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Give it a Try!

This month finds us heading into the beginning of the gardening season for a lot of those 'early bloomers'. Seeds are bought and planted, the early bulbs are blooming, and those garden beds are begging to be cleaned. It is back to the old routine for most of us, but why not 'give it a try'? What do I mean by this saying? It comes from a time when our kids were very small. Before leaving the house for any kind of trip, short or long, we would all say 'give it a try'. That meant a quick trip to the bathroom for a potty break before we got in the car. No one wants to stop during the drive so we all had to give it a try; in fact we say that before we head out for shooting stories on Mondays. We also used the term when trying something new at the dinner table. How do you know you don't like something if you don't 'give it a try'? This time of year it can mean so much more. Instead of doing the 'same old, same old', why don't we all give it a try? I'm talking about changing things up in the garden. Try something new this year. Go radical and tear out a whole bed. Use some plants you have never heard of or always wanted to try! Create a succulent garden, a bog garden, or add a water feature! If you are not so daring, try building a few new containers for hummingbirds, butterflies or pollinators. Place them on your deck or patio and spend the summer watching the show as the local wildlife visits their new home. Giving it a try can easily translate into a lot of other areas of your life too.

This month as we return the show to TV with some changes, we are also asking that you give our new host Ryan a try too. With the addition of Ryan, we are getting a chance to revisit some of our old stories and bring you new information about plants, planting and pruning. Sometimes things change and we want to bring you the best in gardening information. Like this month's issue of the magazine! Beekeeping is hot for home gardeners. Therese takes a look at some tips for beekeeping from one of our local viewers. We are also seeing bare root fruit trees in our local garden centers and if you are looking to maybe add a small peach or a nectarine, Judy will fill you in on some new varieties you should try. Speaking of giving it a try, Ryan has a great story on monochromatic plants that you might consider trying. Plus, I had the joy of sitting down with our Hortie of the month, Megan Big John-Hicks. Megan has been around for quite a while and has touched a lot of places in the garden industry, and the industry is better for it.

So get out there and 'give it a try' in your garden this spring. A little growth will be good for you and for your garden!

Happy Gardening!

Jeff Gustin, Publisher

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Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



Ask Mortimer

Dear Mortimer,

As I get ready for my new vegetable garden I'm worried about the clay soil in my garden. I heard that I can add sand to my soil to break up that clay. Is that true, and if not, what can I do?

Signed,
A green thumb with dirty fingers

Dear Green,

Experts agree that clay soil, though tough to dig in, can be one of the best soils for your plants. It is full of minerals and nutrients, but the granules in the soil are just so small and compact that it is hard for water and roots to penetrate. While it might help to add sand to your garden you may want to wait before you do. The Royal Horticulture society has said that you need a LOT of sand to break up the clay, almost a 1 to 1 ratio for tough clay. Other people want to add gravel to their clay soils. Once again you need to add a lot of gravel to do the job. Some local farmers have also told us that they use gypsum to help break up the soil.

If you are looking for an easy way to break up the clay, the best way to do it is the long term application of organic matter into your garden beds. Top dressing with compost and garden mulch and slowly working that into your clay will help your whole garden to be healthy over the long term. A good soil test will also help you figure out what you have and help you pinpoint what you may need to add to get the best soil possible.



Make a mixed soil to combat clay.

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

There is one fast way to get your vegetable garden off to a great start... a raised bed! By building a raised bed and filling it with a quality garden soil (not your dreaded clay), you can make sure that your garden veggies will be the best ever!

Good luck,
Mortimer

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Dear Mortimer,

I'm going to go and get some bare root fruit trees to add to my garden. What should I do to prepare the ground for them. I heard that bone meal and compost are a must have. True?

Thanks,
Stan in Portland



Dig a large hole to create
an area for success.

Dear Stan,

The key is the preparation of the planting hole. There is an old garden saying, 'You build a \$40 hole for a \$10 plant'. This holds true for any plant that you are putting in the ground. We recently stopped by Bauman's Farm and Garden where they were planting a new fruit tree orchard. Brian actually showed us how you can pick out the best fruit tree for your garden. We started by looking for an apple tree. We picked out a grafted tree with four different varieties on one trunk. This means that the tree also had available pollinators for good fruit production. The trunk was blemish free and free of cuts and gouges, and the roots were all healthy and not showing any rot.

Then we moved to the hole. He had dug a hole that was twice as big and twice as deep as the root ball of the tree. We found out that bone meal and compost may not do all that is needed. Bone meal does have nutrients for the



Always keep the graft
above the soil level.

plant, but sometimes dogs and other animals will smell the bone meal and dig up your new tree. Brian used a safer approach. He mixed some of the original soil with an equal amount of garden mulch and some Mycorrhizae. Mycorrhizae can help those young roots get established faster. The hole was filled about a third of the way full and the tree was placed on top of that. Then the rest of the soil mixture went into the hole. He shook the tree until the soil settled and the graft at the bottom of the tree was above the soil line. He pushed the soil down, lightly, around the base of the tree and watered it in. He staked the tree so it would be stable for the first season (or more) to help those young roots establish.

Finally, he gave the whole tree a good coating of dormant spray. This spray was organic and had two different ingredients. One took care of fungus problems and one took care of bugs and their eggs.

Hopefully these tips will help you, not only prep the soil, but give your fruit trees a great start!

Your friend in the garden,
Mortimer



Dormant spraying helps
control bugs and diseases.

Monochrome Madness

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With advances in plant breeding, there are more choices for foliage colored plants than ever before.

by Ryan Seely

Planter Combos

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There seems to be as many styles of gardens as there are people designing them, ranging from formal Asian gardens to informal Cottage and Native gardens. Regardless of the garden, certain elements are taken into consideration when designing, including how the garden is going to be used and the overall feel and theme. The garden's layout with hardscapes such as paths, stones or water features, gives the foundation for the garden followed by the selection of plant material to compliment the chosen design.

