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**Time to Celebrate!**

July seems to be the perfect time to celebrate. The 4th of July is a natural, of course. Canada Day, which takes place on the 1st, is also a favorite for our friends from up north. Then there is Bastille Day on the 14th for those in France. But what about 'World Snake Day' on the 16th, 'National Tequila Day' on the 24th, and 'Take your Houseplants for a Walk Day' on the 27th. I'm sure I left out a few others. Oh yeah, 'I Forgot Day' is the 2nd. In our household, the 13th is a big day this year. One of our daughters is getting married! Just in time to celebrate 'National French Fries Day'. For a lot of people the celebrations will be on a much smaller scale and won't be recognized by the world media. Still July is the perfect time to enjoy friends and family. We have spent the spring getting our gardens ready and now we can sit and enjoy them before the heat cranks up in August.

This month we celebrate July with some really great stories. We start with a little bit of Midsummer Madness! We are talking about the Cascade Nursery Trail and their big event. This group of small specialty nurseries in the Willamette Valley are known for great plants and their wonderful sales. Therese will introduce us to the members of this cool club! Since it is summer, we have to be talking about berries. Judy tells us about the great selections of raspberries that we can grow in containers. We have a couple of these on our deck and they perform like champs, with little or no care! Speaking of berries, our Horties for this month are a couple of old friends, Joelle and Rich from Smith Berry Barn. William fills us in on the Hildners and how they make Smith Berry Barn so special and unique. In keeping with the theme, they also have a celebration to share; they have their Berry Festival on July 4th! Finally, Judy tells us about the latest Smart Phone apps for gardeners and outdoorsy people. These apps include the Merlin App for beginner and intermediate birders, the Pl@ntNet App for identifying plants and the Bonide App for identifying plant and pest problems in your garden and suggesting ways and products to solve those problems. And that should give everyone a reason to celebrate!

So you can see, celebration is in the air! We suggest you choose a celebration, or plan one yourself, and then invite some friends to join you. There is no better time than right now to do it!

**Happy Gardening!**

**Jeff Gustin, Publisher**

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# Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



# Ask Mortimer

Dear Mortimer,

I love my rhodies and other flowering shrubs, but they are getting too big. Can I cut them back without losing them? When is a good time to prune my flowering shrubs?

Thanks,  
Betty in Breitenbush

Dear Betty,

Pruning your flowering shrubs depends on when they bloom, most of the time... For most spring blooming shrubs like rhododendrons, weigela, forsythia, viburnums, and lilacs, you can prune them right after they bloom. A lot of these types of shrubs 'set' their new blooms in late summer or early fall. If you prune a rhody or lilac too late in the summer season, you will likely get no blooms the following year. These plants bloom on that 'old wood'. Some other plants that bloom in the fall and early winter can be pruned back early next spring. These plants bloom on 'new wood', or the fresh growth of the new year.

If you are looking to reduce the size of your plant, once again, you can cut back after the bloom has gone. Though we recommend that you cut off no more than one third of a plant per year. This will allow the plant to handle the stress of the pruning a little better. Leaving a leaf node or two below your cut also helps. Realize that if you take off a lot of wood, like a major pruning to your rhodies, you will likely not get any flowers for a year or two.

There are a few plants that follow different rules for pruning, like lavenders. For more information on pruning your shrubs and other plants, check out the OSU Extension website, <https://extension.oregonstate.edu>.

Good luck,  
Mortimer



Cutting back to a branch joint or leaf node.

Dear Mortimer,

My veggies are starting to bolt, what can I do?

Signed,  
Vicki

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

Dear Vicki,

First of all, let me explain to some readers what 'bolting' is. Bolting means that your plant is experiencing rapid growth and moving from a 'leaf phase' to a 'seed phase'. For vegetable growers this means that your plant is sending up flower stalks and getting ready to produce seed.

Your vegetables are probably bolting because of the heat. The plant is maturing too fast because of it, or it could be stressed by lack of water or some other environmental thing. Try providing a little shade to keep the soil temps cooler and give it some water. You might not be able to stop it from maturing (it's just trying to survive by setting seed), but you may be able to slow it down a little. Also, try harvesting some of the leaves now before they mature. Some varieties get bitter when they set seed, so try to do some cooking now.

One plant that you can continue to use when it bolts is basil. Simply pinch off the seed head and your plant will become bushier and give you more tasty leaves!

Tastefully yours,  
Mortimer



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Bolting seed heads

Dear Mortimer,

I have a pink flowering Spirea which the Bumblebees and I both love. But it has gotten out of hand and is now choking out the other shrubs in the bed. It is about three feet tall but has spread nearly six feet wide. I would like to save it or perhaps move it. I know I would have to wait until it went dormant in the fall but how much can I cut it back to make moving it easier on the plant and me?

Signed,  
A faithful reader

Dear Faithful,

Here are some tips you can use throughout the year to keep your Spirea in check.

**Spring Pruning:** Cut back the tips of most spirea varieties immediately following the first flush of spring flowers. Trim the stem tips back to the top-most leaf bud on each stem, using clean shears. Maintain the shape of the shrub as you prune. Tip pruning removes the dead blossoms and may encourage new flower bud formation.

**Summer Overgrowth:** Prune overgrown shoots and stems and dead or diseased branches at any time during the summer growing season to maintain the shrub's shape. Make the cuts within 1/4 inch of a leaf or bud when possible. Cutting an overgrown stem slightly shorter than the surrounding stems helps camouflage the cut edge.

**Fall Prune:** Trim back overgrown spireas or those that produced sparse foliage on the lower stems severely in fall after the foliage begins to fall off, to keep the shrubs shaped and compact. Cut back each stem to within 8 to 12 inches of the ground. In spring, a severely pruned spirea grows new stems that are all capable of flowering.

**Late Winter:** Examine the spirea shrub in late winter after the buds begin swelling but before they leaf out, for dead or damaged branches. Remove all dead and damaged wood, along with any branches that cross or rub together. Japanese spirea varieties require tip pruning at this time, or in early spring.

**Shape Training:** Trim a spirea into a round shape by first tightening some jute or rope around the center of the plant. Trim across the top of the plant, then remove the rope to reveal a round shape. Trim any remaining growth that sticks out beyond the basic orb shape.

**What Not to Do:** Spireas thrive when trimmed regularly. Leaving them untrimmed from winter until the leaves have grown in can actually make the plant look less healthy, with thick growth in some areas and sparse growth in others. To prevent this from happening, trim the spirea at least twice a year.

**Tip:** Use clean, sharp shears to prevent damage or the spread of disease during pruning. Rinsing the shears between cuts in a solution of nine parts water and one part bleach disinfects them.

**Moving the plant:**

If you want to move the plant, do it now before it gets too hot, or even better in the mid to late fall. If you transplant in the spring you will have to water it consistently to keep it from stressing out in the summer heat. Transplanting in the fall will allow the winter rain to help it establish.

Hope that helps,  
Mortimer



Spirea

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# Trail Blazers

## Seven North Willamette Valley nurseries join forces to create some 'Midsummer Madness.'

by Therese Gustin

Secret Garden Growers

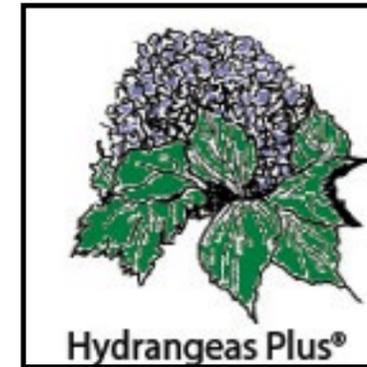
Everyone likes a treasure hunt and we gardeners especially like to find new and unique treasures to add to our gardens. A great way to discover these treasures is to spend a summer weekend following the Cascade Nursery Trail and experiencing their Midsummer Madness Event!

The Cascade Nursery Trail is an alliance of independent, family owned, specialty nurseries in the North Willamette Valley. When Carol Westergreen from Out in the Garden Nursery was at a plant sale at the Oregon Coast, she noticed almost all the participating nurseries were from Clackamas County. It got her thinking: instead of taking their plants to the people, why not bring the people to the plants? By coming to them, customers can see their entire plant offerings and many of them have display gardens for additional inspiration and enjoyment. She started

discussing the option with other specialty nurseries and the Cascade Nursery Trail was developed. They all feel working together and supporting each other makes all of them stronger and gives their customers a wonderful plant adventure!

Throughout the year they host events either at one of the individual nurseries or, like their Midsummer Madness Event, at all of the Trail's locations. On Saturday, July 6th and Sunday, July 7th from 10 am to 5 pm all seven nurseries will feature those plants that shine in the summertime! Along with their usual plant selections they will be adding a new 'Guru Gardening Series' where each nursery will be providing 15 minute presentations bursting with demonstrations, wonderful factoids and amazing plants! Each nursery will also be serving their favorite desserts to celebrate the summer!

Here is a description of each nursery and what they will be offering.



**Hydrangeas Plus** is a family owned, specialty nursery featuring hydrangeas and close relatives. "We found our "niche" growing and propagating hydrangeas, and to our knowledge we have one of the most extensive (if not the largest)

selection of hydrangea varieties available for purchase in North America. We pride ourselves in providing our customers healthy and vibrant plants. Our motto, "We grow with care and it shows..." is not just lip service; we like to think our products speak for themselves."

Hydrangeas Plus: We will be offering Pruning Demonstrations – learn how and when to prune your Hydrangeas! 10am and 4:30, Saturday and Sunday. (Hydrangeas offered at a discounted price from catalogue, 20-50% off, only at Hydrangeas Plus, this weekend)

Hydrangeas Plus welcomes visitors with pre-arranged appointments or at any of their scheduled open dates. They are not open to the public on a regular basis so please visit their Upcoming Events pages. They are located at 6543 S. Zimmerman Road, Aurora, OR 97002. Contact them at hydrangeasplus.com. Mail order available online.



