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Perfect Vision!

The calendar has changed and we greet the new year, 2020. I'm not just referring to perfect '20/20' eye vision, I'm talking about our vision for our gardens. January is the time to start the planning process for your upcoming gardening season. Seed, other plant catalogues and magazines are making their appearances in your mail. It is creating the vision and a promise of a gardening new year. It is also a time to recharge your batteries! Walking through your garden during the winter months helps with creating your vision for the coming seasons ahead. What plants need to be moved, which ones need to be trimmed and which ones need to be replaced. I find the brisk winter air helps clear my mind and gets me excited for the warmer days ahead.

The new year also brings other changes, of course. The vision for many comes with how we handle those changes. Last year we know of quite a few people who had to deal with changes in their lives. Here at Garden Time, if you are a follower of the show and have been checking the Garden Time Facebook page and website, you know about our changes and our new host Ryan Seely. He has stepped into the role quite well and hit the ground running. We have been shooting some new stories with Ryan for the winter months and you can find them on our website. We see a bright future for the show with the addition of Ryan. You can learn more about Ryan in this month's issue. Judy re-introduces us to Ryan and his background. You will be surprised at all the things he has done, both inside and outside the garden industry.

The one thing that is not changing is the stories we will be covering. We will be sharing new information on plants, growing, and garden events that should keep you excited all year long. It will be fun for us and we hope you have fun too! We start with our January stories. The information on plants and activities continues during the winter through our magazine and this month is no different. We start with a trip to the Oregon Truffle Festival. This started out as a small celebration a few years ago and has grown to become a must-see festival in the middle of winter. Ryan joins our writing crew with a story on tropical sedums. These plants have become quite popular in recent years and, as a grower, he has some suggestions of ones you may want to try. Another thing that you may want to try is Yuzu. This unique citrus is a familiar plant in Asia, but is becoming more popular in our hemisphere as well. Therese fills us in and even shares a recipe for Yuzu Chicken that you have to try.

We hope that you see as bright a future ahead as we do. Keep checking our website for new stories during these winter months and don't forget our Facebook page where we'll keep you posted on other gardening information until we return in March.

Happy Gardening!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



Ask Mortimer



Dormant Spraying

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Dear Mortimer,

I have planted some fruit trees in my garden over the last couple of years and have been told that I need to do some 'dormant spraying' during the winter. What is dormant spraying and why do I need to do it?

Signed,
Dormant in Detroit

Dear Dormant,

Dormant sprays are sprays that you apply to trees and shrubs during the winter when they are 'Dormant' and not actively growing. These sprays help control over-wintering insects and diseases. These sprays are applied in the winter so they can avoid the early growth and blooming periods of your plants. Some sprays can help control insects like mites, moths, borers, mealy bugs and aphids. Other sprays can limit bacterial and fungal diseases. There may be different sprays for the different problems you may encounter. Generally, oils help control bugs and fungicides limit diseases.



Apple buds: Spray in mid-winter before they have bud break.

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

With all the rain we have in our area, some of the first diseases you should look for are scab, rust and mildew. These are fungal diseases which show up in moist conditions. These diseases make your tree all black and your fruit deformed. You can start by spraying with a copper and oil spray, this is a combination spray that is all natural. This will coat the bugs and provide a layer of protection to your trees. The coating will smother the bugs and create a barrier for fungal diseases. This is not a once-and-done spray. You will want to continue doing this for all the spring months. This treatment is also good for cherries, plums, peaches and apricots. You will want to start as soon as you can. The earlier the better for all your fruit trees. Bonide (www.bonide.com) has some great products you can use including the 'All Seasons' sprays and Neem Oil.

If you want to see what types of bugs you may have, then you go for a trap. For some fruit trees, like apples and pears, you can use a trap that attracts the apple maggot and codling moth. This trap will attract the moth so you know if you really need to spray. Another way to battle the moths is pheromone ties. These are little ties that you put into the trees to confuse the breeding moths. They send out a scent to the moths that overpowers their receptors and they can't find the females to breed, reducing the number of moths in the trees. Very tricky! There are also traps for the apple maggot. This is a pheromone trap as well. This one uses ammonia and a yellow color as an attractant for apple maggots! We found a lot of great traps for the homeowner at Alpha Scents (www.alphascents.com).

All these traps are used to-

gether so you can nail down an efficient application of sprays and other treatments. You want to make sure you have a problem before you treat it! If you think you need help with your fruit trees, give Bartlett Tree Experts (www.bartlett.com) a call for some help.

Your bugless friend,
Mortimer

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Dear Mortimer,

I have a very small and dark apartment and I'm also a plant lover. What plants can I use in my apartment that need little no light?

Thanks,
A hobbit in a hole

Dear Hobbit,

First of all, Hobbit, there no commercially grown plants that can thrive in 'no-light' There are a number of plants that can SURVIVE in minimal light. Plants need sunlight to convert sugars and nutrients into food so they can grow. Some plants will even do ok with light from fluorescent and incandescent bulbs, or even in a dim room.

If you have a dim room, here are a few plants that you might want to try. Our favorites are the ZZ Plant, the Sansevierias; the Cylindrical Snake Plant (Sansevieria cylindrical) and the variegated 'Mother-in-laws tongue' (Sansevieria trifasciata), and finally the 'Corn Plant' Dracaena fragrans. There are others out on the market and you should stop by your local independent garden center for more choices. We have to warn you that these plants might need a little extra care in those low-light conditions. Remember not to over-water them and get them



into a little bit of light when you can.

If you think that you have too little light for your plants, you may want to try artificial plants. They are the only ones that will thrive in dark conditions. (A little plant humor there!)

Yours in the light,
Mortimer

Myth Seven: Some Plants Can Survive With No Light

Certainly there are a number of species such as snake plant and ZZ that are tolerant of low light conditions, but even they can't survive with no light at all. All plants require light even if it's just from fluorescent bulbs in a dim office or basement. Only artificial plants will "thrive" in dark conditions. You'll find a list of low-light houseplants here:

<http://www.costafarms.com/get-growing/slideshow/10-best-low-light-houseplants>

Aloe and Good Buy

PHOTO CREDIT: LITTLE PRINCE OF OREGON

With the ability to grow in many different conditions, there seems to be a succulent for everyone.

by Ryan Seely

Aloe vera

Succulents have been around for thousands of years and their popularity has soared in the last couple of decades! Easy to maintain, suitable as houseplants, water miserly and many varieties small and compact, these plants are very adaptable. It seems like everywhere you look, including social media, the internet, garden centers, landscapes, and even grocery stores are selling and promoting them.

So, what exactly is considered a succulent? According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a succulent is a plant with fleshy tissues that

conserves moisture, coming from the Latin word *sucus*, meaning juice or sap. The fleshy sap filled leaves are what allow them to adapt to arid and dry growing conditions by storing moisture and water. With succulents covering over 60 different plant families, and native species found on almost every continent, these plants are popular throughout the world. Many of the varieties originate from Africa where the seasons are long and dry. As such, their need for water storage, and their structure to fill this need, sets these plants apart as being drought tolerant, durable and low main-

tenance.