Of course, plant material selection for any garden is dependent upon a variety of factors, such as sun exposure, soil conditions, growth habit, hardiness and color. To that end, a recent garden trend is designing a garden composed of plants with similarly colored foliage. With the advances in plant breeding in the last several years, there are more choices for foliage colored plants than ever before. The color of your plants can alter a person's mood or enhance certain senses. Adding varying heights and textures can create a well-rounded, stimulating garden. Below are a few of my favorite trees, shrubs, perennials and groundcovers for specific color schemes.



Chick Charm 'Gold Nugget'



Herniaria glabra 'Sea Foam'



Hebe 'Turkish Delight'



Purple/Burgundy Planter



Heuchera 'Dark Storm'



Ajuga reptans 'Mahogany'

Purple/Burgundy: Dark foliated plants add a bold and dramatic effect in the garden. Dark foliage generally shows up best in full sun as they tend to disappear in darker areas of the garden. Purple foliage also combines well with many other foliage colors, adding a stark contrast.

- Acer palmatum 'Purple Ghost': A stunning Japanese Maple with deciduous deep purple-red foliage with black veins. Grows to 15' tall and 8' wide
- Hebe 'Turkish Delight': A compact evergreen shrub with maroon/bronze foliage year-round. Likes full sun to partial shade, 3' tall and wide.
- Heuchera 'Dark Storm': Evergreen perennial with deep purple bronze mounding foliage. Can handle full sun or partial shade. Grows to 8-16" tall and 12-18" wide.
- Ajuga reptans 'Mahogany': Evergreen deep burgundy foliated ground cover. Can handle full sun but will hold deeper color with partial shade.

Chartreuse: Lighter colored foliage brightens up darker, shadier garden areas. In fact, many golden and chartreuse plants tolerate and sometimes prefer some shade as the

golden foliage can sometimes burn with direct sunlight and intense heat.

- *Cupressus macrocarpa* 'Wilma Goldcrest': Compact evergreen columnar tree with bright yellow/chartreuse foliage. Slow grower to 8' tall and 2' wide. Will be brighter yellow in full sun but can handle light shade.
- *Lonicera nitida* 'Lemon Beauty': Evergreen spreading shrub with bright golden foliage with green centers. Spreads to 3-6' tall and wide. Prefers partial shade.
- *Hakonechloa macra* 'All Gold': Deciduous bright chartreus foliaged Japanese Forest Grass. Grows to 18" tall and wide in a partial shady location.
- *Herniaria glabra* 'Sea Foam': Evergreen groundcover with bright green foliage edged in soft yellow. Height to only 1". Prefers light shade.

Silver/White: Similar to chartreuse plants, silver and white plants are great additions in darker garden areas to add brightness. These plants also help to reflect light, and are a popular choice for people that spend a lot of evenings in gardens as the plants tend to glow in the evening light.

- *Chamaecyparis pisifera*



Chartreuse Planter



Lonicera nitida 'Lemon Beauty'



Hakonechloa macra 'All Gold'



'Curly Tops': Evergreen upright mounding conifer with silvery blue curly foliage. Height to 10' tall and 8' wide. Prefers full sun.

- *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Silver Heart': Deciduous white foliated perennial with green veins. Mounds to 6-12" tall and 12-24" wide. Requires mostly shade.
- *Pachysandra* 'Silver Edge': Evergreen spreading groundcover with green foliage edged with white margins. Height to 6". Prefers morning sun and afternoon shade.
- *Sedum makinoi* 'Variegata': Semi Evergreen succulent groundcover. Bright variegated green and white foliage to 2" tall. Prefers partial shade.



Pachysandra terminalis 'Silver Edge'



Sedum makinoi 'Variegata'

Orange/Reds: These bold colors typically draw attention and are wonderful plants to camouflage less desirable areas of the garden, such as a composting bin, fence or garden shed. Use the bright colors as a focal point in the garden, and as a splash of color.

- *Acer palmatum* 'Bonfire': A slow growing upright deciduous Japanese Maple to 5' tall. Bright crimson foliage in spring and fiery red in fall. Full sun to partial shade.

- *Nandina domestica* 'Gulf Stream': Evergreen mounding shrub with ever changing red, yellow, orange and green foliage. Mounds to 3' tall and wide. Prefers full sun to partial shade.
- *Heuchera* 'Fire Alarm': Evergreen perennial with bright red orange foliage. Mounds to 9" tall. Can handle all light conditions from full sun to full shade.
- *Sempervivum* 'Gold Nugget': Evergreen succulent groundcover. Prized for its intense golden foliage with orange tips in the cooler winter and spring months. Prefers full sun.

You may be concerned that by designing a monochromatic garden, you will design a visually unappealing or boring space. Rest assured, if done right, that is not the case! By combining different shades and textures, such as the bold foliage of a *Heuchera* or a wispy grass, your garden will delight you and your visitors alike. You can always start with a small area of the garden or even a nice ceramic container to add additional color. Experiment, enjoy, and don't be afraid to try something different; your results will be rewarding!



Orange/Red Planter



Nandina 'Gulf Stream'



Heuchera 'Fire Alarm'