**Secret Garden Growers** (www.secretgardengrowers.com) is a specialty nursery run by obsessed plant collectors offer-

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• <https://smithberrybarn.com>

**Midsummer Madness!**  
Sat. & Sun., July 6 & 7, 2019 • 10:00am-5:00pm  
Cascade Nursery Trail, Between Aurora & Salem, OR  
Drive off those doldrums of summer by coming out to see what's happening in our long day gardens! We will all be serving our favorite desserts so celebrate summer with a whole weekend of sweet indulgence! There are SO MANY things that look great this time of year. Come see what summer offers for your garden in flower and foliage (and share our tasty sweets!).  
• [www.cascadenurseries.com](http://www.cascadenurseries.com)

**Art & Wine in the Garden**  
Sat. & Sun., July 27 & 28, 2019 • 10:00am-4:00pm  
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR  
Our stunning gardens provide the perfect backdrop as you wander through all the beautiful arts & crafts from over 30 plus local artists all while enjoying great wine! Free to the public! Wine, food, arts and crafts for purchase.  
• [www.garlandnursery.com](http://www.garlandnursery.com)





Out in the Garden Nursery

from all corners of the planet. Secret Garden Growers specializes in offerings that thrive here in the Pacific Northwest, heavily weighted in the perennial category. They also have a handpicked selection of shrubs, vines, bog plants, grasses and some very special trees. Secret Garden Growers is located at 29100 S. Needy Rd, Canby OR 97013. (503) 651-2006. Also mail order, design, consultation, installation and specialty garden maintenance (expert hand pruning & perennial care).

Open: April thru Oct Thur>Sat 10-5 and by Appointment

Secret Garden Growers: Presenting a show and tell 'Secret Garden Raves for 2019', introducing our favorite new plants for your garden 11am and 1pm, Saturday and Sunday.

**Out in the Garden Nursery** is a family owned and operated specialty nursery featuring perennials and ornamental grasses for sun and shade. They offer plants with interesting foliage color and textures and those with multiple seasons of interest. They have



three main groups of plants to offer: 1. Shade plants, many of which offer winter interest to the garden. 2. Ornamental grasses and their companions for summer and fall interest. We have one of the largest selections of ornamental

grasses in the region. 3. Plants with bold, dramatic foliage. They also have a lovely extensive display garden as well as adorable farm animals for visitors to enjoy. They are located at 32483 S. Mathias Road, Molalla, Oregon. 503-829-4141 [www.outinthegardennursery.com](http://www.outinthegardennursery.com).

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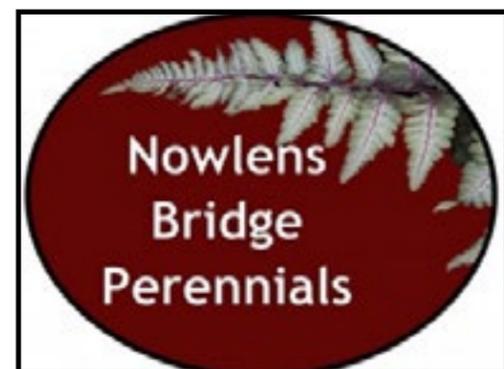


Garden Thyme Nursery

Open: Apr-June Tues-Sun 10-4;  
Jul-Sept Tue-Sat 10-4 and by Appointment

Out in the Garden Nursery: Presenting "Great Grasses" at 12pm and 2 pm and 'Owner's Picks Garden Tour' at 4pm, Saturday and Sunday.

We will offer homemade brownies and Lemon Zucchini bread. If we can find some local berries, we will also offer them as well. We will also have coffee, hot water for tea, and lemonade.



**Nowlens Bridge Perennials** is a specialty nursery featuring shade perennials, garden trees and shrubs.

They try to offer unique and attractive plants

to pique the interest of beginning and advanced gardeners. They have been residents of the Marquam community for 47 years and look forward to seeing gardeners from near and far! 37377 S. Nowlens Bridge Rd, Molalla, OR 97038. (503) 829-8449 [www.Nowlens-BridgePerennials.com](http://www.Nowlens-BridgePerennials.com).

Open ONLY by Appointment & special events posted on website.

Nowlens' Bridge Perennials: "New to the Nursery" display all weekend, to peruse at you leisure. We will offer yummy morsels from our daughter's Great Harvest Bakery. Beverages will be available, also.



**Garden Thyme Nursery** is owned and run by Patti and



Sebright Nursery

George Harris. they opened the nursery in 2001 and have continued growing since. Early spring seems to be all about the veggie starts and as they get into May they shift the focus to hardy perennials. They strive to provide a vast selection of drought tolerant and deer resistant perennials with the extended bloom time. They have one greenhouse dedicated to shade loving plants and two greenhouses featuring sun lovers. 4177 Cascade Hwy NE, Silverton, OR 97381 (503) 551-1875 [www.GardenThymeNursery.com](http://www.GardenThymeNursery.com)

Open: April thru June, Wed-Sat 10-5 & July thru Oct by appt.

Garden Thyme Nursery: Will be presenting a group of plants that scream "BRING ON THE HEAT!" at 11am, 1 pm and 4pm, Saturday and Sunday. (Dahlia Deals Sale only at Garden Thyme this weekend, any one gallon Dahlia, \$5.00) Refreshments will be brownies, berry cobbler shooters, lemon meringue bites and scones.

**Sebright Gardens** is a nursery specializing in



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These are joined by over 150 ferns and over 100 varieties of epimediums. Their display gardens are stunning and really showoff these shade loving plants! 7185 Lakeside Drive NE, Salem OR 97305. (503) 463-9615 [www.Sebright-Gardens.com](http://www.Sebright-Gardens.com)

Open: March 31 - October 28, Daily 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. We are open all seasonal holidays. Mail order available online. Sebright Gardens: Special 15 minute 'walk and talk' in the gardens, Saturday and Sunday at 3:45.



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Miller's Manor Gardens

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Miller's Manor: Lynda will be showing how to plant and grow hardy Fuchsias in the ground at 11:30am and 2:30pm, Saturday and Sunday. Refreshments will be Lynda's special apricot bar cookies and an assortment of other homemade cookies.

The Cascade Nursery Trail Nurseries are all specialty nurseries that strive to offer a vast array of plants that are not offered at many of the area garden centers or box stores. They also offer personal service and plant knowledge and expertise not found elsewhere. Also supporting them is supporting local businesses and families.

You can find a map of the Cascade Nursery Trail on their website. So grab a friend, hit the trail and discover some true nursery "gems" in the Willamette Valley!

**Miller's Manor Gardens** is owned by Lynda and Roger Miller. They have been in the nursery business for over 40 years. Their nursery sits on approximately two acres with most of it landscaped and labeled as a botanical garden. They have one of the largest collections of miniature and dwarf conifers in the area. They love to have visitors just walk through their gardens and enjoy their beauty. Their main items for sale are unusual perennials and shrubs, plus a large variety of hardy fuchsias. 27452 S Gribble Road, Canby OR 97013 (503) 899-7160 [www.MillersManorGarden.com](http://www.MillersManorGarden.com)

Open: ONLY by Appointment and Special Events

**Cascade Nursery Trail**  
[www.cascadenurserytrail.com](http://www.cascadenurserytrail.com)

# Post Mortem

Fixing a broken or leaning fencepost doesn't mean a difficult repair job, thanks to the Stur-D-Fence Bracket.

by William McClenathan

One of the many frustrations I have had as a home owner is a rotten fence post which breaks. Often I was not even aware the post had rotted as that mostly occurs at or below soil level. And as many fence posts are stabilized with concrete it makes the job of putting in a new post extra hard work.

And who has the time for that? But the fence must be fixed quickly for appearances, but more so for security, especially if there are young kids or pets in the household.

So several years ago Garden Time did a segment with this company, Stur-D Fence Brackets. <https://youtu.be/j9sOhtArOAE>

At first, I was skeptical this would be easy... or even really work at all.

Boy, was I wrong!

It really was such an easy way to fix a broken fence post within 30 minutes. The biggest benefit to me was that it removed the

need to take out the old concrete at all thus not forcing people to also then have to replace that concrete.

Because of the design of the Stur-D Fence Bracket, you actually utilized the old concrete as well.

Here is how it works. You discover your fence post is broken. You simply do not have the time or money to replace that fence. So ya jump in your car and go to the nearest Parr Lumber for some help. They suggest Stur-D Fence Bracket for a fast repair, tell you how easy and quick it is to install, so ya purchase it and head back home.

At home you dig a small area around the broken post and the concrete from that old post.

Ya make sure you have the big screws needed to attach the Stur-D Bracket to the broken old post and do that...making sure things are level.

You mix up the bag of concrete you bought and pour it in the whole. Then stabilize the post with a 2x4 and make sure everything is level and let it set. You don't even need to remove any of the fencing either!

It is also a great way to fix leaning fence posts as well, using the same system of instructions.

It really is just that easy to do. Often within 30 minutes to an hour, the fence is repaired

and sturdy again.

I mentioned Parr Lumber because I know that they carry the Stur-D Fence Bracket.

So if you ever have a post on your fence that breaks or is leaning, this is an easy and inexpensive way to fix it until you can replace the entire fence in the future.

This is the website to gather even more information [www.stur-dfence.com](http://www.stur-dfence.com)



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Pets love our yards, but some plants, if ingested, can be bad for them.

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# Companion Plants

Many of the plants in our gardens are toxic to our pets. Knowing them and knowing your pets will keep your furry friends safe and healthy.

by Ron Dunevant

We Americans love our yards. We also love our pets. According to the 2017-2018 National Pet Owners Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association (APPA), 68% of U.S. households own a pet, which equates to 85 million families.