The popularity comes in part from the durable nature and drought tolerance, but also due to the large variety and differences between the many species. Ranging in heights and sizes, colors and textures, and the ability to grow in many different conditions, there seems to be a succulent for everyone. The craze for finding new and different varieties doesn't seem to be slowing down either.

Many of the newer succulents that are showing up in the market are what are considered 'tender' or 'tropical' succulents. This refers to the hardiness of where they will grow and how much cold they can tolerate during the winter months. A succulent that is considered 'hardy' can live outdoors year-round in a particular climate zone. These typically include many of the sedum and sempervivum (hens and chicks) varieties that are found in the marketplace today. A 'tropical' succulent is not able to survive outside in the cold winter months. It would either need to be grown as an annual or indoors as a houseplant. Some of the more popular tender succulent varieties that are in high demand include Aloe, Echeveria, and Haworthia. Because these plants can be grown indoors, they are typically used as a houseplant, which has contributed towards their higher popularity.

Aloes have been around for thousands of years. Mostly native to Africa, this species of plant contains hundreds of different varieties that can be used as a houseplant or a specimen in a container. Most Aloes prefer full sun, well drained drier soils, and temperatures that don't drop below 40 degrees. There are many different growing habits for Aloes which make them a very interesting and dramatic group of plants. From large upright spiny leaves emerging from a single trunk to low mounding varieties that produce many offsets or plants with a single rosette, there are many Aloes to choose from. Most Aloes tend to have some sort of spike along the margins of the leaf, often thought to either help deter insects and animals and/or to assist with water collection. Some of the more popular or unique Aloes include the following varieties:

- Aloe vera: Best known medicinally to treat skin burns, cuts and many other ailments. Not only is it one of the most known Aloes and grown as a houseplant around the



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Echeveria rusbyi



Echeveria runyonii 'Topsy Turvy'



Echeveria gibbiflora

world, it is also commercially grown on large farms for its medicinal qualities. It will reach a height of 18-24" and sends up new leaves from the base, eventually making a nice clump that can be divided or rejuvenates itself after a leaf has been broken off and the juicy flesh used.

- Aloe suprafoliata: Known as 'Open Book Aloe', the leaves emerge from a single stem opposite of each other in a symmetrical pattern, like pages of a book. The deep turquoise blue leaves are edged magenta and are slightly spiky but not too harmful. A large rose-colored flower spike will emerge in winter. Hardier than some other Aloes, it can take temperatures into the 20's without much damage.
- Aloe 'White Fox': Grown for its speckled white leaves, a popular choice to add a splash of color to any container. Staying short to the ground, it multiplies by sending many offsets from the base. These offsets can be removed or transplanted to make more plants. Bright coral flowers emerge from a tall bloom spike, making this plant particularly attractive.
- Aloe polyphylla: Although harder to find and more difficult to grow, it is one of the most photographed Aloes thanks to the symmetrical spiral pattern that forms as it ages. A very slow grower to a mature height of one foot and two feet across, it makes a nice choice as a specimen in any container.

Echeverias originated from semi-desert areas of Central America, Mexico and northwestern South America. They widely vary in size and shape, some with compact rosettes and others with large bold foliage. Most are set apart by their texture and much brighter colored foliage. Many of the varieties will produce offsets that can be propagated by division or cuttings. Additionally, many species of Echeverias are host plants for butterflies. While drought resistant, their ideal growing conditions include sunlight, deep occasional waterings and fertilizer. Perfect as a specimen plant or used to provide texture and color in a mixed container. Some of my favorites include:

- Echeveria rusbyi: Known for its dark burgundy hue, this plant is a small, four-inch rosette that sends up a six inch flower spike in the spring with clusters of yellowish-white petals, which is a beautiful contrast to the

burgundy colored rosette.

- *Echeveria runyonii* 'Topsy Turvy': This variety has unique foliage in a grey-blue hue. The petals are curved downward, then curl up at the ends back towards the center of the plant. The wavy texture and silver color stand out in a combination planting.
- *Echeveria gibbiflora*: This is one of the largest species of *Echeveria*. Many of the varieties have large ruffled leaves varying in color from silvery blue, pink and magenta, sometime all on one leaf. The shape can resemble a head of lettuce with bright colors and bold textures.

Haworthias are typically known for being slow-growing and compact, which is perfect as a houseplant and for using in small containers. They too are extremely drought tolerant, and have firm, fleshy leaves that can be spotted or mottled. When many of the varieties are stressed they change from normal hues to more burgundy and brown. Most *Haworthia* are clump forming, producing offsets that can be removed and replanted. Examples of *Haworthias* include:

- *Haworthia* 'Big Band': Also known as a zebra *Haworthia*, these plants present with upright stiff green leaves and white zebra stripes. A slow-growing plant, they will grow to approximately a three to five inch height.
- *Haworthia tessellate*: The leaves of this plant are green with a unique crocodile-skin pattern, and will turn reddish in full sun. Also a slow-growing plant, this plant will reach a maximum height of six inches.
- *Haworthia cooperi* 'Variegata': This translucent fleshy leafed beauty boasts consistent white-ish grey leaf variegation, with coloring that is dependent on light exposure.

Consumer trends for interior design and houseplants have risen considerably. Yards are smaller, consumers are more mobile and informed, and a desire for something that is stylish and easy to care for is driving the demand. With almost 20,000 succulents in existence, the choices for colors, textures, combinations and uses are only just beginning. Their ease of growing, versatility and stylish looks make tender succulents a great choice for any gardener.



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Truffle in Paradise

**Kept secret by
harvesters for
over a century,
the Oregon truffle
now basks in the
spotlight at the
Oregon Truffle
Festival**

by Ron Dunevant



The great state of Oregon is known for many epicurean delights. Oregon corners the market on hazelnuts in the U.S., producing 95 percent of that prized commodity. Our wine and craft beer industries are making a splash around the country and worldwide. Even something as seemingly pedestrian as cheese is a prized export to destinations outside the state when the name Tillamook is attached.

Of the many delights boasted by this Pacific Wonderland, there is one that has not yet received the recognition it deserves: The truf-

file. Fortunately, the Oregon Truffle Festival is working to change that.

The Oregon Truffle Festival (OTF) is a non-profit organization that has, over the past thirteen years, worked to fulfill two stated missions: 1) Promoting the native culinary truffles found in Oregon's Willamette Valley and 2) Establishing an educational and information sharing hub for the North American cultivated truffle industry. In short, they are spreading the word about this wondrous delicacy which, up until recently, has been a jealously guarded se-

cret among a fortunate few.

This furtiveness is part of the mystique of the Oregon truffle, but according to OTF, "it has not served Oregon's truffles well, as secrecy precludes development of the knowledge necessary to bring the real potential of the Oregon truffles to market. Simple details like how to choose and handle a truffle to tease out its grandeur are known to only a few harvesters and chefs. As a result, Oregon truffles have not received the recognition that those who have experienced their essential magnificence know they deserve."