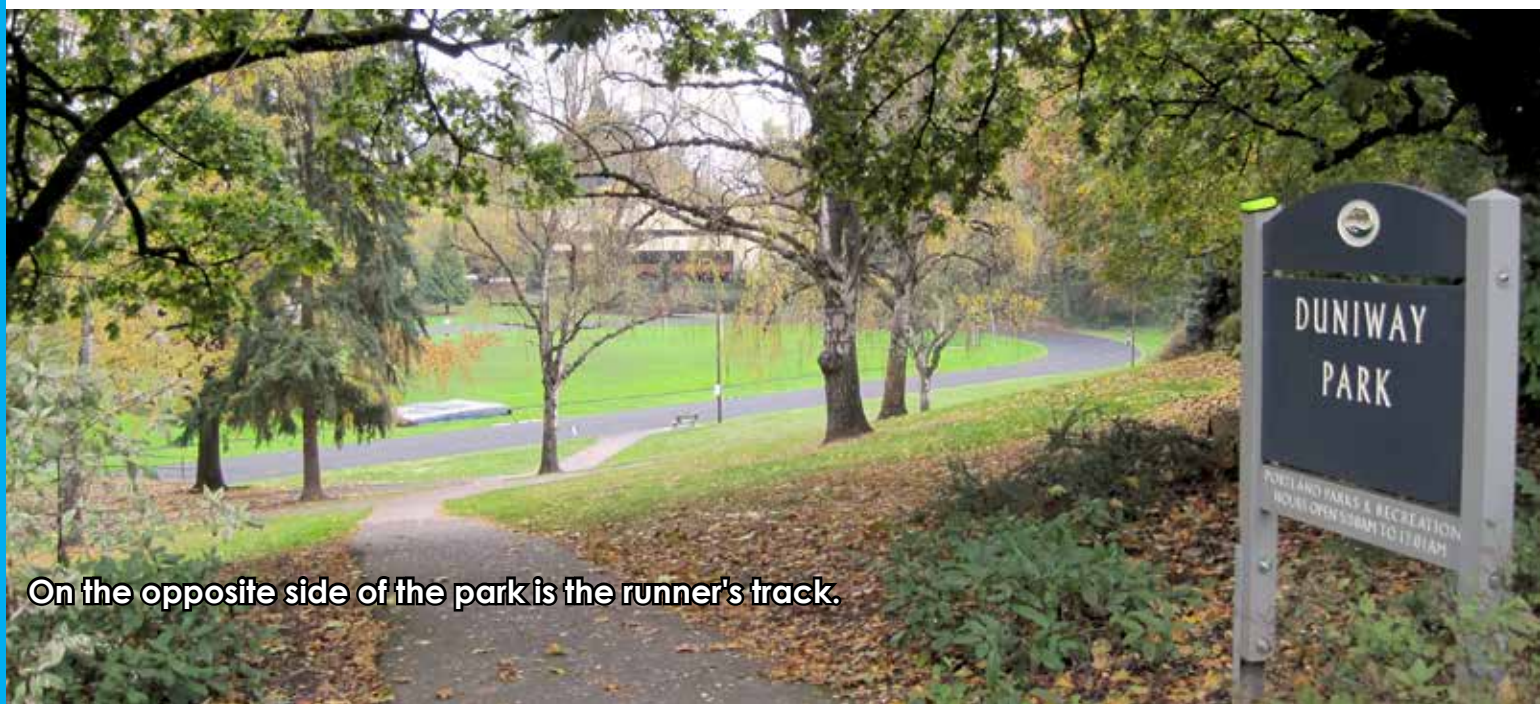


The Duniway Park Lilac Garden in full bloom.

Heaven Scent

A hidden gem in downtown Portland,
the Duniway Park Lilac Garden is
a haven for lovers of this aromatic bush.

by Ron Dunevant



On the opposite side of the park is the runner's track.



Park lovers who visit Downtown Portland have an embarrassment of riches from which to choose. Starting with the nationally renowned Rose Test Garden, the diverse menu includes Washington Park, Forest Park, the Portland Japanese Garden, Lan Su Chinese Garden, Tom McCall Waterfront Park and even the South Park Blocks. So it is not surprising that one might overlook a hidden retreat like Duniway Park.

Located a mere block to the south of Interstate 405 at the base of Marquam Hill, Duniway Park is known as a haven for the running community, with its beloved oval track. Added in the 1970s and resurfaced two times since, the city has improved it, upgrading it into a standard 400 meters and adding a turf field. Its proximity to the Terwilliger Parkway attracts joggers from all over the area. On the other side of a steep slope is another running course and some picnic facilities.

But, if your idea of an expedition into the outdoors leans less toward running and more toward walking, then you will want to move to the western edge of the park where you'll discover a beautiful lilac garden that has graced the city for over 80 years.

The history of Duniway Park dates back to 1918, when the land, measuring a little over 14 acres, was acquired by the city of Portland. Prior to that, it was a steep gully at the southern edge of downtown Portland known