If you are a pet owner (or as is more P.C. now, a "pet parent") then you know that our pets also love our yards. There is nothing more uplifting to the soul than seeing your dog frolicking through the grass with reckless

abandon, or a cat purring as it suns itself in the warm bark dust. Ah, what a life!

But this love of the outdoors also comes with a warning: the plants in our yards, while beautiful, can also be harmful to the pets we love. In fact, you may be surprised how many of our common landscape plants are toxic, if consumed. From drooling to diarrhea to vomiting, lethargy, heart arrhythmias, seizures and even death, a wide variety of flora pose risks to dogs, cats and horses. In addition,

some plants will cause a rash when coming into contact with the skin (such as poison ivy, although a pet's fur will frequently protect them. But, interestingly, it is generally non-toxic, if eaten.)

An article on plants and pets often begins with the phrase, "don't plant these!" and, of course, that is your best option. But if you have a yard where the plants are already established, removing every questionable plant may be an unreasonable or impossible task. In those cases, knowing which plants pose the biggest threats and the symptoms that may follow consumption of these plants, will help you keep your furry friend safe and your yard continuing to bloom.

The first and most important step in protecting your pets is to *know* your pets. If you allow your dogs or cats to roam freely in the yard, where do they go? Which areas do they like to visit and what do they do when they're there? Do they like to eat the grass? Do they dig in the dirt or bark dust? Do they like to roll in manure or drink stagnant water from pots? (A side note: Pets are often attracted to sitting water, since it has an interesting smell, and they may be turned off by the smell of chlorine in fresh tap water. However, stagnant water can contain bacteria and parasites. If you have sitting water in your yard, get rid of it and protect your pets.)

Knowing your pet's personality and habits will help you to determine which plants may pose a risk. This is not to say that your pet won't surprise you from time to time, but dogs, especially, are creatures of habit. If they do something once, they're likely to do it again. And, if over a period of time, they don't do something, it is unlikely to change unless conditions do, too.



Watch your pets to see if they are likely to eat the plants in your yard.

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If you are bringing a new pet, or a puppy or kitten into your home, you will want to monitor them for several months to a year to see what their habits are. For older dogs or cats, you may already know their personalities and quirks. If you don't, then take the time to learn them. It will mean a happier and healthier pet in the future. It will also alert you to changes in their behavior, appetite and personality, which you can then pass on to your veterinarian. When examining a pet, the first questions a vet usually asks is, "have you noticed any changes to your pet's behavior, eating patterns, or personality? Have they been vomiting or had diarrhea?" These are simple questions that, sadly, some pet owners cannot answer.

If you volunteer or are drafted into pet sitting



Easter Lilies are one of many plants that are safe for your pets.

for a neighbor or relative, ask about their pet's habits. Knowing ahead of time that a dog likes to chew on the plants can save you heartache and a visit to the vet.

As the saying goes, "knowledge is power," and knowing what plants are in your yard and whether they pose a risk is the best way to prevent a problem. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) provides a lengthy list of toxic and non-toxic plants for dogs, cats and horses, and you may be surprised by how many "common" plants are on their "toxic" list. Some of them are listed below, but if you have a question about a specific plant, go to their website for more

information.

**Annuals**

Begonia - The tubers are toxic and can cause mouth irritation and difficulty swallowing.

Geranium - Can cause skin rashes, loss of appetite, low blood pressure and lethargy.

**Perennials**

Chrysanthemum - Consuming any part of the bloom can cause discomfort and loss of coordination.

Carnation - Can cause mild gastrointestinal problems.

Dahlia - Eating the delicate petal may lead to mild gastrointestinal problems and dermatitis.

Iris - Can cause mild to moderate vomiting, lethargy, drooling, and diarrhea.

Lily of the Valley - Can cause serious symptoms in pets and people, including vomiting, heart arrhythmia, seizures, and even death.

Peony - Symptoms of ingestion include vomiting, excessive drooling, and diarrhea.

**Shrubs**

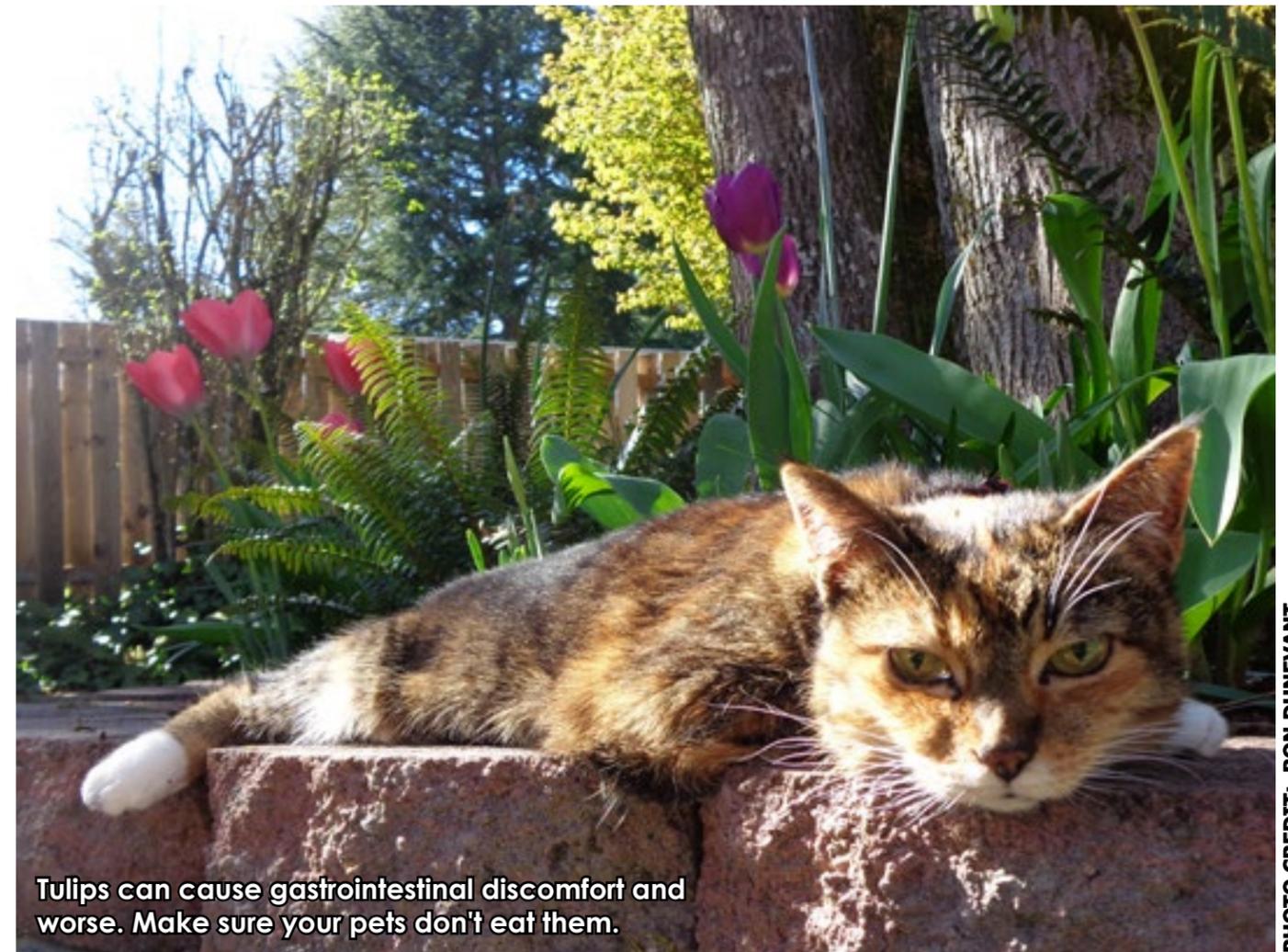
Aloe Vera - Symptoms include: vomiting, diarrhea, and tremors.

Azalea and Rhododendron - Ingesting the leaves can cause digestive problems, excessive drooling, weakness, and loss of appetite.

Hydrangea - If consumed in large quantities, the flowers can be poisonous to pets and people.

Rose of Sharon - Ingestion can cause lack of appetite, vomiting, and nausea.

**Vines**



Tulips can cause gastrointestinal discomfort and worse. Make sure your pets don't eat them.

English Ivy - Can cause vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and hyper-salivation.

Morning Glory - Ingestion may lead to gastrointestinal upset, agitation, tremors, disorientation, ataxia, loss of appetite and diarrhea.

Wisteria - contains poisonous seeds and pods.

**Bulbs**

Amaryllis - These bulb plants are extremely poisonous and can cause abdominal pain, tremors, diarrhea, and hyper-salivation for both cats and dogs.

Crocus - An early spring bloomer, ingestion can lead to gastrointestinal upset.

Daffodil - Eating the bulbs can cause cardiac issues, convulsions, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Gladiol - Ingesting the corms can lead to excessive drooling, lethargy, and vomiting.



Sunflower: Safe for pets

Hyacinth - Can damage the mouth and esophagus and cause violent tremors.

Lily - Can cause kidney failure for cats but doesn't seem to affect dogs in the same way.

Tulip - Consuming the cup-shaped flower may lead to gastrointestinal discomfort, convulsions and cardiac problems.

Other types of plants and trees can cause problems, too. Poinsettias can cause irritation of the mouth and stomach; the acorns and leaves of oak trees are poisonous and tomato plants contain a highly toxic element.

In addition to the types of plants in your yard, also be aware of the amendments you are using to keep those plants healthy. If your pet likes to munch on the grass, be sure to read the label of any fertilizer you use for instructions about how long to restrict contact with and consumption of the grass. Often it is several days and they recommend watering the fertilizer into the soil before allowing your pet to return. If your pets use your yard as their bathroom, consider fertilizing only one section at a time (or only the front or the back) to allow them access to a clean area until the fertilizer has had time to dissipate.