Truffles and Wine

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Truffles in a Basket

Thus, working with farmers, land owners, harvesters, truffle dog trainers, chefs and consumers, OTF works to educate others "about every aspect of native truffles and truffle cultivation, while furthering the mycological research that began over 100 years ago at Oregon State University."

For people not familiar with truffles, these highly-prized "diamonds of the kitchen" are held in high esteem in French, Italian, Spanish and Middle Eastern cuisines. The truffles, themselves, according to an OTF FAQ sheet, "are a form of mycorrhizal fungus that develops underground in symbiotic association with the roots of trees. Truffles are the "fruit" of these fungi."

If that sounds like a controversial food choice, it should be pointed out that mushrooms are also classified as edible fungi. A couple of differences between the two are that mushrooms grow above ground, making them easier to harvest, whereas truffles grow completely below ground. Mushrooms can also grow in different shapes and sizes, but truffles retain a small, condensed shape.

The species of truffle that are recognized as culinary delicacies originate mainly in two places: Europe and

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Hunting for Truffles

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the Pacific Northwest of the United States. While wild truffles can be found on nearly every continent, it is a different lineage of species known as 'desert truffles' that are best known, but are used like vegetables rather than for their aroma.

And aroma is what Oregon truffles are all about. The highest quality truffles are harvested with the help of trained truffle dogs who can identify ripe truffles by scent while leaving unripe truffles to mature undisturbed. Pigs have also been used to hunt for truffles, historically in France. But pigs also like to eat truffles which can severely reduce the harvest. It is also a little more difficult to transport a pig to and from the fields and, as observed by OTF, "it's hard to be surreptitious about the location of your truffle patch when you have a pig in your car."

Truffles can also be harvested by raking. However, this indiscriminate harvesting can produce mostly unripe truffles and purveyors of raked truffles, having seen the high prices for dog-harvested truffles, have been known to falsely claim that their truffles are harvested with dogs, as well. Because

of this, the Oregon Truffle Festival recommends caution when making your purchase.

So what does a truffle taste like? Common descriptions include "slightly garlicky with a deep musky aroma." Other adjectives include pungent, earthy and funky. Truffles are often used as a supplement on dishes that are served hot, including pasta, roasted meats and pizza.

Oregon has four native world-class culinary truffles, the Oregon Winter White, harvested January through April; the Oregon Spring White, harvested June-July; the Oregon Black, harvested October through July and the Oregon Brown, harvested September through January. There is also a French Black variety which is harvested December through April. Thanks to a lineage of truffle researchers at Oregon State University who have handed down their collections and knowledge to students and professors over the past century, the truffle "flora" in Oregon is better known than any other place outside of Europe.

In addition, Oregon also has a well-developed industry around

the harvest of other wild edible foods, an established labor force, and a network of buyers, brokers, and restaurants which can facilitate their introduction into the culinary world. According to the OTF FAQ, "this combination of an abundance of wild and cultivated culinary truffles exists nowhere else in the world."

It is also the foundation of the Oregon Truffle Festival, which consists of three different events held over two weekends.

First, there is the Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship on Thursday, January 23rd. Held at the Lane Events Center in Eugene, this kickoff event pits dogs of all breeds in a competition to find hidden truffle-scented targets. It is the only competition of its kind in North America and spectators are invited to cheer for their favorite participant during the morning competition. In the afternoon, the top five dogs meet again in a second round of competition in the field. Then, in the evening, the truffle dogs and their owners march together in the Parade of Dogs.

There is a \$500 cash prize for the



Oregon Truffle Festival

January 23, 2020

The Joriad™
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champion. The competition is open to all, so if you have a pooch with a particularly keen sense of smell, you are welcome to enter him or her by registering on their website. There is a small list of eligibility requirements, but almost any dog not already employed in the commercial harvest of truffles is allowed to participate.

Next up is the festival's Eugene and Willamette Valley Truffle Country event, held January 24th through 26th. Here, a variety of special truffle packages are offered, promising to immerse attendees in the finer points of truffle fervor. There are hands-on cooking classes, truffle hunts and workshops, truffle dog training and additional learning opportunities. Delicious and decadent meal packages are also offered. Many of the packages sell out early, but a-la-carte experiences allow both the seasoned enthusiast and the curious epicurean to experience a variety of delights.

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The most popular event of the weekend is the Eugene Fresh Truffle Marketplace. Described as a “vast wintertime bounty,” the event features “a host of truffled opportunities, from cooking demonstrations to a truffle dog demonstration.” The Marketplace also includes an all-day lecture series, fresh native truffles for sale from trusted foragers and plenty of regional wines and artisan foods to sample and take home. Tickets can be purchased on their website.

As of December 2019, many events were already sold out.

Then, in February, is the Yamhill Valley Wine Country event, held February 14th thru 16th. The three-day event again features packages as well as a-la-carte offerings at several venues including Newberg, Carlton, McMinnville and Dayton, OR.

Truffle aficionados indulge in several cuisine-related events, many featuring Oregon wines and other treasures of the earth and sea, including caviar, oysters, mushrooms, coffee, chocolate, and cheese. It’s enough to send your taste buds into spasms of epicurean delight.

Also available is a package called “The Terroir of Truffles,” which explores the terroir (shared environmental condi-

tions in soil and climate) of Oregon truffles and wine in the northern Willamette Valley. It is these elements that give both wine grapes and truffles grown in Oregon their unique flavor and aroma.

The package features a sparkling wine reception highlighted by truffles, caviar and oysters, followed by an intimate dining event full of truffle-infused dishes. Weekend ticket holders will also meet for a truffle foray in the woods with trained truffle dogs, followed by a decadent, multi-course winery luncheon, a walk-around dinner featuring the cuisine of top chefs and live music. The weekend culminates with the Fresh Truffle Marketplace on Sunday, which brings together fresh Oregon truffles, spirits and wines, and artisan foods for tasting and sale, along with author book signings, cooking demonstrations, a truffle dog demonstration and lectures.

If you’re unfamiliar with this rising star among Oregon exports, the Festival is an excellent way to learn more and sample truffles with people who are experts in this field. Check out the OTF website for all the details and take your palate on a new adventure in the Northwest underground!



Deviled Eggs with Truffles

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Attendees at the Oregon Truffle Festival

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A Tree-Mendous Effort in Stumptown

A large, dense evergreen tree, likely a sequoia, with a thick trunk and a person standing at its base for scale. The tree is the central focus of the image, with its canopy filling most of the frame. The trunk is thick and reddish-brown. A person is standing at the base of the tree, providing a sense of scale. The background is a clear blue sky.

Do you know of a tree in Portland that deserves to be protected? Here are the steps to make it so.

by Judy Alleruzzo

Giant Sequoias in Southeast Portland

Last year I wrote about The Heritage Tree Program in Portland. The program is open for people to propose Heritage status to amazing and unique trees for the Heritage Trees of Portland database and map. The forms for proposing a tree are on this website, <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/40280> All information for anyone to locate the trees and see them up close and personal is on the same website. I've listed the easy steps to nominate an amazing tree later in this article, but first I have to tell you two related stories.