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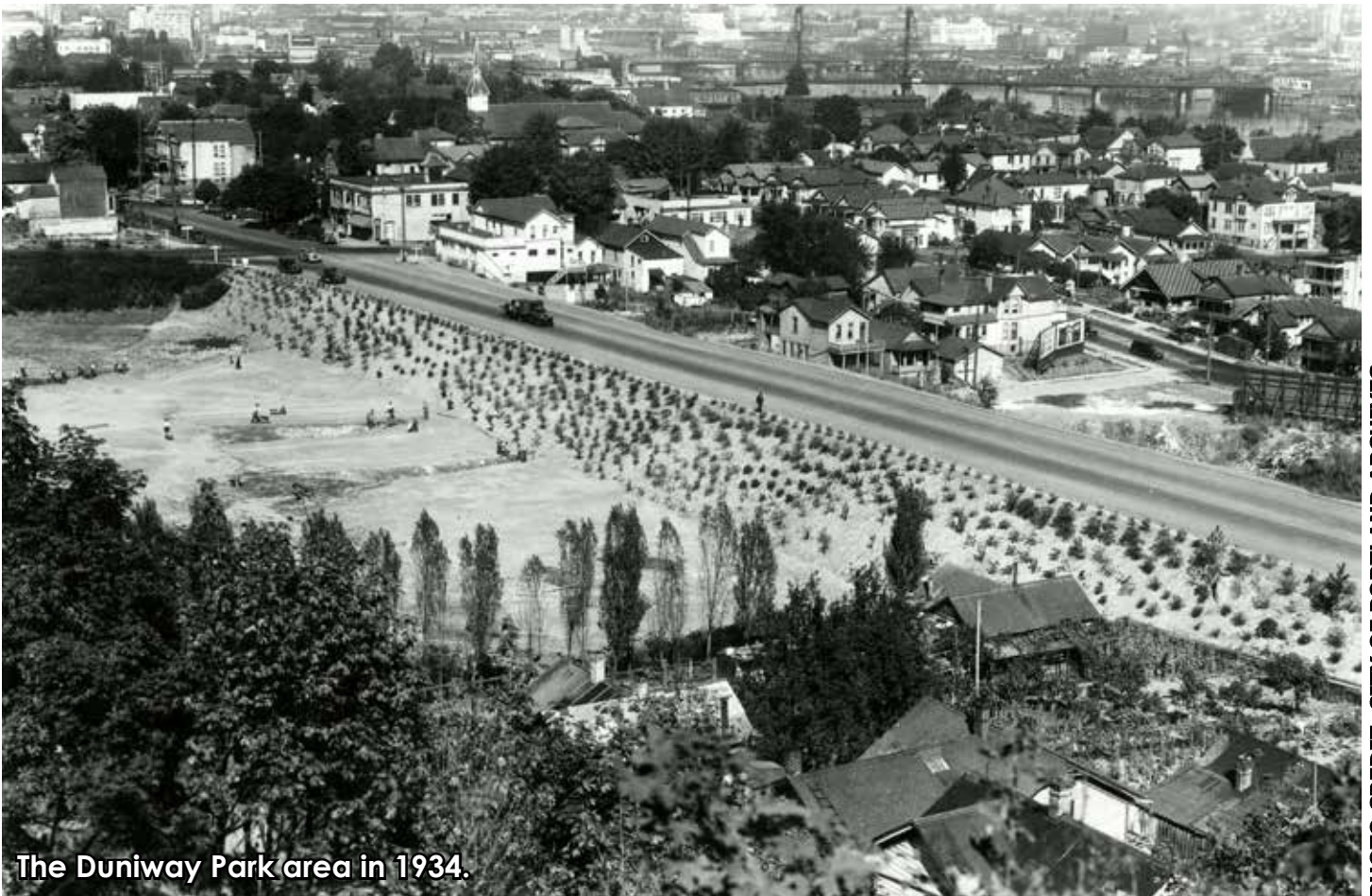
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The Duniway Park area in 1934.

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as Marquam Gulch. In the early part of the 20th century, Marquam Gulch was a neighborhood of poor Italian and Jewish immigrants. It was also used as what we would now refer to as a landfill, although the phrase garbage dump is probably more accurate. Poverty reigned, and the area was dotted with ramshackle dwellings. At fourth Avenue, where Barbur Boulevard now runs, was a high railroad trestle that crossed the gulch. Besides allowing for train travel, it also created an excellent spot from which to dump trash, and historic pictures of the area confirm that.

But as they say, "one man's trash is another man's treasure," and the refuse pile attracted children who rummaged through the debris in order to sell pieces to the junkman for 5 and 10 cents. It also resulted in numerous injuries among the children (not to mention the environmental impact.) This soon became an issue of concern, and pleas by local school-children begging for a proper playground so they didn't have to play in the gulch or in the street, encouraged the city and nearby residents to clean up the area as part of a citywide beautification effort.

As part of this resolution, in 1918, Duniway Park was created and named in honor of Abigail Scott Duniway (1836-1915) an advocate for women's suffrage who was also a writer and newspaper publisher. An interesting bit of political trivia: In 1912, she became the first legal female voter in Mult-



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nomah County, eight years ahead of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote nationally.

The Lilac Garden in Duniway Park is located on the park's western tip, surrounded on three sides by a hairpin turn where SW Terwilliger Boulevard meets Sam Jackson Park Road. The garden is surrounded by steep hillsides populated with fir and cedar trees, which make a wonderful backdrop for the lilacs when they are in bloom. There are currently about 225 plants in the garden, which includes over 125 varieties, mostly hybrids of *Syringa vulgaris*. From late March to early May, the park bursts with color as the lilacs put on their annual show. A large Japanese Tree Lilac, which blooms in June, is particularly eye-catching.

The Lilac Garden was not an original component of Duniway Park. In 1936, a member of the Portland Garden Club purchased and donated 167 lilac plants from the B.O. Case collection of lilacs. Connecticut born Burton Orville Case was a fruit farmer and nurseryman in Southwest Washington. He had a large collection of lilacs, comprised of 243

varieties among a total of 800 plants. When Case died in 1936 and the collection was offered for sale, Mrs. M. Matthiessen, an active member of the Portland Garden Club, urged that the collection be acquired for the city of Portland. On behalf of the club, she purchased the entire collection for two thousand dollars (\$37,000 in today's dollars). The club also brought in an out-of-state lilac expert to select a site, design the garden layout and oversee the transfer of the lilacs.

Information indicates that the original planting of lilacs was distributed among twelve beds. In 1948, a second major contribution from the estate of Sid Woodbury was made. Four additional beds were added to the garden along with 175 plants.

On a sunny spring day, the Lilac Garden at Duniway Park is an alluring destination. The hilly adjacent terrain creates a private pocket where one can embrace the beautiful colors and textures and inhale the strong, sweet, heady scent for which lilacs are known. At the peak of bloom season, you'll find varieties in white, pink and various shades of purple. It is a small, intimate



setting, perfect for spending an hour.

The Portland Garden Club has continued in their efforts to make The Lilac Garden at Duniway Park "one of Portland's special exhibit gardens and a premier garden in the Northwest." According to their website (www.theportlandgardenclub.org), their members "have been working tirelessly to bring the garden back. Pruning, weeding, edging, mapping, identifying, planting new lilacs and adding underplantings to the current 14 beds is overseen by a Lilac Garden steering committee. Work parties and field trips to the garden occur regularly. Hort groups are 'adopting' beds as their individual community outreach project. Our relationship with PP&R (Portland Parks & Recreation) is excellent and we are working together on major projects such as drainage, parking, signage and design."

Duniway Park is open daily from 5:00am to Midnight. There is a parking lot adjacent with free parking. However, each spot is limited to one hour of parking, which is strictly enforced.