Another option for grass-eating pets is to grow some in a container that is never fertilized, and encourage your pet to eat from that. Keeping your lawn mowed will discourage some pets from eating the grass, as many tend to go for the longer blades on the edges or in un-mowed areas.

No plan is fool-proof, knowing which plants could cause problems, learning your pets' habits and keeping an eye on them when they are outdoors will help keep your furry friends -- and your garden -- healthy and happy.



Aster: Safe for pets



Pansies: Safe for pets



Roses: Safe for pets

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## Pet-Safe Plants for Your Garden

The ASPCA site lists 579 plants that are non-toxic to dogs, cats and horses.

Among them are:

- African Violets
- Alyssum
- Aster
- Bamboo
- Blue-Eyed Daisy
- Camelia
- Coreopsis
- Cornflower
- Crape Myrtle
- Creeping Zinnia
- Daylilies
- Easter Lily
- Feather Palm
- Gerber Daisy
- Grape Hyacinth
- Marigolds
- Hibiscus
- Impatiens
- Irish Moss
- Jasmine
- Magnolia Bush
- Oregon Grape
- Pansies
- Petunias
- Poison Ivy & Poison Oak
- Purple Passion Vine
- Red African Violet
- Rose
- Snapdragon
- Spider Ivy
- Sunflowers
- Sweet Potato Vine
- Thyme
- Tiger Lily
- Zinnia

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>



Tiger Lily: Safe for pets

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Garden Time's Plant Picks are from Little Prince. Yours should be, too.



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# Raspberry Sure Bet

If you love raspberries like we love raspberries,  
try growing them in a container!  
by Judy Alleruzzo

Fresh Raspberries! Yum! Think you cannot grow raspberries because you have a small garden or no garden? Never fear, raspberries are delicious summer fruit that is perfect to grow in a container right outside your back or even your front door. Here are several tips to help you grow a crop this summer and maybe fall.

## Tips to grow Raspberries in Containers

- Choose an everbearing raspberry variety. 'Heritage' is an everbearing raspberry variety that produces fruit in early summer and again in fall.
- Try the new dwarf raspberry variety, 'Raspberry Shortcake'. It was bred for containers!
- Plant the raspberry in a large pot, at least 24 inches wide.
- Site the container in full sun.
- Use good potting soil, not soil just dug up

from the garden. Good potting soil is necessary for successful container gardens.

- Top dress the soil with mulch to help the plants retain soil moisture.
- Keep canes at 4-5ft, with enough canes for good production but not too many, to deter good air circulation.
- Don't forget to provide a support for the fruiting canes.

It can be as simple as a length of bamboo or use an interesting metal rod with a decorative finial to support the canes.

## Pros for Planting Raspberries in Containers

- Containers can regulate soil conditions for best growing conditions
- Containers can be moved around so plants are able to receive the most sunshine
- Containers prevent raspberry plants from



getting too aggressive in the garden

- Raspberry fruit is right on your deck and convenient to pick for your ultimate enjoyment

## Cons for Planting Raspberries in Containers

- Containers will need to be monitored for watering and fertilizer needs.

For best production, plants will need to be kept evenly moist all season long.





Raspberry 'Heritage'



Bushel & Berry 'Raspberry Shortcake'

**Varieties to Choose**

**Raspberry 'Heritage'**

Hardy to Zone 4 (-30°F)

Large, sweet red raspberries ripen in July and again in fall.

'Heritage' can be used for fresh eating, canning, freezing and for jams and jellies.

Everbearing raspberries produce 2 separate fruiting canes called "floricanes" and "primocanes". Floricanes produce fruit in July. Cut back after harvest.

"Primocanes" produce fruit on it's tips in September to Frost. After harvest trim these down by half and you will get fruit the following summer.

You can cut back the whole primocane in the fall to sacrifice the July crop.

You'll get less but better tasting berries. It's up to you how you want to manage the canes.

Experiment and see what works for you.

**Bushel & Basket**

**'Raspberry Shortcake' PP#22,141**

- Sweetly flavored fruit ripens Late June - Early July
- Thornless canes with a Compact Habit
- Self Pollinating but better fruit production with more plants
- Hardy to Zone 4 (-30°F)
- Height 2-3ft. Width 2-3ft

In fall, let canes die down and go dormant with change of the season.

In spring, new canes will sprout from the roots and be productive the next year.

The old canes with new foliage will be the productive canes in the summer.

Prune out all dead canes and foliage to tidy up the container.



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Planting raspberries or any fruiting plants in containers may be new to you but it is a wonderful idea for gardeners that just don't have the space to plant in a garden bed.

Experiment with raspberries in containers and next you'll be looking up a recipe for raspberry tarts!

Check your favorite Local Independent Nurseries for Raspberry Varieties.



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# 'Doing a Grand Job Every Day'



Joelle and Rich Hildner

## With fate and luck playing a role, Smith Berry Barn's Joelle and Rich Hildner are happy with where they are and where things are going.

by William McClenathan

Have you ever been to Smith Berry Barn? Well this month's Hortie is the amazing couple which own it, Joelle and Rich Hildner.

Rich got his first job in horticulture working at Furney's Nursery. He so enjoyed it, he went to college to gain more education on design and installation.

Joelle's first memories of plants was when she was very young. Her father was a Middle School Principal, but his hobby was Rhododendrons. In fact, he loved them so much he propagated

them. One of Joelle's favorite memories was as a young girl going with her dad overnight to be the first people at a Rhododendron farm each year that grew them. When they had this sale, many people would spend the night to get to be the first people to be able to buy some of those specialty Rhododendrons. Joelle recalls that early in the morning, her dad would wake her up and as soon as the gates opened, people would literally run to get in.

Her dad would joyfully race around to find the newest and most dif-

ferent Rhodies and buy them to add to his collection at home, and be able to propagate them.

For Rich, his education seemed to come more easily, but Joelle struggled more in her choice of what to pursue.

She began with her college degree in Architecture at Washington State University. Knowing her and the skills she shows at Smith Berry Barn in its appearance and design, this did not surprise me.

But, it was not her passion to become an Architect, so she

switched to business after just one year. But that did not intrigue her either and she found herself leaning more and more to plants. Specifically, herbs. So much so did herbs intrigue her that in her free time she was taking any classes she found on herbs, while still going to school.

She had a meeting with a counselor and he gave her a personality test. To her delight, he said that she could excel in horticulture.

She had already changed from Architecture to Business at Washington State University...and she felt like Horticulture was what she really wanted to do. So she had a long talk with her parents.

Her parents were good parents, but like so many well-intentioned parents, they were very focused on their child getting a great paying job from her degree. And to her father, horticulture was not it. You could just not make a good life for yourself in that industry...or so he thought.

This argument continued for a while, but eventually... dad said, 'OK, do it. As long as you get a four year degree.' I suppose sometimes parents just have to realize when they are not going to win a fight with their child.

Joelle began attending South Seattle Community Col-





lege, not only finally doing what her heart loved, but it is where Rich and she met as well. He was already in horticulture so the connection between them was even easier. By the mid-'90s, both of them were finished with college.

Rich was working in Landscape Construction and also worked for a three acre private garden named PowellsWood, [www.powellswood.org](http://www.powellswood.org) which is in Federal Way, Washington. Joelle took a job at Watsons Greenhouse.

It should be noted here that to this day, every winter Rich still goes back up to the Seattle area to prune the hedges at the three acre PowellsWood because the owner, Monty Powell, will not allow anyone else to prune them. Rich was just simply that good!

Although thus far, their lives had been in the Seattle area, they both were weary of the massive growth of Seattle but loved the Portland area, so they moved down in 2000.

Rich took a landscape installation job with Tueful Landscape and Joelle was offered a job at Blooming Nursery. I first met Joelle while she was working there as we bought from Blooming Nursery.

Through fate or luck or both, Joelle heard that the owners of Smith Berry Barn were looking to sell their place because they bought plants from Blooming Nursery and were spreading the word.

Thirty acres of fruit trees and berries, the charming home they live in currently on the property, and the massive grand barn, which still bears the name Smith Berry Barn.

The process of buying it was not quick or easy. But finally, in 2002 and with guidance and the help of family, they purchased it.

They opened in March of 2002 and literally, cleaned the barn and got product in to sell in just ten days!

It seemed slow at first, but the business had a known name to the community, and it did not take too long until the 'word' was spreading about the grand changes and improvements to Smith Berry Barn.

Keep in mind that Rich and Joelle had two boys to raise through all these changes. They must have done a great job because both young men are amazing.

Currently, Chase the elder son is 20 and Elliot the younger is 16. It seems to me they were just 6 and 10 last week....

Joelle and I discussed the future of Smith Berry Barn. I was delighted to hear her say that they are happy where things are and how it is going. She enjoys fo-



cus on doing a grand job everyday.

They consistently hire great staff as well.

As we continued our conversation we both laughed a lot at various stories, and yes, we both shed a tear or two as well. I find this happens to people I interview when they are completely committed to their passion for what they do.

And right in the middle of one of those conversations, a young lady with her daughter, which looked to be three or four years old walked by us. Joelle greeted the mother and they spoke briefly about strawberries, which she had brought her little girl out to pick fresh with her.

As the girl came running up to her mother, she had a beautiful little face covered in strawberry juice and the brightest smile you could ever hope to see! It was the very core of what brings Joelle continued delight in this industry...the clients and customers who clearly enjoy being there.

**Smith Berry Barn**  
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**Hillsboro, OR 97123**  
**(503) 628-2172**  
<https://smithberrybarn.com/>





To any true business person who adores what they do, no amount of money can buy those kinds of experiences with customers for you!