In 2013 the city of Melbourne, Australia assigned email addresses to trees so citizens could report problems like dying trees or unsafe branches. The plan was a good one but it totally took on a different spin. The folks of Melbourne began to write love letters and fan mail to their favorite trees. Some of the trees even wrote back! When the story got out across the entire planet, trees received letters from tree lovers across the globe. Even five years later, the trees are still getting press coverage and emails like this from Margaret Burin's for Story Lab, December 11, 2018.

Hi Tree 1022794,

How's it going? I walk past you each day at uni, it's really great to see you out in the sun now that the scaffolding is down around Building 100. Hope it all goes well with the photosynthesis.

All the best.

The very clever and heartfelt emails from people who care about trees are numerous. Google "Emails to Trees Melbourne" to read more of these letters.

Closer to home, a group of very concerned Portlanders helped to save three Giant Sequoias in SE Portland in 2015. To build a new home, a developer wanted to cut down the three, over 150 ft Sequoias, planted in the late 1800s. The neighbors and tree



American Elm Heritage Plaque

loving community flocked together to stand between the logging crew and the trees. "Lorax Dave" as he was known, climbed up the tree to live for over three days while negotiations were underway. The Portland mayor at the time helped to arrange a meeting and the trees were saved if the group could pay off the land's value to the owners.

In July 2019, the debt was paid off and the process of the trees becoming official Portland Heritage Trees has begun. As in the Dr Seuss book, the real Lorax says, "UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Special words for us all.

Check out the Website "Save The Giants" at www.save-the-giants.org to learn more on how you can help the Giant Sequoias in Portland.

Now the fun part, here is the information on how you can participate in nominating a Heritage tree.

STEP 1

Find a tree that you think is pretty cool and check the Heritage Tree database to see if the tree is already on the list. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/40906>.

STEP 2

Check the criteria list to see if the tree's attributes warrant the tree be submitted to the committee.

STEP 3

If the tree is not already on the list and warrants to be nominated, fill out the form.

Nominated tree forms need to be submitted by May first.

The whole process takes about one year to complete.

Here is the timeline for the nomination process.

June – A city arborist visits each nominated tree to check out its health. The committee then visits each tree to decide if the tree meets the prescribed criteria to be considered in the next step of the process.

Summer – If the tree is on private property, the property owner is contacted and "must sign and notarize a consent form for Heritage Tree status."

Fall - The trees still in nomination are presented to the Urban Forestry Commission for their review and approval.

Spring - The final nominated trees are presented to the Portland City Council for their final approval. If the tree is approved, the Portland "City Council provides the final designation in the form of a city ordinance."

In some instances, the tree does not make it to the final step with the Portland City Council. When this happens, that tree may receive a Tree of Merit designation.

So, if all this tree talk has inspired you to be on the lookout for cool and unique trees in the city of Portland or to nominate a tree or to just locate and enjoy their greatness, that is amazing. My work here is complete! It may seem like a small act of appreciation, but we are all doing Portland and our planet a wonderful service of not just enjoying trees but saving them too!

Download and print the Heritage Tree Nomination Form

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/655404>

Save The Giants Website and Addresses of the Trees

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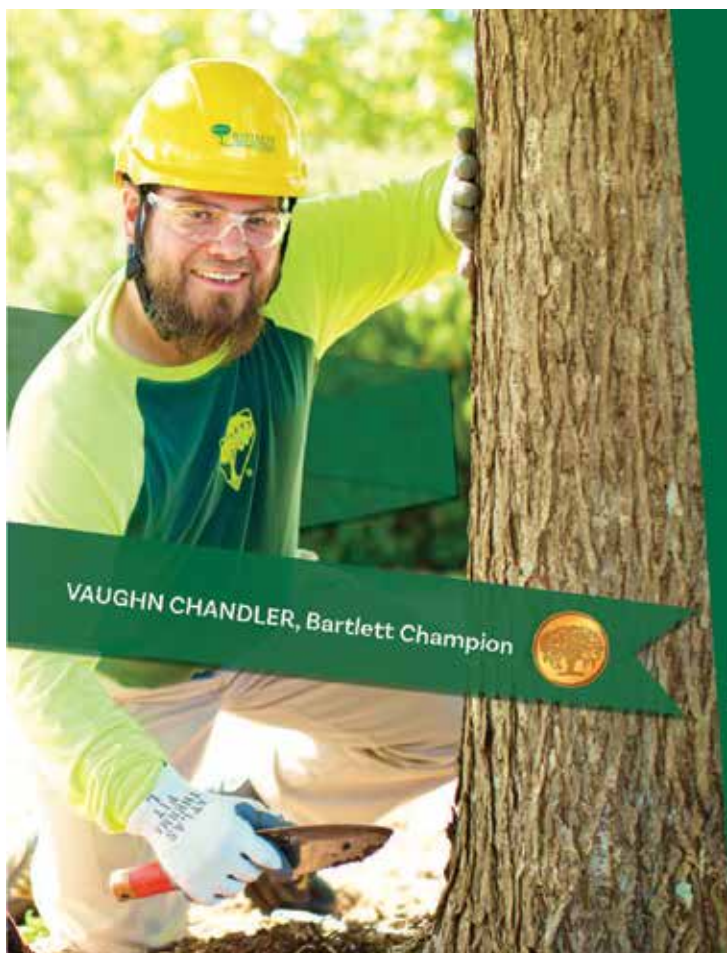
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EVERY TREE NEEDS A CHAMPION.

Say 'YooHoo' to Yuzu

Let me introduce you to the citrus fruit common
in Asia, but not well known in America.

by Therese Gustin

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Lemons, limes, oranges, grapefruits, pomelos, kumquats, yuzu...wait...what... yuzu? Let me introduce you to this citrus fruit common to China, Japan and Korea, but not so common in America. Yuzu (*Citrus junos*) is a citrus fruit and plant in the Rutaceae family. Originating in China, yuzu is a cross between the mandarin orange and the ichang papeda. The fruit which can range in size from two to four inches in diameter resembles a small grapefruit with bumpy skin. Depending on its ripeness, its aromatic skin can range from green to yellow.

Yuzu fruit is heavily seeded and is not eaten fresh like most citrus. The juice and zest are used as souring agents in Asian soups, cocktails, sushi rice, sauces, salad dressings, ponzu, vinegar, cakes, biscuits and teas. Its flavor is thought to be a cross between a grapefruit and a lime. Like most citrus, yuzu is a rich source of vitamin C. It is also a good source of vitamin E, potassium, calcium, magnesium and copper.

Yuzu is hardier than most citrus in the Willamette Valley. One Green World (onegreenworld.com) offers a variety with Hardy in its name. Yuzu Ichandrin Hardy Citrus Tree is considered hardy to 0° which in the Portland, Oregon area means they can be grown outside all year long. Tempting for those of us who have run out of room in our greenhouses to overwinter another citrus tree! This shrub-like small tree, if planted outside can reach a height of about 6 feet. Plant in full sun and preferably in an area with wind protection. Its branches are quite thorny so you may want to site it away from the garden pathway. Plant it in



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Roast Yuzu Chicken

Recipe from Warren Mendes / delicious.com.au



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INGREDIENTS

- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons ginger, grated
- 25g unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 cup (60ml) yuzu juice or lime juice
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 4 chicken legs
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1/2 teaspoon caster sugar
- Black sesame seeds, to serve
- Lemon wedges, to serve

METHOD

1 • Combine garlic, ginger, butter, 2 tbs yuzu and 1 tbs soy sauce in a bowl. Add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 20 minutes to marinate.