The next time you are visiting Downtown Portland, skip past the better known destinations and make a trip to this haven for lilac lovers. The history that led to the development of this beautiful spot makes it an interesting and rewarding stop in the center of Portland.



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Putting the "Bee" in Backyard

Raising honeybees is becoming much more common in urban areas. Here's how you can do it, too.

by Therese Gustin

We've all heard about the decline in our native bee and honeybee populations over the last several years. Research has shown this decline is due to a variety of reasons including parasites and pathogens, climate change, lack of biodiversity, destruction of habitat and pesticide use. So why is it so important to pay attention to what is happening to our bee population? According to the United States Department of

Agriculture, "bees of all sorts pollinate approximately 75 percent of the fruits, nuts and vegetables grown in the United States, and one out of every four bites of food people take is courtesy of bee pollination. In sum, bee pollination is responsible for more than \$15 billion in increased crop value each year." Without bees and other pollinators our food supply as we know it would be devastated. So what can we do as home garden-

ers to help with this issue? Just being aware of the issue is a start. We can also plant native plants and other bee friendly plants as well as use fewer pesticides, add nesting sites in the form of Mason bee houses and leave some areas of our soil un-mulched to encourage ground nesting bee species to take up residence in our gardens. A bit more labor intensive solution would be to start raising honeybees in your own backyard!

Raising honeybees is becoming much more common in urban areas. Julie, the sister of our Garden Time magazine editor and producer of the Garden Time show ...and my sister-in-law...has opted to raise bees in her urban backyard. She did it because she knew the bee population was in trouble and she wanted to do her part to increase the number of pollinators in her garden. The majority of this article will focus on her experiences, both good and bad, of raising honeybees in her backyard.

Her adventure started with a conversation with a friend who was raising bees. He volunteered to bring over a full hive and spent a little time mentoring her. She read a lot of articles but not having any knowledge of beekeeping, it was difficult to navigate all the information that was out there and figure out what she needed to do. Having someone to help her get started seemed like the perfect answer. In hindsight, it didn't turn out like she had hoped. All the bees died the first year! He had brought over a weak hive, possibly infested with mites and he transported it too late in the season. Bee season ends the end of September or the first of October in this area and her bees didn't have enough time to get acclimated to their new location and build up reserves of honey to get them through the winter. That, in combination with mites, potentially killed off the hive. Some of the advice her mentor was giving her was contradictory to what she was reading about current urban beekeeping...especially mite control. So she joined the Portland Urban Bee Club and went to a work party where they gave hands on instruction with the hives. It's here where the 'light bulb' went on. She asked a lot of questions and learned the most current and efficient way to keep a healthy hive.

Julie and her husband were given their first beehive box but there are many styles out there to choose from if you aren't given





one. They generally consist of a brood box and supers. A brood box is a single-level box that holds the Queen and all of her eggs. The brood box is normally at the bottom of the stack and is separated from the supers with a screen called a "Queen excluder". The screen prevents the queen from going into the super where the honey is. Julie started with one box which contained 10 frames which can hold 30,000 to 40,000 bees. Honeybees live around six weeks. There are three types of honeybees: worker, drone and one Queen per hive. The drone's only job is to mate with and fertilize the Queen...and then they die. The Queen's job is to mate and lay eggs only. The workers take care of the hive, collect pollen, make Royal Jelly if needed and feed the brood. They even make a new Queen if needed. They started this project with the intention of increasing the number of pollinators but soon realized that a healthy hive meant a wealth of honey!



Once you've added your queen to the hive box, what is it you need to do from there?

Julie suggests that every two weeks you check your hive to determine its health. They equip themselves with veils and gloves. This gear is essential to guard against stings. It's also important to have all skin covered. Julie's advice is to move slowly around the hive and be very patient when working with the hive. If you move fast around the hive you are more likely to be stung. When working around the hive she suggests never standing in front of the opening because the bees think you are there to steal from the hive and they will attack. To check the hive you need to take off the lid and remove it. Then take off the second lid and pull out each frame to see how much honey or bee bread they have stored. Bee bread is a mixture of pollen and nectar or honey and is the main source of food for the hon-

eybee workers and larvae. You also need to check to see if the bees have enough room to keep working and storing honey. This is also the time to check for mites. To check for mites you will need to sacrifice some bees. You do this by scooping out about a cup of bees and pouring some rubbing alcohol over the bees. The bees will die and the mites will fall off the bees. You can count the mites which fall off the bees to determine if you have a treatable mite infestation. If you do have mites you can treat them with a miticide such as FormicPro which is laid across the top of the frame.

You should also check to make sure you have a Queen. If there is no Queen, the bees will all leave. This is also the time to check to see if wasps, gnats or mice have invaded the hive.

If you are in it for the honey, you can start to harvest honey around July-ish. This will give bees time to replenish their supply to get them through the winter months. You can tell if it's time to harvest honey if the frames are full. If you just want the bees to keep working and you aren't interested in harvesting honey, you can just add another box (super) to the hive. For you honey harvesters, it's interesting to note that each frame of honey can have a different flavor. That's because sometimes the bees come back from certain flowers, fill up the frame and move to another frame with pollen from another flower variety.