We have filmed several times with Joelle and Rich, and every time we at Garden Time walk away happier. I was going to add a couple of links to the segments we have filmed with them on here. But there were so many, I could not choose one or two. So to see them all just go to [www.gardentime.tv](http://www.gardentime.tv). And click on Mortimer's flower petal which reads Archive. Search for Smith Berry Barn and watch them all!

I personally feel like I step though time and space into my favorite garden center somewhere in Europe each time I am at Smith Berry Barn. The buildings, the products, the food, the music, the animals, the gardens and of course, the plants and people, are exceptionally wonderful.

They also have a great informative website [www.smithberrybarn.com](http://www.smithberrybarn.com). They have recipes and updates on what produce is available that day.

Also, check out their events. For every one I have been to I always walk away with treasures of some kind.

Smith Berry Barn, as kind to nature as it is to the customers.



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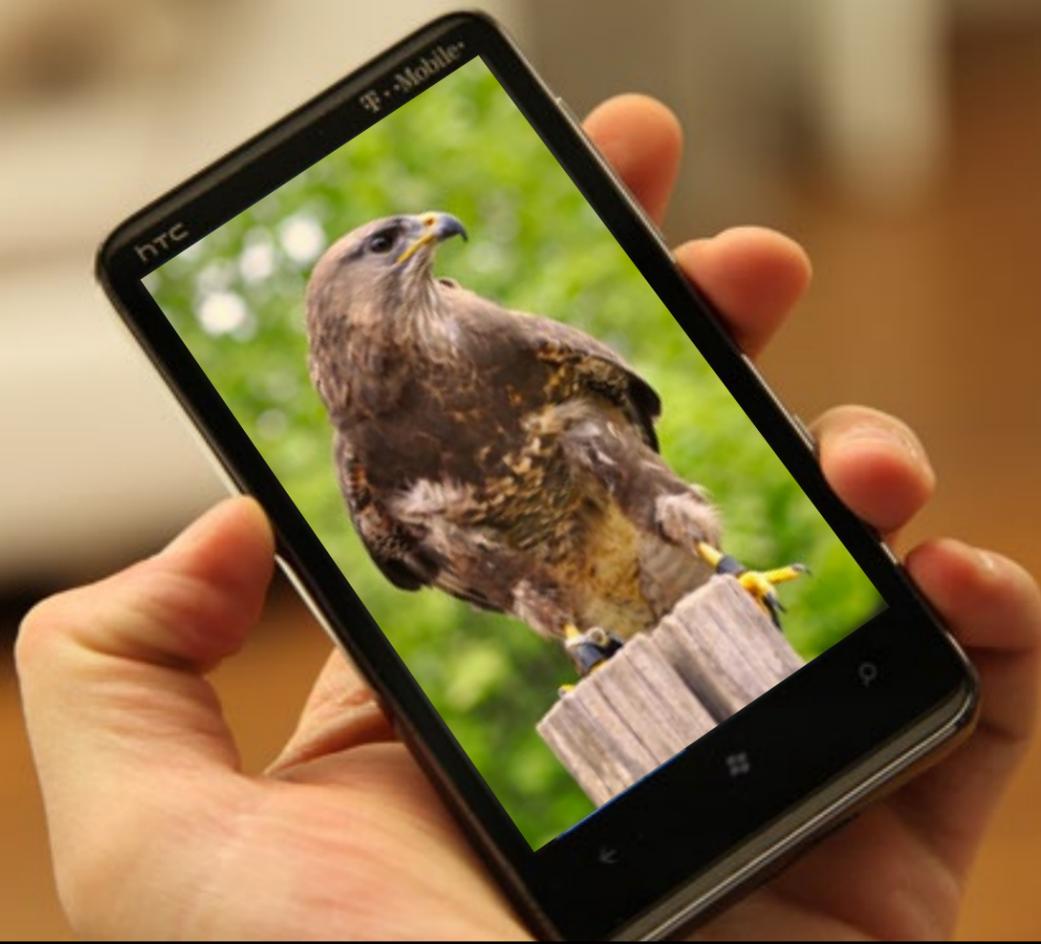


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# Smart APPreciation

A whole new world is available through your smart phone via some amazing garden and outdoor-related apps.

by Judy Alleruzzo

It is just crazy how many Apps you can choose to download onto your phone and then there are the Free Apps that are actually educational!! I checked on my phone and there seems to be hundreds of Apps beside Candy Crush, Angry Birds and my favorite, Spider Solitaire, Yeah, I'm boring!

Since this is a garden magazine, I'm choosing Apps that are garden and outdoor related. This summer download one or two of these Apps and learn something new and have fun doing it!

## Merlin

The Merlin App is for beginner and intermediate birders.

I found the list of organizations that support this Free App on their website, "This App is

made possible by support from the National Science Foundation (grant number DRL-1010818), Pennington® Wild Bird Food, the Faucett Catalyst Fund, and friends and members of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology." That's a lot of credibility behind the information to help us identify birds around us.

The App also has help from the generous photographers who have donated more than 8000 photos, supportive volunteers and sound recordists, who contributed their audio recordings to the Macaulay Library."

Before starting to ID a bird, choose your location, to narrow the search for birds in your area. I chose US West Coast for my Bird Pack.

"How To" Identify the bird in your garden--

- Go to the Menu and Click Start Bird ID
- Upload a photo of the bird in question and center the bird in the outline provided.
- Confirm where and when you took the photograph
- Click "Identify" and see what bird Merlin comes up to help solve the mystery.
- If correct, there is a short description of the bird and where it is usually found.
- You can click on "Yes, This is my Bird!" or reset the locations and dates of bird sighting and see if the correct photo comes up or let Merlin know your bird cannot be identified.

They are always trying to improve their database so any additional information is welcome.

Merlin focuses on birds located near you through, "e-bird", a global data base of over "500 million observations from the e-bird citizen science project". There is a catalog of birds including great

photos, description of the birds, where they live, migrate to and recordings of their calls.

It's an amazing App as the selections of possible correct bird identifications are searched not only logistically but includes the date of the sighting. This means, what bird could be near you and on the day you are out and about. The database takes into account migrations and habitat ranges of the birds.

You can even submit your photo to add to the database.

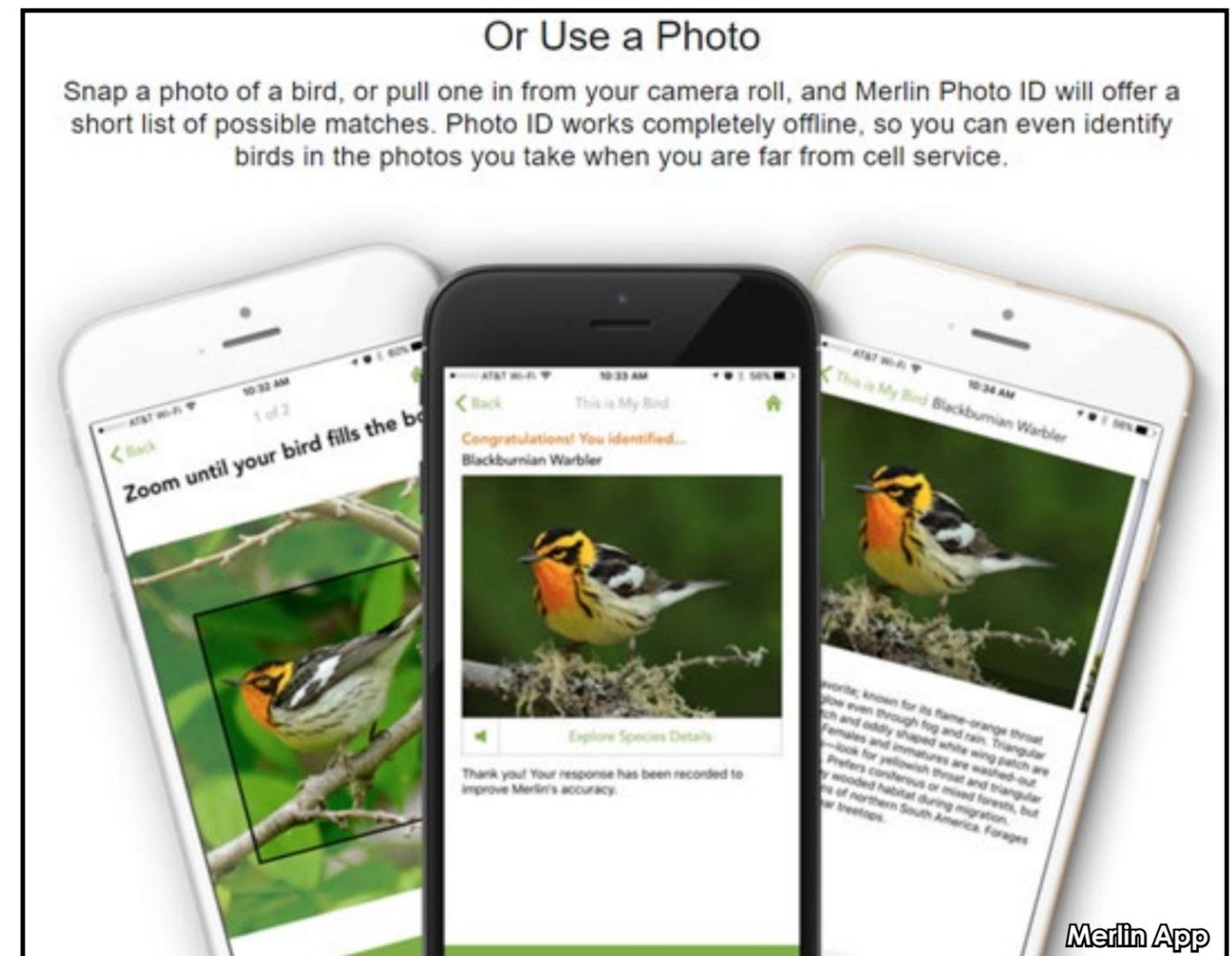
This will be a fun App for kids of all ages!