2 • Preheat oven to 180°C. Drain chicken, reserving marinade, and pat dry. Place on a baking paper-lined baking tray and roast, basting with reserved marinade every 15 minutes, for 1 hour or until golden and cooked through (cover with foil if browning too quickly).



well draining soil and keep it moist. Yuzu is not drought tolerant. It is self fertile and will bear fruit in one to two years. The plant flowers in the spring and the fruit ripens in late fall to winter. One tree can produce up to 30 lbs. of fruit! If you choose to grow it in a container, be sure to bring it up against the house to help protect the roots from freezing. You could also cover the top of the pot with a tarp or straw for a bit of insulation. Be sure to give it water through the winter if it is under the eaves of the house. Yuzu can benefit from occasional fertilizing. Espoma has a great organic citrus fertilizer which I like to use on all my citrus trees. Insects, though rarely a problem can crop up. Aphids, scale, mites and even slugs can attack your citrus. If this happens, insecticidal soap works well to control most insect pests.



Add a little Asian flavor to your cooking this year. Grow a Yuzu tree and just maybe YUZU will soon become as common a fruit in America as it is in Asia!

Sources for Yuzu Plants

One Green World

www.onegreenworld.com

Portland Nursery

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9000 SE Division, 97266

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www.portlandnursery.com

A Prince of a Host

Ryan Seely from Little Prince of Oregon is a well rounded guy who is a 'Plant Geek', an 'Outdoorsman' and above all, loves his family.

by Judy Alleruzzo

We recently welcomed our new co-host to Garden Time, Ryan Seely. Many of you would like to know more about Ryan and so we thought we would feature him as our Hortie of the Month. He was originally interviewed by Judy as our hortie in May of 2016. Here is that article, with a little updated information. Enjoy!

I figured out I have known Ryan Seely, our Hortie of the Month and new Garden Time co-host since the first season of Garden Time, in 2006! We interviewed him at Larsen Farm Nursery, the business he was a partner in for 15 years. He now is an integral member of Little Prince of Oregon wholesale nursery. The Oregon gardening industry is a close knit community and sometimes it seems we all know everyone or maybe just one degree of separation.

Ryan is descended from Mid-western determined families that trekked to Oregon on wagon trains. Ryan's family settled in the



Ryan Seely, sporting a "goatee".

Woodburn and Wilsonville areas. One family went into banking the other settled in as farmers. The farming side of the family became quite infamous.

Their land in Wilsonville was very soggy and Ryan's great great grandfather and his great great uncles hand dug a trench about 1 1/2 miles from their land to drain the fields. The result of this HUGE effort created usable, very rich soil that the Seely family could successfully farm. There is even a plaque celebrating Seely's Ditch AKA Seely's Folly dug in 1858.

Seely's Ditch is now called Coffee Lake Creek. The commemorative plaque can be seen on Boeckman Rd. near Villebois in Wilsonville. The farming line of the Seely's continued through Ryan's grandfather, who grew onions in the Lake Labish area, south of Woodburn. Ryan has "vivid memories" of driving a tractor before getting his license, helping out at

his gramma & grampa's farm and working in his Mom and Dad's gardens. Ryan's parents still live in the house he was born in.

With all of this rich history of agriculture and gardening, college bound Ryan was on track to major in Ag Science, right? Well, no, agriculture was not in his plans when he attended OSU in Corvallis. He majored in business. As graduation approached, he started to think about where to get a job and start his new career. He got a call from his childhood friend, Destin Brown. Destin's family owned Wichita Nursery. Destin asked him if he wanted to be a partner in a retail nursery.

After consulting with all the families, the two friends went into the retail nursery business with Maureen Larsen. They were all now the owners of Larsen Farm Nursery. Ryan didn't know too much about proper botanic names or exactly how to diagnose diseased plants, so he took classes at Clackamas

Community College. He wanted to gain more knowledge to be able to help his customers. In the 15 years he was with Larsen Farm Nursery, he and his two partners were successful and also opened a second location.

In the meantime, Ryan married Kim and they had two children, Anna and Brett. Nursery work is pretty demanding and Ryan sustained a back injury requiring surgery. He decided he needed a change of careers to stay healthy. Ryan called on Ketch DeKanter, owner of Little Prince of Oregon (LPO) in Aurora. LPO was one of Larsen Farm Nursery's wholesale suppliers. They bounced around ideas of a possible next step in Ryan's horticulture career. What kind of job would be that next step? How can he stay interested and challenged in the horticultural world and avoid more injury to his back? As they talked, Ketch realized Little Prince needed Ryan with his knowledge of plants and the retail side of a nursery business. Ryan started at LPO in 2011 as a sales manager and still is in that position with a few other responsibilities. He gathers and processes wholesale orders and has the complicated job of figuring out the logistics of shipping plants locally and across the U.S and Canada. He is assisted by Reggie Hunter, who keeps the whole office in line and helps with paperwork! He is also the one that walks the many LPO greenhouses and updates the plant availability. Ryan is making sure the plants are looking their best to be added to the list. With the multitude of plant varieties grown at LPO, it's a pretty intense part of his weekly routine. One other thing he is looking for is plant "sports". A "sport" is a natural occurring difference in a plant's habit, leaf shape or color. He may just find the next new plant introduction.

Ryan and all the management staff get together to analyze the yearly plant list. They add or subtract varieties depending on the



Ryan and Family



Ryan and family at a Timbers game.



Ryan and son Brett at Boy Scout camp.



Ryan is an avid outdoorsman.

popular vote of their customer's orders.

Ryan works closely with Ketch and LPO grower Mike Hicks, about the status of crops. All management staff collaborate on the clever plant lines like "Cliff Hangers®" or "Water Misers®" (New and colorful sempervivum). They also carry the popular line called "Fit for a King". This line includes 4.5-inch pots of unique perennials and small shrubs. Ryan even posed in a tuxedo for an article featuring these wonderful plants.

Ryan is one of the team to go to trade shows like The Farwest Show in Portland. Working with co-workers Mark Leichty and Joan Peterson Dudney, they wanted to stand out among the many vendors at the show. One of the best displays involved contacting their friend Gina at Bohemian Bouquets to help them create Tillandsia beards they wore for the three day show. They won Best of Show for their beards and booth!



Ryan donates more than just his time.

In recent years, Ryan says the plant plug part of the business has increased. Plugs are small starter plants they sell to other nurseries to grow on to finished plant sizes. LPO has also grown their finished plant business to include more customers in Oregon, Washington and Northern California.



Ryan at the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

I asked Ryan why Little Prince of Oregon sponsors the Garden Time Plant Pick. He is matter of fact when he told me they just want to give out more information about cool plants. Garden Time is a way to pass along information to gardeners and "to promote retailers". Now he can continue to promote plants from Little Prince and other great nurseries and plant growers from around the area.