When checking the hive or harvesting honey it helps to use a smoker which disorients the bees, moves them away and allows you to do your work with the hive. After removing the lids, Julie uses a pryer and clamp to pull the frames up. The frames are put into a spinner to spin off the raw honey. The frames can be returned to the hive for the bees to clean out the cells and start filling them again. After the spinning process the honey goes through a cheesecloth-like





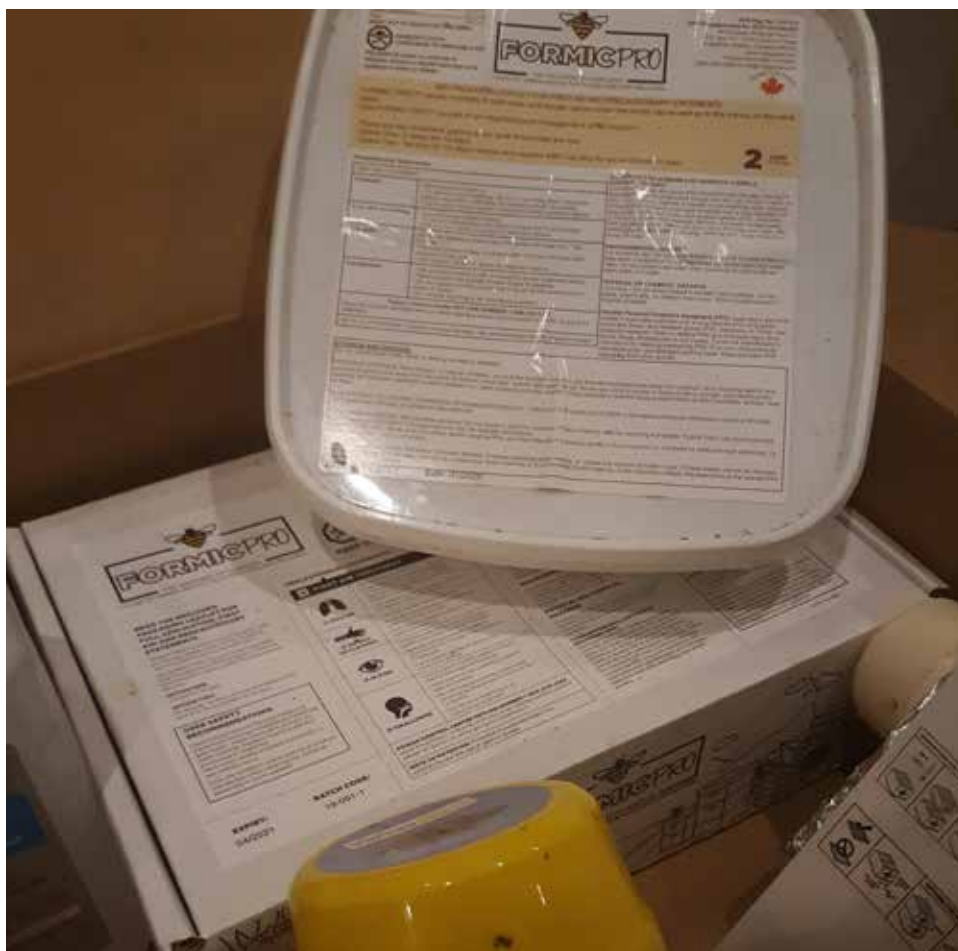
material to filter the honey. After filtering, the honey can be placed in jars with lids (and given to your sister-in law...hee hee!) Honey will last FOREVER!

To help your bees overwinter, if they are not already in a sheltered area you can stake a tarp over the hive to shield it from the wind and rain, making sure to leave the front protected but open. You will also need to decrease the opening size to help the bees defend their hive. Doing that will give them less area that they have to defend. It is still important to go out and observe the hive every couple of weeks in the winter. Julie says you can pretty much leave them alone until March or April when the flowers come out.

In Julie's opinion, you have to really love what you are doing to be a backyard beekeeper. "Think of beekeeping as a really expensive pet!" On average it takes \$250 to get started and that is not including the gear, the smoker or the bees! You need to commit a lot of time during the season. You can't leave for long periods of time. You have to keep checking the hive and treat for mites. On the plus side, she and her husband love watching Nature in action! They love watching the bees pollinate everything and they get the added benefit of the honey.

Julie advises that you do a lot of research before you get a hive. Both the Portland Urban Beekeepers organization and the Oregon State University Master Bee program offer critical information you will need before starting your own backyard hive! Take it from Julie... "Don't jump into beekeeping until you're educated! It's not good for the long term health of the bees, it's not good for the environment and it's not good for you! You will get stung and you're not going to enjoy that!"

So if your concern for the collapse of our bee populations draws you to start your own backyard hive,



be sure you do your homework before getting started. If keeping honeybees in your backyard seems a bit daunting, you can still help the pollinators by planting natives and lots of flowers, adding mason bee boxes to your garden, cutting back on pesticides and even keeping a little bare soil exposed. Every little bit will help with supporting bees in our environment.

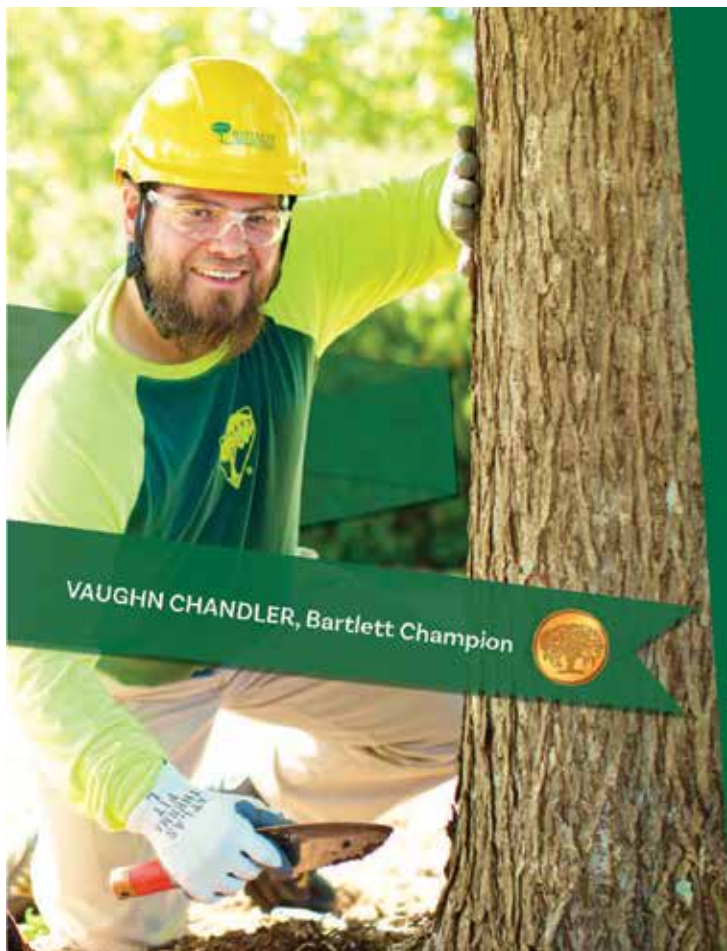
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**Love peaches?
Here are three new
miniature peach
trees for the
2020 season
that you really
must try!**