For more information about the App,

Check out the Merlin Website <http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

## PI@ntNet App

This quote from their website says it all, "With PI@ntNet App, identify one plant from a picture, and be part of a citizen science project on plant

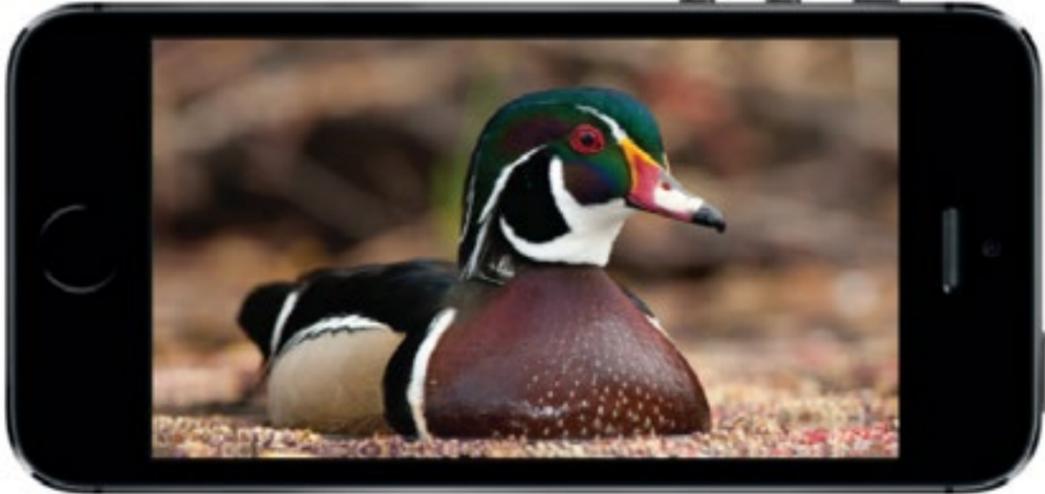
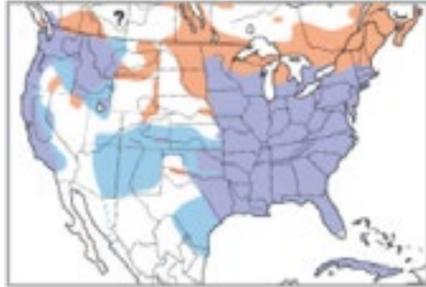


Merlin App

**Merlin App**

## World-Class Content

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Male Calls  
0:03 — 0:09  
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Female calls

Browse more than 8,000 stunning images taken by top photographers. Merlin also includes more than 3,000 audio recordings from the Macaulay Library, identification tips from experts, and range maps from the Birds of North America Online and Neotropical Birds.

biodiversity”

“PI@ntNet allows you to identify thousands of species of plants thanks to your pictures. The images you send are automatically compared to the thousands of images we have in our botanical databases. A list of plants is then proposed.”

Amazing statistic from their website, “3.5 million users around the world, about 30,000 users each day.”

William and I really love this App. We love plants and even we, get stumped on the names of plants... HA! Garden Time viewers also send in photos of plants they need help in identifying. Again, once in a while we just don’t know what is the correct genus and species of the plant in question. We have had very good success in using PI@ntNet. After the

App gives us an assortment of possible plants, we usually say, “Of course, that is the plant! How did we not remember.”

PI@ntNet database started with four geographical areas around the world;

Western Europe, North Africa, Reunion Island and French Guiana.

The PI@ntNet App began in France and

“is a research and educational initiative on plant biodiversity supported

by the Agropolis Foundation since 2009.

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**Bonide App**

The following countries and regions are now included in the database. By adding these areas there are now over 709,000 photos of 16,675 species of plants.

- US
- Canada
- Hawaii
- Caribbean
- Tropical Andes
- La Paz Valley in Bolivia
- Mauritius Island
- Eastern Mediterranean

How PI@ntNet works----

Take a good, in focus photo of a

- Leaf
- Flower
- Fruit
- Bark
- Habit
- Other

Select tab of any of the listed categories.

Wait a microsecond and scroll through the suggested plants matching the photo. The suggested photos show a matching photo from their database and the Botanical name. Amaze your plant Geek friends and download this Free App. It’s like magic and is less frustrating than searching Google!

For more information about PI@ntNet, visit their

website---- <https://plantnet.org/en/>

### **Bonide APP**

The Bonide Company has created a free, practical gardening App to help you determine what is eating your plants, what weed is taking over your lawn or what disease is a problem on your foliage.

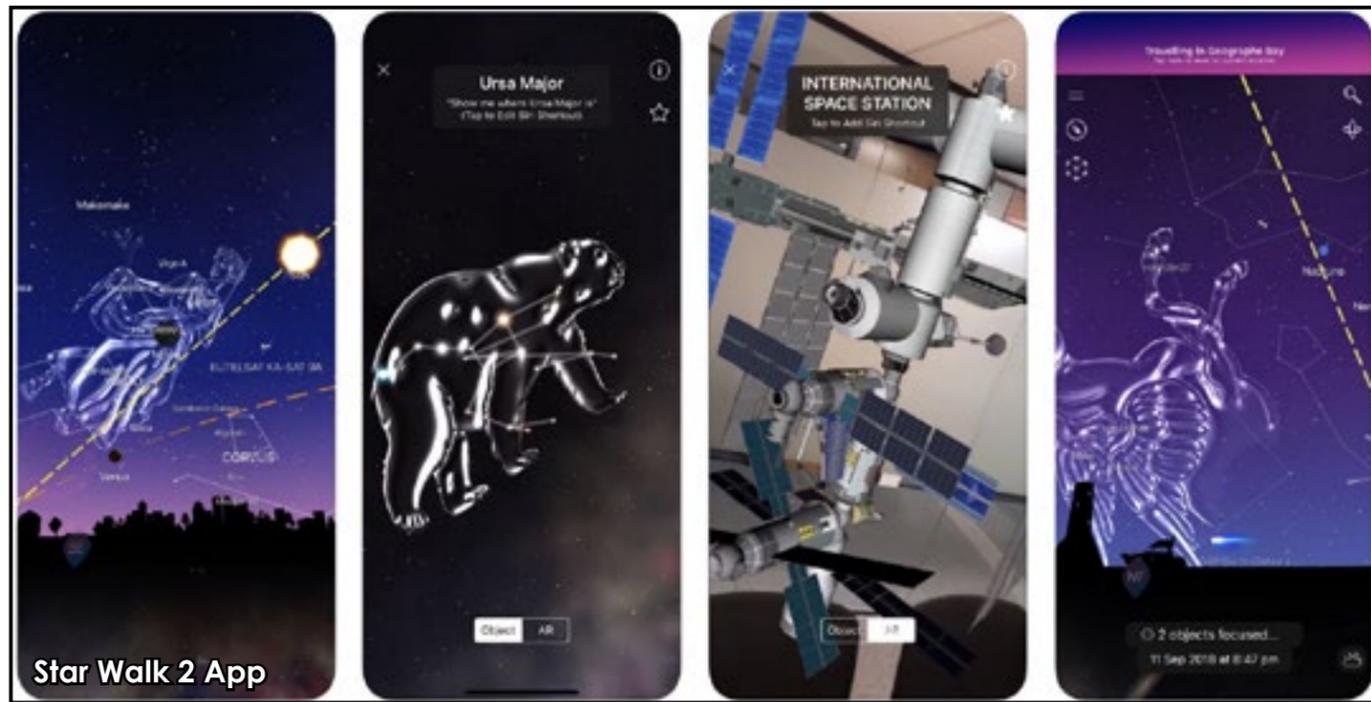
On this App you’ll find this Index of Products

- Garden Naturals Collection
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- Houseplants
- Mosquito Control
- Disease Control
- Insect & Disease Control
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- Got Pests...get Revenge

To find your answers, click on the tab in the index.

Scroll down through each product and read what exactly the product controls in your garden or home. On many products, there are a few frequently asked questions with answers.

You’ll also find a Problem Solver tab. This section has great photos to help you identify problem weeds, insects and diseases.



Star Walk 2 App

There is so much information on this App, Download it and scroll around it.

Great photos of insects and diseases to help you diagnose problems in your garden. To help you purchase Bonide products, there is a Retail Store locator to find the closest store near you.

For more information, click on the Bonide Website <https://www.bonide.com/qr/app/>

### Star Walk 2 App

This easy use free App is like having a "Planetarium in your Pocket."

As gardeners we're outdoors in the sunlight tending to our plants. By dark, we head indoors, missing out on beautiful starry nights.

The Star Walk 2 App is perfect to keep your interest while relaxing in your garden. Just point your phone at a star in the sky and immediately lines appear connecting stars together to outline a constellation. The App identifies the stars, planets and even satellites.

Click on 'Sky Live' in Settings and see the phases and dates of the moon. You can also see the time of the rise and set of the sun, moon and nearby planets, angle of position in the sky and your exact latitude and longitude.

Learn all about this App by clicking "Take a Tour". There are pesky ads but you can upgrade for a fee to not see them.

### Regional Water Providers Consortium

Over the years Garden Time has filmed numerous water wise segments with staff from the Regional Water Providers Consortium.

They not only help us use water wisely but save us money and time.

In the past, we always asked gardeners to click to their website to see the weekly water number for their zip code. This information is not an App but can now be emailed or texted to your phone by just signing up on line. It's a free service!

To use the Water Number the most efficiently, the consortium recommends you see how much your water system puts out in 15 minutes. This way you can monitor how much time to put the sprinkler on to water as effectively as possible.

Simply get two shallow cans like tuna or cat food cans.