Ryan's family is very important to him. They were all challenged in 2015 when their daughter Anna had a health crisis with cancer. She was under the wonderful care of doctors at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanu-

el in Portland. The stressful days of Anna being in the hospital were brightened when the family could get a respite in the calming gardens of the hospital. Anna was allowed to go outside when her health and weather permitted. They were able to take advantage of fresh air and be among beautiful flowers and whimsical artwork. Ryan says it was quite a break for them all. Anna is fully recovered and back to school and her dance classes. She and her Mom are also inspirational speakers for Randall Children's Hospital and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Anna wants to help other children with cancer and their families. Ryan and Kim are so very proud of their daughter's strength and determination.

Being from a long line of gardeners, Ryan looks forward to the feel of springtime especially loving Hostas and Ferns. His great love of all the seasons is fall. He told me, "Plants are in their glory in the fall." The colors of the fall season and the interesting plant material are his real favorites. He is a typical plant geek and can't have just one favorite. Ryan and family love to be outdoors and work in their garden. He enjoys fishing and is also a mountain climber. When he turned 40, he climbed Mt. Hood for the second time in his life. Ryan had climbed it many years before at the age of 13! He used this love of climbing to benefit others when he trained and climbed Mt Kilimanjaro as a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in January of 2018. Ryan had such a great time growing up, helping at his grandparent's farm and also at his own home and gardens. He wants those same good memories of outdoor experiences for his family too.

We hope you enjoyed getting to know Ryan! You'll never know if someone has Oregon Trail ancestors or if they've climbed the highest mountain in Africa, unless you ask. Ryan is really a well-rounded guy who is a 'Plant Geek', an 'Outdoorsman' and above all, loves his family! We are excited to have him join our Garden Time family!



Ryan leaving for a climbing expedition.



Kim and Ryan

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ARE YOU READY?

The best time to think about a disaster
is before it happens.

by David Musial

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Make or buy a kit.

If you're reading this article, the world as we know it has not come to an end. If it did, you're probably wishing you had read this article last month.

When disaster strikes is not the time to prepare for an emergency. Like the Boy Scouts say, 'Be Prepared'. All it takes to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies and natural disaster is a little pre-planning. The Red Cross summarizes those steps as Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Prepared.

The first step, Get a Kit, is creating an emergency supply kit. It will contain food, water, safety equipment and other supplies. It will need to last at least three days for an emergency evacuation and up to two weeks of supplies for home emergencies that may find you without power. Your emergency kit can be purchased from groups, such as the Red Cross, or by creating your own. Basic supplies include:

- Non-perishable (be sure to include a can opener) and dry foods



Hand-crank radio with flashlight

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- One gallon of drinking water per person, per day
- First aid kit
- Radio (preferably hand-cranked)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Matches



Learn first aid and CPR.

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- Cash
- Emergency Blankets
- Tools to shut-off gas and water

Since your kit will be created for you, think about your unique needs. If you have children, you will need diapers and baby food for the infants, and games to amuse the older children. Don't overlook medical supplies, such as prescriptions and eyeglasses. If you have pets, you will need to pack for them as well. This list is not complete and is designed to get you thinking about your needs. For a complete list from FEMA http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/checklist_1.pdf

The kit should be kept in a waterproof container, such as a plastic storage container with a secure lid and stored in a dry area with easy access. Since some items are perishable, every three months, the kits contents should be reviewed. In addition to rotating food and water, medications should be checked for expiration dates. Also don't forget to trade the baby diapers for pull-ups if appropriate.

Everyone's worst nightmare is having disaster strike and not knowing what to do. That's why we need to Make a Plan. The plan should be written and cover how to evacuate your home in the event of an emergency. The evacuation plan should be based on

type of emergency and plan for multiple exits. A meeting place after evacuation should be determined. You will want to consider two locations, one just outside your house if it is safe and a second location within the neighborhood if necessary.

Since all family members may not be home at the time of an emergency (and the disaster may not occur at home), it is important to discuss how you will communicate after a disaster. Family members should also be assigned responsibilities and work as a team. Assignments range from being responsible for watching the children to ensuring all pets have been safely removed from the house.

FEMA has a Family Emergency Plan card that can be given to all household members <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/22187>. Remember though, the plan made with good intentions is only as good as it is executed, and that comes with practice. Yes, as unpopular as it is, the emergency plan should be practiced and reviewed every year.

Lastly, you need to Be Prepared for any disaster. No, I am not referring to Zombies, although there is plenty of information online if you wish to research. Being prepared means knowing how to respond to an emergency before, during and after it happens.

You will want to identify the natural disasters



Make a plan for everyone in the house.



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that exist in your area. In the Northwest, we have flooding, and tsunami hazards as well as winter storms. Weather stations can provide advance warning for such an events. Learning about each type of disaster will prepare you for what to do during and after an event. Learning how to respond to accidental emergencies like fires is also important.

The last skill required is for at least one family member to be Red Cross First Aid and CPR certified. Not only will it prepare you to handle medical emergencies, it will give you the confidence to handle any emergency.

We all hope that we will not need to use our emergency kits or skills. However, in the event of an emergency, we get only one chance.

Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Prepared.

Learn more about preparing for an emergency at

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WTDITG

Welcome to 2020! In January, the air is crisp and cold, the decorations are put away, and there is a distinct lull after the craziness of the holidays. There's no better time to get outside for some fresh air and daylight... and begin your garden's best year ever!

PLANNING

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



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

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

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

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



It's fun to look back on these notes to see what was planted and when, what was a great success and what was not so great. Mark this as *2020 Map* so you can rotate crops around next year. Rotating your crops discourages disease and insects.

PLANTING

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



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

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

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

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

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



What To Do In The Garden January

TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

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



any other frost sensitive plants.

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

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

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



layers of newspaper covered in compost.

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

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

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



VEGETABLE GARDEN



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

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

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

driven into the ground.



starts out.

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

Soil Temperatures Ideal for Growing Vegetables

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

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Through January 5, 2020

The Oregon Zoo

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Saturday, January 11, 2020 • 11:00am(S)

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Succulents are all the rage and your kids will love learning about these water-saving plants that are easy to care for and look cute in a window or on a desk. Each child will get a planter and assorted succulents to plant and grow. Cost: \$7.50. www.als-gardencenterevents.com

O-Shogatsu, Japanese New Year

Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 11:00am-3:00pm

Portland Japanese Garden, Portland, OR

O-Shogatsu literally means "standard month". By the standard that man sets during this month, during the very first few days, his fortune will be regulated for the rest of the year. Therefore "hoping the best," people are in their highest spirits. All ill-feeling and disagreeable recollections are left behind with the old year and a new chapter of life opens, replete with happy prospects. On January 5th, the garden will celebrate the event in a more festive and merry way, including through the Lion Dance, a New-Year's style tea ceremony, a Koto harp concert, and sharing Mochitsuki (pounded rice cake) as a finale. An ink-wash brush drawing session and Hyakunin Issyu (poetry game) will be held in the Yanai Classroom. Let's celebrate the wonderful beginning of 2020 together! www.japanesegarden.org