by Therese Gustin



'Pix-Zee'-Peaches

You know the BEST Peaches are the ones that are sooo juicy, you must eat them while you are leaning over the kitchen sink. Yum! Pure Summer Heaven! Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a peach tree in your back yard? Oh, you only have a small garden area? Not to worry. This year you can find three miniature peach trees varieties that grow up to six feet tall!

The amazing breeders at Zaiger's Genetics in Modesto, California have developed miniature peach tree varieties that are now available at your favorite garden centers and nurseries. This family business includes parents Floyd and Betty, daughter Leith Gardener and sons Gary and Grant. Their website says a "Family organized to improve fruit worldwide." They are known around the world for their work in hardy fruit and rootstock breeding programs. From Zaiger's Genetics the stock then

goes to the renown west coast grower of fruit and nut trees plus deciduous shade trees, Dave Wilson Nursery. This nursery is a "licensor and primary propagator of varieties developed by Zaiger's Inc. Genetics." Dave Wilson Nursery is family owned and located east of Modesto, California.

They grow trees for commercial and home orchards. Their website is a wealth of information for the home orchard. Click on <https://www.davewilson.com/home-gardens> for many articles and garden tips for growing your own fruit.

These are just three of the new miniature peach trees available locally for the 2020 season. Really, they are no bigger than the blueberry shrubs you probably already have in your garden right now. Peaches do need to be sprayed to protect them from Peach Leaf Curl. Use organic Copper Fungicides and



'Pix Zee' Miniature Peach Tree

Horticulture Oil sprays in winter when the trees are dormant. Remember to incorporate compost when planting your new tree, fertilize and water regularly especially during the first two to three summer seasons. We're out in our gardens all summer, enjoying seasonal fruit and vegetables. Planting one of these new miniature peaches in our garden or even in a container on the deck is a great idea. Not too much work for Summer Heaven Peaches!

'Pix Zee' Miniature Peach Tree

Ht 4-6 ft tall

Hardy to -10°F

Self-Pollinating

Fruit bearing after planted 2-3 years

Blooms about Mid-March /Early April

Harvest late June early July

Ripens about 2 weeks before
'Honey Babe' Peaches.

Firm, red skin over yellow fruit with free stone

One Green World in Portland says, 'Pix Zee'
"produces some of the largest fruits of any
miniature peach!"

'Honey Babe' Miniature Peach Tree

Ht 4-5ft tall

Hardy to -10°F

Partially self-fruitful, better production
with a pollinator

Fruit bearing after planted 2-3 years

Blooms about Mid-March/Early April

Ripens in early mid-season to mid-season,
about Mid July-ish

Sweet, flavorful peach with yellow free stone fruit



'Honey Babe' Peaches

'Bonanza' Miniature Peach Tree

Height to 5ft

Hardy to -10°F

Self-Pollinating

Fruit bearing after
planted 2-3 years

Blooms about
Mid-March /Early April

Ripens in Late June to
Early July

Large, yellow low acid
fruit with freestone

Somewhat resistant to
Peach Leaf Curl



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Leader of the Pack

For Megan BigJohn, everything in life is a team sport.

by Jeff Gustin

Megan BigJohn and Mike Hicks

For our Hortie this month, getting outdoors in nature, and in the garden, it's all about the team! Megan BigJohn-Hicks, our Hortie of the month, is a person who has used the team concept for most of her life and been very successful. She is currently the Parks Manager with the Lake Oswego Parks Department, but has a long and varied background in the gardening industry.

She started life, not in the garden, but on the playing field. A local Canby girl, she played volleyball, softball and basketball (and a little swimming) while growing up, and after high school headed to Western Oregon University to play volleyball and softball, while majoring in Sports Therapy. After a couple years she realized she wasn't passionate about her career choices and that they didn't lie in Sports Therapy, so she transferred to Oregon State University and started studying horticulture. This was a major shift, since she had only one

high school class in horticulture and had never been into gardening much while growing up. This shift took everyone by surprise, including her parents, but it was here that she became a true plant geek! This love of plants led her to a Landscape and Turf Management degree at OSU and then to an internship at the Oregon Garden in Silverton when she graduated. This amazing opportunity came as the Oregon Garden was just being developed. The opportunity to help build a botanical garden was something that she jumped at and now treasures. This is when her 'team first' background in sports from her youth really came back to pay off. The team at the Oregon Garden, including Al Shay and Becky Ives, was building a garden from scratch and that helped with Megan's continuing education as a plant fanatic, not just with plant knowledge, but also with dealing with the public. That exposure to the public lit a fire for service and education. She soon was able to work with

the volunteers and the public to educate them about the plants and about the garden. She also learned from her interactions with those same volunteers and visitors. It wasn't just about plants, it was about people. That fire for service and education has just continued as her career has advanced.

Due to the downturn in the economy the next jog in her career path took her to Mahonia Vineyards and Nursery in Salem as a grower and landscape manager. The owner, John Miller, is a visionary man who is a sustainable developer and entrepreneur with a love of natives. It was here she found her love of native plants. Mahonia is known for saving and propagating native species like Oregon white oaks and mahonias, and re-



Megan with community members.



Megan working with kids.

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turning them to developed lands so we can continue our Northwest biodiversity. This job took her around the area to talk about the benefits of natives and how they could work in landscapes. During one of her talks at Al's Garden and Home in Sherwood she met with the head salesperson from Little Prince of Oregon. This chance meeting led to her next change in her life and career path, to Little Prince of Oregon.