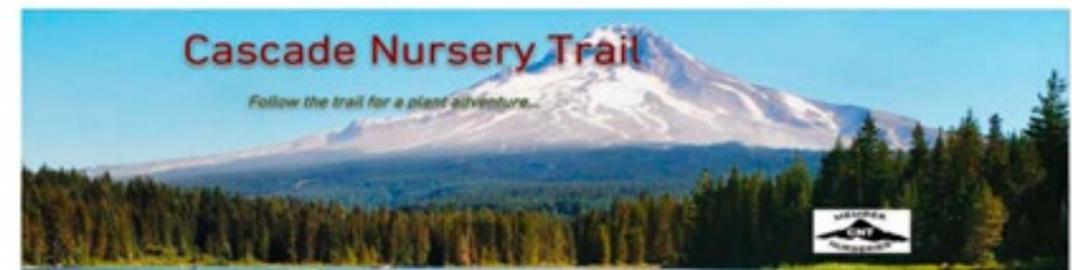
Place one close to the sprinkler head and one 3-4ft away from the first can.

Turn on the sprinkler for 15 minutes.

Average the amounts in two cans. As an example, if there is an average of one inch in the cans, your sprinkler puts out one inch of water in 15 minutes.

Easy Peasy! You now can water your garden wisely to conserve and save money.

[waterhttps://www.conserveh2o.org/weekly-watering-number](https://www.conserveh2o.org/weekly-watering-number)



## Midsummer Madness

### The Perfect Plant Safari

Drive off those doldrums of summer by coming out to see what's happening in our long day gardens! We will all be serving our favorite desserts so celebrate summer with a whole weekend of sweet indulgence! Anything goes at Midsummer Madness...so expect the unexpected. If it's hot, we can squirt you with a hose. We want to remind you that there is no law against planting new plants in the summer months, in fact, we nursery people who have little time during the spring and fall, often find ourselves partaking in this defiant act with great success (with a little watering and mulch) so fear not! There are SO MANY things that look great this time of year. Come see what summer offers for your garden in flower and foliage (and share our tasty sweets!).

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# W T D I T G

# What To Do In The Garden JULY

**OK, July is officially summer... even if it is cool and rainy on some days. Be sure to take time to enjoy your yard. You've been working hard since January. Now, relax and soak in the beauty of a space you can call your own. Invite a few friends over, too, and let them see what a great job you've done!**

## PLANNING



- Plan to take time to have fun out in the garden now that most of the harder work is done! Maybe have a garden party to help celebrate all you were able to get done this spring. In other words, enjoy your garden and take time to relax out in it.

- If the first flower baskets were a flop because you went away for a few days and no one watered them, there are always more. So if for some rea-

son the ones you got earlier are not looking too great, give them a haircut, let them re-grow and in the meantime hang up some new fresh color just in time for the BBQs!



- Time for a little Garden Journal writing? Take the time to sit out in your garden and make lots of notes now, so next year you'll be ready for even more

gardening successes.

## PLANTING

- Annual flowers are still plentiful this time of year, so you can pop in as much color as you'd like for the summertime display.



Add planters to decks and patios for that lush saturation of color you can get from annual flowers. Always

use a good quality potting soil in planters.

- Summer and fall blooming perennials are always available

this time of year and great to add some super color punch to the garden. We recommend you plant perennials in groups of 3-5 or more instead of onesie-twosies.

- Planting landscape trees and shrubs now is OK. It may be a bit harder to keep the young plants watered as often as they need this time of year but be assured that most of the time you can plant year-round. The rules are if you can dig the soil (not frozen) you can plant. Work in organic compost to the planting area and then make sure you mulch the

plants with compost or bark to help conserve precious moisture at the root zone.



- Look for blueberries and other fruit bearing plants to plant. As tasty as blueberries

are its hard to grasp they are so good for us too. Wouldn't it be fun to have a red, white and blue dessert with your own fresh strawberries, whipped cream and blueberries on the 4th of July?

## TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- Check on your watering... are you watering deep enough or just getting the top of the soil damp? Dig down a little into the soil and make sure the water is getting down into the root zone. Morning

is the best time to water, not evening. If you have to water in the evening, just water the soil leaving the foliage dry overnight to reduce possibility of diseases.

- Are you watering too often? Plants roots need to come up for air, unless it's a water lily! You should water deeply when you water and then let the top of the soil dry out a bit.



- Give your hanging baskets a mid-season haircut, cutting half of the long growth off, and shaving off the top 3-5" of growth. Keep the hanging baskets going strong with regular feeding. Apply fertilizer every other watering.

- Do a weed patrol around the landscape and vegetable garden. Taking care to get them while

they are small is a much easier task. Do a light hoeing, frequently and if possible just before a sunny day. The exposure to the sun kills small weed seedlings quickly.

- Stake the taller perennials like delphinium and hollyhock and check the tomato plants. Staking allows for better air circulation and less chance of disease.



- If you're growing asparagus and rhubarb get any weeding in the beds done this month, then apply an organic fertilizer. Then apply fresh topdressing of mulch.

- Keep a lookout for notched leaves on rhododendrons, azaleas and other broadleaf evergreen shrubs which is evidence of Root Weevils feeding on the plants leaves. The adult does the visible damage but their grubs are much more lethal,. You could use a chemical spray labeled for root weevils or get the organic answer, Beneficial Nematodes.

- Spider mite infestations favor dryer warm weather so it's time to start looking for the telltale signs: Dusty looking plants with grey dull looking leaves. The spider mites like dry, dusty, undisturbed plants. Often just keeping the plants cleaner with garden hose water wash downs will do the trick.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN

- Don't overhead water tomatoes (or potatoes)! Unfortunately, we have a problem disease here in the Northwest and it affects tomatoes and potatoes severely; the dreaded late blight. The disease development is favored by cool, rainy weather and may be more severe under sprinkler irrigation. Avoid overhead watering and stake the plants up to allow good air circulation. Remember to rotate crops around so that tomatoes or potatoes are not in the same spot in the garden for at least three years. Pick off any affected leaves and spray plants with an approved fungicide if desired.



- There are plenty of herb starts and seeds available this time of year. Sowing more seed for basil and cilantro for instance, will keep crops coming on for fresh picking all summer.

- Mound the soil up around potatoes plants. Snitch a few of the young 'new' potatoes from the bed to cook up while you're there.

- Time to do some mid-season planting by seed for late season harvest. This is a great time to plant by seed; beets, bush beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, collards, broccoli, collards, fava beans, lettuce, kale, parsnips, peas, radishes, rutabaga, spinach and turnips. These crops will grow and produce good crops well into fall & winter!

- Check on the garlic crop - it's harvest time! Garlic is best planted in the fall and then harvested the following summer, in July. If you had planted your crop last fall then this month you should stop watering the garlic bed. Your signal will be that the leaves start to die back. Time to stop watering and when the leaves are dead a 3rd to 1/2 way down then harvest time is here.



- Cover the blueberry bushes with netting. Birds will let you know when they are ripe as you'll see them raiding the patch! This year get a head start on the marauders by getting the netting set up before the fruit is ripe. Yum!

# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town

**Hoyt Arboretum Guided Tours**  
**Saturdays & Sundays, April 6-October 27, 2019**  
• 11:00am & 1:00pm

**Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, OR**

To better accommodate the public, Hoyt Arboretum is now offering two tours on Saturday and Sunday. Tours will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and last up approximately one and one-half hours every weekend through October 27. Trained guides take pride in their knowledge of the 2,000 species and the unique history of the area. Information regarding each day's tour is available on the website.

Tours are free for Hoyt Arboretum Members and \$3 for non-members. Registration is not required, just show up to learn about the collection and have a nice walk in the trees. Attendees should be prepared for all types of weather conditions; boots or sturdy shoes are recommended and bring a jacket, camera and water. There are several hills in Hoyt Arboretum and sometimes large inclines on trails. Transportation to the Hoyt Arboretum is available via MAX, followed by a short walk up the hill or a ride on the Washington Park free shuttle to the arboretum visitor center. Paid parking in adjacent lots and limited free spaces are available on the street. <http://hoystarboretum.org/events>

**Farm Days of Summer**  
**Tuesdays thru Sundays in July & August 2019**  
• 11:00am-4:00pm

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

Kicks off July 4th! Join us for the Farm Days of Summer taking place from Tuesday through Sunday in July and August! Bring the kids along for some of your favorite farm fun activities for everyone to enjoy! Only \$5 per person to enjoy Tube slide, animals, and so much more! (Big Slide is CLOSED for Farm Days of Summer). This event will feature Happy Hour Eats on weekends and drinks featured daily at our Farm Bar! Farm fun activities are open Tuesday-Saturday July - August from 11am-4pm. Happy Hour eats are available from 12pm-4pm on weekends! [www.fpgardens.com](http://www.fpgardens.com)

**Smith Berry Barn Berry Festival**  
**Thursday, July 4, 2019**  
• 11:00am-3:00pm (Farm Hours: 10am - 5pm)

**Smith Berry Barn, Hillsboro, OR**

Join us for our 16th annual 4th of July celebration highlighting our bountiful harvest of fresh berries!

Fresh Berries & Divine Desserts! We bake for days to bring you the tastiest desserts made with berries fresh from the farm. Enjoy mixed berry cobbler, raspberry rhubarb crisp or, for a decadent treat, try our extra-chocolate-y brownie topped with fresh berries and vanilla ice cream! [www.smithberrybarn.com](http://www.smithberrybarn.com)

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**Hot Off the Grill**  
Our grills will be smokin' hot with traditional Fourth of July fare. We will be serving up sausages and hot dogs, along with homemade potato salad, green salad and more. A percentage of our proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

**Wine Tasting**  
Local winery, Provincial Vineyards (Forest Grove, OR), will be on hand to pour a variety of wines, including Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. Neil always brings something special to celebrate this event! Wines available by the glass or by the bottle.