Native and Drought-resistant Garden Design

Sunday, January 5, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Genevieve Layman, author of *Gather and Make*. Join Portland author Genevieve Layman as she shares her experience and knowledge on planting northwest native plants here in the wondrous Willamette Valley. Which ones will succeed in your garden and stun your guests and neighbors? How can planting natives reduce your water use? How can you invite birds, butterflies, and other wildlife into your backyard sanctuary? Come find out! www.portlandnursery.com

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**The Mystery of Terroir in Oregon –
The Relationship of Geology, Soils and Climate
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 • 6:50pm
Griffith Park Building, Beaverton, OR**

Presenter: Scott Burns, PhD Professor Emeritus, Portland State University. Terroir is a French term that is over 400 years old and was used to describe why wines of one area tasted different from wines of another area, even though they were the same variety. It is the “taste of the place”. It is determined by the geology, soil, climate and soil biota. One of the greatest places in the world to taste differences in terroir is the Willamette Valley (wine region of the year for the whole world for 2017 – Wine Enthusiast). The valley grows primarily cool climate grapes like pinot noir, pinot gris, chardonnay, riesling, Muller-Thurgau, and gewurtztraminer. Terroir is best expressed in cool climate grapes like the thin-skinned red grape, pinot noir. There are four main geological units, three of which are the main wine producing soils: volcanic soils (Columbia River Basalts and the Jory Soil), marine sediments (sandstones and shales and the Willakenzie Soil), volcanic soils with old silt mixed in (Laurelwood Soil) and the lesser used Missoula Flood deposits (Woodburn Soil). The same winemaker can produce three different wines in the same year with similar clones if different soils are used. Learn how to be an educated wine taster in Oregon by attending this talk. Class approved for 1 hour of MG Education Credit.

Free event, free parking, no registration needed. Location: City of Beaverton Griffith Park Building, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Room 330, Beaverton, OR 97005.

**Building Terrariums
Saturday, January 11, 2020 • 11:00-12:30pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Brittany Hobbs. Terrariums allow us to create miniature worlds encased in glass! In this class, we'll use vintage glassware to plant up a living scene,

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complete with figurines. We'll discuss how to layer your jar, forage for plants, and maintain your tiny utopia. The class will include everything you need to create your masterpiece, including plants, soils, glass and a tiny person to inhabit it. Class limit 15 people. \$33 materials fee. www.portlandnursery.com

**Designing a Living Privacy Screen
Saturday, January 11, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Magi Treece of Living Structures. Privacy screens are a very common New Year's Resolution, these days thanks to all the new homes being constructed in Portland. Do you need to create a visual border or screen between your space and the new neighbors' picture window? Or maybe you want to block out some sound from a nearby, newly-noisy road. Either way, Magi Treece will offer design ideas for a balance between sweet solitude and socialite city life. She'll discuss proper placement and spacing, care techniques for establishing a healthy hedge, and plants that will add all kinds of aesthetic value to your yard, while also providing privacy for you, your family, and your guests. Arborvitae can be pretty, but there's a whole world of effective and exciting plants to explore. Don't miss out! www.portlandnursery.com

**Blueberry Pruning
Sunday, January 12, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Tonia Lordy of the Home Orchard Society Arboretum. It's mid-January, and my goodness, those blueberry branches are looking bright and beautiful! It's time to select and plant small shrubs like blueberries for your yard, and Tonia is here just in time to offer blueberry pruning advice and wisdom. Come join us and get ready to care for and enjoy your own home orchard! www.portlandnursery.com

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Gardening Events Around Town (continued)

Making Moss Poles

Sunday, January 12, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Mackenzie of the Portland Nursery. Learn how to make a moss pole for your houseplants to climb. Using a moss pole is a decorative alternative to staking your vining or trailing houseplants. These towers add charm to anybody's philodendron forest. Mackenzie will walk you through the simple steps of constructing a moss pole that's sure to look great and last. Come home from the class with your own, home-made moss pole.

\$16.50 fee, limit 12 people. www.portlandnursery.com

Feng Shui: Auspicious Décor for Celebrating a Lucky Chinese New Year

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 • 1:00pm-2:00pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Get tips for integrating feng shui principles into your life with local expert Gwynne Warner of 10,000 Blessings Feng Shui. www.lansugarden.org

Winter Tea – January 16 2020 1pm

Thursday, January 16, 2020 • 1:00pm-3:00pm

Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 1:00pm-3:00pm

Bauman Farms, Gervais, OR

Reservations for this event can only be done over the phone by calling 503-792-3524. Cost is \$30 per person. www.baumanfarms.com

Basics of Soil Science

Saturday, January 18, 2019 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Returning Rockstar Katie Davis. Soil is not just beautiful, it's also necessary to our health and survival. And it's so much more than just mud! Come learn about what makes soil – the microbes, the crawlers, the inert matter. Learn how to take care of your soil in order to benefit the plants, air, and other life around us. Katie Davis will dig down and unearth some scientific gems that will help you be-

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come a more successful gardener. www.portlandnursery.com

The Soil Food Web

Sunday, January 19, 2019 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Katie Davis. Dig deeper into the science of soil with our stellar silt consultant. Katie will help you sift through the dust and learn about how plants, animals, fungi, and microorganisms work together to support all kinds of life on land. We hope you'll walk out with a better understanding of the world beneath our feet. www.portlandnursery.com

Garden Planning for Annual Vegetables

Sunday, January 19, 2019 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Ian Wilson of Portland Edible Gardens. Getting the most out of your vegetable garden takes some real forethought. Come learn about how to make a garden plan that will meet your personal goals and allow you to harvest what you want when you want it! We will discuss how to site your garden, when to plant different vegetables, and the basics of succession planting, and crop rotation! www.portlandnursery.com

Oregon Truffle Festival: The Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship

Thursday, January 23, 2020 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Lane Events Center, Eugene, OR

The 2020 Oregon Truffle Festival kicks off with The Joriad™ North American Truffle Dog Championship, wherein spectators cheer for truffle dogs and their trainers as they compete to find hidden truffle-scented targets. From Chihuahuas to Lagotto Romagnolos, dogs of all breeds are invited to compete in The Joriad, the only competition of its kind in North America.

The Joriad's first round welcomes spectators at the Lane County Fairgrounds in the morning and the *continued next page*



top five dogs compete in a second and final round in the field. Truffle dogs and their owners gather in the evening for the perennial favorite Parade of Dogs. No dogs except those entered in the competition are allowed in the venue.

Location: Lane Events Center Large Animal Arena, 796 W. 13th Ave., Eugene. Price: \$15 Advance; \$20 at the Door. <https://oregontrufflefestival.org>

Oregon Truffle Festival: Eugene and Willamette Valley Truffle Country

Friday-Sunday, January 24-26, 2020

Various Venues, Eugene, OR

Our January weekend celebrates the world of Oregon truffles and the culinary bounty of the southern Willamette Valley. Taking place January 24-26, 2020, the Eugene weekend offers a variety of special truffle packages for weekend-long immersions, including two new packages for 2020.

