class and we'll have you bypassing the florist in no time! Cost: free. www.bloomingjunction.com

Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces* **Thursday, May 23, 2019 • 10:00am-11:30am** **Jenkins Estate, Beaverton, OR**

Presenter: Karen Kirby, Master Gardener Learn techniques for growing vegetables in very limited space by maximizing planting density and limiting the need for thinning, watering, and weeding. Tips for soil maintenance will also be provided.

In the Garden Series - Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate, 8005 SW Grabhorn, Beaverton, OR 97007. On weekends, use the Camp Rivendale entrance on Grabhorn Road, park, then walk past the play structure down to the Learning Garden. Free event, free parking, no registration needed. Event is held rain or shine, under cover, if needed. * Class is approved for one-hour MG Education Credit

Artist Fair & Memorial Day Weekend Events **Saturday-Monday, May 25-27, 2019 • 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 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),

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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., Anne Amie Vineyards will offer tastings of their incomparable Willamette Valley wines.

Saturday, 12:00 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 2:00 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, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., join the Tussie Mussie Floral Bouquet Workshop - a whole conversation you can hold in your hand.

Cost: The gardens are free and open to the public. Entrance fee to the gardens is \$5 per car. Wine and liqueur tastings are available for a nominal fee. Schreiner's Iris Gardens, 3625 Quinaby Rd NE, Salem, Oregon, 97303. Schreinersgardens.com

Succulent Living Wreaths!

Saturday, May 25, 2019 • 2:00pm-3:30pm
Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

Due to popular demand, we've added a second section to this class. Choose from a fantastic succulent wreath or herb wreath in this fun, hands-on workshop. Participants will receive group and one-on-one instruction as we walk you through creating your own beautiful 14" or 20" wreath to adorn your home. This class will fill up fast so register early! Registration required by Thurs., May 23rd. Please indicate size and type of wreath you would like to make. Cost: \$65 for 14" and \$85 for 20". www.bloomingjunction.com

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Schreiner's Iris Gardens' Annual Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 27, 2019 • 9:00am-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.

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.

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 \$12 per plate, it includes a half-chicken, coleslaw, baked potato, and beverage.

From Noon to 5:00 p.m., Anne Amie Vineyards of Dayton, Oregon will offer tastings of their incomparable Willamette Valley wines.

Then, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Live Music: listen to memorable tunes and swingin' songs from Calamity Jazz while you eat or tour the gardens.

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.

Cost: Entrance fee to the gardens is \$5 per car. Music performance is free and open to the public. The chicken BBQ is \$12. Wine and liqueurs available for a nominal fee.

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