**Live Music**  
11am-1pm: What is that Noise?  
1pm-3pm: Woodlander  
<https://smithberrybarn.com>

**Midsummer Madness!**  
**Saturday & Sunday, July 6 & 7, 2019 • 10:00am-5:00pm**  
**Cascade Nursery Trail, Between Aurora & Salem, OR**

Drive off those doldrums of summer by coming out to see what's happening in our long day gardens! We will all be serving our favorite desserts so celebrate summer with a whole weekend of sweet indulgence! Anything goes at Midsummer Madness...so expect the unexpected. If it's hot, we can squirt you with a hose. We want to remind you that there is no law against planting new plants in the summer months, in fact, we nursery people who have little time during the spring and fall, often find ourselves partaking in this defiant act with great success (with a little watering and mulch) so fear not! There are SO MANY things that look great this time of year. Come see what summer offers for your garden in flower and foliage (and share our tasty sweets!). [www.cascade-nurserytrail.com](http://www.cascade-nurserytrail.com)

**Movies in the Garden**  
**Thursdays, July 11-August 29, 2019**  
• Doors Open 7:00pm  
**The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR**

Enjoy a movie under the stars with friends & family on Thursday evenings presented by Willamette Valley Pie. [www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org)

**Leach Botanical Garden Annual English Tea**  
**Friday & Saturday, July 12 & 13, 2019**  
• 12:00pm or 2:30pm

**Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR**  
Enjoy a lovely three course English Tea served on the beautiful Leach Garden Terrace, with tea, scones, sandwiches, and desserts. Complete with colorful china and flowers, this is a Garden tradition you'll long remember. 2:30 seatings are still available on both Friday and Saturday. For reservations: go to [www.leachgarden.org](http://www.leachgarden.org).

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org, or call: 971-217-6794. The menu is posted on the website. A nice benefit of the 2:30 seatings is that you can linger at your table after the meal. Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. 503-823-1671 [www.leachgarden.org](http://www.leachgarden.org)

**Success with Herbs: Culinary and Other Uses\***  
**Saturday, July 13, 2019 • 10:00am-11:00am**  
**Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate, Beaverton, OR**  
Presenter: Judy Fenker, Master Gardener. Herbs are great for seasoning food and gorgeous in the garden too. Learn herb selection, best soil conditions and location to create and maintain a bountiful and beautiful herb garden. 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.

**Willamette Valley Lavender Festival & Plein Air Art Show**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2019 • 10:00am-6:00pm**  
**Sunday, July 14, 2019 • 10:00am-5:00pm**  
**Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg, OR**  
Family-Friendly Fun for Everyone! A Celebration of Lavender and Art! The Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg, Oregon will host the 2019 Willamette Valley Lavender Festival and Plein Air Art Show on July 13 and 14, 2019. This regional celebration of lavender, art, food, music, and exceptionally-made crafts is a unique and festive event which brings local lavender growers and the community together. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

Over 100 artists will display original paintings created "en plein air" (outdoors) during the Oregon Lavender Paint Out. The Paint Out takes place in the beautiful lavender fields of Oregon in the weeks prior to the Show and attracts both amateur and professional artists from around the Northwest and beyond. This will be the third year of the youth art contest and the Essential Oil Showcase. Children can create artwork on site - all materials will be provided and ribbons will be awarded for exceptional artwork. The Essential Oil Showcase will feature lavender essential oil that has been judged and awarded; festival guests will have the opportunity to explore and vote for their own favorite oils. [www.wvlavenderfestival.org](http://www.wvlavenderfestival.org)

**How to Make & Care for Your Own Worm Bin**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2019 • 11:00am-12:00pm**  
**Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**  
Transform your food scraps into free, nutrient-rich compost for your garden. Master Recycler Cecilia Warner

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will teach you how to set up a bin, maintenance, harvest, and use of the worm castings. We will also raffle off a starter box of worms for one lucky participant! Cost: free. [www.bloomingjunction.com](http://www.bloomingjunction.com)

**Forks and Corks**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2019 • 6:00pm-9:00pm**  
**The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR**  
Saturday July 13th we will be having an art pre-sale and wine tasting at the Oregon Garden Resort from 5-6pm. At 6pm, guests can attend our Forks & Corks 5 course meal with wine pairing from Willamette Valley Vineyards. Tickets for this meal include all 5 courses and wine, to purchase yours visit the link! If you watch Garden Time, you know Judy & William! The stars of the show will be attending the Forks & Corks meal as well. We invite you to come back every other month as we begin our monthly Forks & Corks wine pairing dinner. Each month will feature a new winery and a deliciously paired 5-course meal. The cost is \$75.00/guest and includes a 5-course dinner & wine.. [www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org)

**Art in the Garden**  
**July 14-September 22, 2019**  
**The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR**  
Enjoy stunning art installations, created by local artists, on display throughout the Garden. The event kicks off with an opening reception and opportunity to meet the artists. [www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org)

**Art in the Garden Opening Day**  
**Sunday, July 14, 2019 • 10:00am**  
**The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR**  
Sunday July 14th at 10am is our official Opening Day at the Oregon Garden. We will have all of our featured artists and their art spread out around the garden. With the price of Garden Admission (free to Oregon Garden members) you will be able to tour the garden, chat with the artists, sip on a complimentary mimosa and meet Judy & William from Garden Time! New this year, we will give each guest a Art in the Garden Passport. When you visit each artist, you will receive a stamp. Once your passport is stamped at each location you can turn it in for a chance to win our Dinner Escape Package Giveaway! This giveaway includes an overnight stay, dinner for two and a bottle of wine at the Oregon Garden Resort. We hope to see you there!

**Jazz in the Garden: Summer Music Series**  
**Tuesdays, July 16-August 20, 2019**  
**Lan Su Chinese Garden, Portland, OR**  
Lan Su Chinese Garden and PDX Jazz present Jazz in the Garden, a summer music series held in the early evening splendor of Portland's most intimate venue. Featuring six concerts Tuesday evenings July 16 through

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August 20, the series includes local, national and international artists. Come enjoy this amazing selection of artists and musical stylings from the following artists: the Mali-based BKO Quintet, local musicians Mike Horsfall & Tjaderade, Hailey Niswanger as she presents her new group MAE.SUN, China Moses, Connie Han, and the Bobby Torres Ensemble as he remembers performing at Woodstock with Joe Cocker "with a little help from his friends."

Tuesday, July 16 — BKO Quintet

Tuesday, July 23 — Mike Horsfall & Tjaderade: A Tribute to Cal Tjader

Tuesday, July 30 — Hailey Niswanger presents MAE.SUN

Tuesday, August 6 — China Moses

Tuesday, August 13 — Connie Han

Tuesday, August 20 — Bobby Torres Ensemble: Remembering Woodstock, With a Little Help from My Friends  
[Lansugarden.org](http://Lansugarden.org)

### Annual Lily Festival

Thursdays-Sundays, July 18-August 11, 2019

• 10:00am-5:00pm

Parry's Tree Farm, Forest Grove, OR

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[Lilyflowerfest.com](http://Lilyflowerfest.com)

### Annual Cactus & Succulent Society Sale

Friday-Sunday, July 19-21, 2019 • 9:00am-5:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

Join us for this annual event. [www.portlandnursery.com](http://www.portlandnursery.com)

### Planning & Planting Winter Vegetables

Saturday, July 20, 2019 • 11:00am-12pm

Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

Summer is the time to start planning and planting your fall/winter vegetable garden. We will discuss the best varieties for the Pacific Northwest, sowing and transplanting dates, winter pest and disease issues, and how to protect your veggies from cold temps. Cost: free.  
[www.bloomingjunction.com](http://www.bloomingjunction.com)

### Bonsai Class: Topic TBA

Saturday, July 20, 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! A fee for materials may be added once topic is determined. Call us for more information. [www.tsugawanursery.com](http://www.tsugawanursery.com)

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### Art & Wine in the Garden

Saturday & Sunday, July 27 & 28, 2019

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Our stunning gardens provide the perfect backdrop as you wander through all the beautiful arts & crafts from over 30 plus local artists all while enjoying great wine! Free to the public!

Wine, food, arts and crafts for purchase. [www.garlandnursery.com](http://www.garlandnursery.com)

### Pickling Cucumbers, Beets, and Green Beans

Saturday, July 27, 2019 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

Description: Join Farmer Justin as he demonstrates how to pickle these favorite summer vegetables. He'll share his favorite recipes and techniques, along with a sample for you to taste here, and a sample to take with you! We also have all the supplies you'll need, including our own fresh picked veggies, to get you started at home. Cost: \$12/person. [www.bloomingjunction.com](http://www.bloomingjunction.com)

### Botanical Ecodeyeing Silk Scarves

Sunday, July 28, 2019 • 9:00am-3:30pm

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

With Anna Zell. Botanical printing uses historical methods to capture colors, textures, and shapes found in nature — resulting in stunning plant portraits on fabric. Textile artist Anna Zell will lead you step-by-step through this environmentally gentle process that permanently transfers botanical pigments without synthetic dyes, inks or paints. You'll take home your own eco-printed silk noil and a crepe de chine or charmeuse silk scarf, and you'll have the knowledge to make more for yourself, or as spectacular gifts for others. Includes all silk fabric and dyeing supplies. (See Anna's work at [www.facebook.com/annazelldesigns](http://www.facebook.com/annazelldesigns)). Cost: \$130general/\$120 Leach Garden Friend. Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97236. 503-823-1671 [www.leachgarden.org](http://www.leachgarden.org)

### Wine and Cheese in the Garden

Monday, July 29, 2019 • 12:00pm-5pm

Out in the Garden Nursery, Molalla, OR

Join us for our next signature event! [www.outinthegardennursery.com](http://www.outinthegardennursery.com)

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