With hands-on cooking classes, truffle dog training, truffle hunts and workshops, learning opportunities abound at the Eugene weekend. Decadent truffle breakfasts, lunches, dinners and the Oregon Fresh Truffle Marketplace are offered as part of weekend packages and a limited number of experiences are sold à la carte. <https://oregontrufflefestival.org>

Wishing Tree

January 25-February 5, 2020 • 12:00pm-2:00pm (Mon-Fri); 10:00am-2:00pm (Sat-Sun)

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Chinese wishing trees, money trees, and hong bao trees are a big part of Chinese New Year festivities. Every year, billions of people around the world gather to toss their red ribbons up into the wishing tree with hope that it will stick and their wish will come true for good fortune in the coming year. Visitors will have an opportunity to toss a wish for prosperity, happiness and longevity into the wishing tree at Lan Su. Your wish (if you're lucky!) will

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stay in the wishing tree, but you can learn how to make your own wishing ribbons for use at home at this event. Free with membership or admission. Chinese New Year is the most popular time to visit the garden. Plan for the best visit by purchasing your tickets ahead of time and arriving early for your favorite activities. www.lansugarden.org

Family Craft Activity: Make Your Own Year of the Rat Button

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26, 2020

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2020

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Make your own Chinese New Year — Year of the Rat button as memento of your visit to Lan Su. Great for the whole family! All needed materials are provided. This activity is included free with Lan Su membership or admission; no registration is required. Chinese New Year is the most popular time to visit the garden. Plan for the best visit by purchasing your tickets ahead of time and arriving early for your favorite activities. www.lansugarden.org

Chinese Calligraphy Demonstration

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26, 2020

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2020

• 10:00am-4:00pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Calligraphy is a revered art form that has existed for thousands of years and is considered a high art in Chinese culture. Drop in anytime during the scheduled demonstrations to learn more about this art and watch classically-trained scholars from the Wisdom Arts Academy, share techniques of this ancient art. Free with membership or admission. Chi-

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Firescaping

Saturday, January 25, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Bonnie Bruce of Celilo Gardens. In the last few years, it seems summers get hotter and “fire season” stretches out longer. And living in an urban environment is not always protection against a wildfire as Santa Rosa residents learned too well and so painfully. Whether you have a vacation home secluded in a quiet spot in the forest or live at the edge of an urban wildlife refuge it might be wise to consider strategies for Firescaping your landscape. Come join Bonnie Bruce who will discuss various strategies of designing landscapes to resist fires which will include plants that are not easily combustible (and examples of popular plants that are combustible) and management strategies which homeowners can implement. www.portlandnursery.com

New Year Lion Dances

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26, 2020

• 11:00am, 1:00pm & 4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

• 11:00am, 1:00pm & 4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2020

• 11:00am, 1:00pm & 4:00pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Lion Dancing began in China over 2,000 years ago. The imagery and symbolism of the Lion was introduced from India through the influence of Buddhism. The Lion Dance is performed to ward off evil and bring good fortune. The Dancing Lion is accompanied by a drum, a gong, and cymbals. Lion Dances are performed during the Chinese New Year, at grand openings of new businesses, and at weddings and birthday celebrations. See the lion dancers up close as they move throughout the

garden to the beat of the loud drum song to welcome the Year of the Pig to Lan Su Chinese Garden! Free with Lan Su membership or admission. Chinese New Year is the most popular time to visit the garden. Plan your visit by purchasing admission tickets ahead of time and by arriving early for your favorite activities. www.lansugarden.org

Chinese New Year School Performances

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26, 2020

• 12:00pm-12:30pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

• 12:00pm-12:30pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2020

• 12:00pm-12:30pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Watch as children from local schools sing and dance! Each performance will take place at Noon on the terrace. www.lansugarden.org

Cultural Performance

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26, 2020

• 2:00pm-2:30pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

• 2:00pm-2:30pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2020

• 2:00pm-2:30pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with cultural performances from local community groups. All performances will take place on the terrace overlooking Lake Zither. Free with Lan Su membership or admission; no registration is required. Chinese New Year is the most popular time to visit the garden. Plan your visit by purchasing admission tickets ahead of time and by arriving early for your favorite activities. www.lansugarden.org

Martial Arts Performances

Saturday & Sunday, January 25 & 26, 2020

• 3:00pm-3:30pm

Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

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• 3:00pm-3:30pm
Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2020
 • 3:00pm-3:30pm

Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Watch these exciting martial arts performances on the terrace during Lan Su's Year of the Rat Chinese New Year celebrations. Free with Lan Su membership or admission; no registration is required. Chinese New Year is the most popular time to visit the garden. Plan your visit by purchasing admission tickets ahead of time and by arriving early for your favorite activities. www.lansugarden.org

Oregon Truffle Festival: Truffles & Bubbles Brunch
 – Lion & Owl

Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 9:30am-11:00am
Lion & Owl, Eugene, OR

Available à la carte. New in 2020 Truffles & Bubbles Brunch. Discover Eugene's newest dining sensation, Lion & Owl, inspired by wonderful meals from around the globe while celebrating the flora & fauna of the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon's native truffles in season. Served with generous hospitality, this sparkling brunch will sell out quickly, so don't wait! Location: 60 E. 11th Ave. Eugene, OR. Price: \$100. <https://oregontrufflefestival.org>

Oregon Truffle Festival: Eugene Fresh Truffle Marketplace

Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 11:00am-4:00pm
Graduate Eugene, Eugene, OR

Available à la carte or with the Grape and Grain, Truffle Farming A - Z All-In Weekend, The Gourmand, or The Epicurious packages. Please note that you must be 21 and over to purchase a Wine Tasting ticket. The Oregon Truffle Festival's most popular experience returns with fresh Oregon truffles for sale, truffle cooking demonstrations, artisan foods samples and sales, wine tasting, a truffle dog demonstration and much more!

Location: 66 E 6th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. Price: Ad-
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vancetickets\$15withlectureseriesor\$20withlecture series and wine tasting; Day of \$25 with lecture series and wine tasting. <https://oregontrufflefestival.org>

Orchids 101

Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Sue Volek of the Oregon Orchid Society. Want to be an orchid-keeper? Maybe you're intimidated by their stereotypes of requiring high maintenance. Well, they might be easier to keep than you think. Join us at the Portland Nursery as Sue Volek of the Oregon Orchard Society dishes out the basics of a much-beloved family of plants, Orchids! Sue will share care advice and debunk myths. Her class is sure to shine a light on the mystery of these lovely flowering plants and help you be a more successful gardener. www.portlandnursery.com

Feng Shui: Offerings & Ceremonies for the God of Wealth's Birthday

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 • 1:00pm-2:00pm
Lan Su Garden, Portland, OR

Come learn how to celebrate the God of Wealth's Birthday (which falls on January 29th this year) in a simple participatory ceremony as well as Feng Shui adjustments to make the most of the Year of the Rat's prosperous energies. Includes a wee take-home gift and fragrant ginger peach tea from The Tao of Tea. www.lansugarden.org

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