During that time Little Prince was a small, yet growing nursery. Ketch, the owner, was looking for a team builder in sales, and he picked the right person! 'Team' is her middle name! This growing business needed a go getter and Megan was that person. While she was there she met her husband Mike Hicks, who was hired as the head grower. This wasn't a problem, but they sensed that things might get sticky with spouses working together so they decided that Megan should look for another opportunity and guess what happened...

A job posting opened up for a Lake Oswego natural areas utility worker. Her application brought her back to her roots from the Oregon Garden. She is now back on the front line, shoveling, raking and weeding. This also meant cleaning out all the parks after a summer of community fun... not fun, for these wonderful workers. Bags and bins of trash have to be removed and areas cleaned up after a summer of community 'involvement'. This is how you know that someone is dedicated! Fast forward



ahead to today and Megan has just been promoted to Parks Manager. This is where the team concept returns once again. Everyone has to work together. Many hands make light work... New construction, continuous maintenance, and continuing education programs all have to be coordinated. Lake Oswego is a team, not unlike the sports teams that she had experienced long ago, and now she was able to help direct those teams. It became about creating spaces for a more livable community!

Currently there are nine local friends groups in the Lake Oswego area. These are specific groups that are dedicated to certain communities or interests. These groups have already had over 40 community events to get their local areas ready for the summer or to clean up community areas, and it isn't just about cleaning up areas, it is about replanting areas for future generations. These programs have made Lake Oswego one of the most livable cities in the Pacific Northwest. Megan is at the forefront



Megan and Mike checking out plants to die for.

on directing those teams. It also brought Megan back to the education and service part of her life again, about how to bring people back to nature and their local parks. She is now involved with the Lake Oswego gnome project. There are three gnomes that make their way across the 450 acres of the Lake Oswego parks system. People can get information about where they might be and then go out and enjoy the parks while they are searching for these little pixies! You can get hints at, <https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/parksrec/find-stewardship-gnomes-nature>.

All this takes team work and we can think of no better team leader than Megan Bigjohn-Hicks to lead the way.



Megan with community members.

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Making a Clean Getaway

Spring cleaning will always be a chore. But a few tips and a little discipline will maximize your time and minimize your effort.

by Robin Burke

A wet, cloudy weekend isn't exactly the best time to move the furniture out to deep clean the carpet. You may have gotten motivated enough to clean out the linen closet, but even that's pushing it.

So, with all the spring rain we've had, there's a good chance you let your Spring Cleaning slip by this year. Well, not so fast! There's a saying that actually grates on my nerves but, applies here: "Git 'er done"! Putting off the inevitable will only leave you with a dusty, dirty, cluttered home. Who wants that? Not you, and frankly, not your guests. (In-laws anyone?)

Here are some tips to get you started:

Make a playlist. Seriously, why not have some good music to get you going, and keep you moti-

vated?

Open some windows and let the fresh air in!

Then, get into your comfy old clothes. Pull your hair back, if you have any, and make sure you can't hear the computer ding with new emails (that gets me every time).

Have handy all the tools and supplies you'll need. (Cleaning solutions, micro fiber cloths, paper towels, tile scrubber.)

If you want to enlist the entire family, go for it. Give specific jobs to each person. If necessary, set a timer. Twenty minutes per task should be enough for kids. Then announce it's time to move onto the next thing. It's helpful for adults, too. For example, set a timer for 45 minutes to clean out

the refrigerator, then, move on to the next task. You don't want to get bogged down doing one thing. Keep up the momentum!

Clutter:

Cleaning experts always say, "Get rid of the clutter, first". No sense in cleaning off your kitchen counter to scrub it down, just to put all that junk right back on top of it.

Start in the main living areas like the kitchen and family room. Remain focused! Now is not the time to "ooh and ah" over art projects from three months ago, or read that article you've been meaning to finish. Important paperwork that still has to be dealt with should be put in a place designated for important paperwork. You'll get to that later. And, unless the clutter is all yours, everyone should help with this first



step.

Open windows and clean out the frame.

Windows:

Someone's got to do them! Not just the glass, but the window coverings, too. Do the entire house, before you move on to the next task.

Curtains and valances, depending on the fabric, can be gently vacuumed with a brush attachment, removed and shaken out, or laundered by you or by a professional.

Wood blinds can easily be wiped down with a microfiber cloth.

Metal blinds, if not too heavy, can be removed and dunked in a bathtub full of water and a small amount of cleaning solution or distilled white vinegar. Dry on old towels and re-hang.

For glass, spray on a mixture of equal parts water and distilled white vinegar, and wipe clean with newsprint. Yes, it's old fashioned, but it still works! You could also use a small squeegee.

Wipe down windowsills.

Get the Cobwebs Out:

Move around the house with a clean broom or duster with a long handle and grab those cobwebs on the ceiling, in the corners and along the walls. You don't always notice them, but they're there.

Wipe down baseboards and ceiling moldings.

Carpet:

This is the one job I leave to the professionals. But, if you are a determined do-it-yourselfer, and don't own a carpet shampooer, do some research before you rent one. Make sure you get the best machine for the job. Remember, this can be a half-day job so, don't expect to get a lot of your other cleaning accomplished.

Spot clean in a pinch.

Kitchen:

Clean oven; or start the self-clean





option.

Clean stovetop, including burner covers and wells.

Clean out all expired food from refrigerator, freezer, pantry and cupboards. Don't forget spices and oils, too.

Wash shelves and drawers of refrigerator and wipe down inside with soapy water. Wipe down cabinets and appliances.

Clean out microwave.

Clean out utensil tray.

Clear off counters and seal if applicable.

Wash out trashcan.

My mom always pulled out the stove and the refrigerator and cleaned behind them. I don't advise this unless you have help, and are assured you won't scratch the flooring.

Wipe down table and chair legs.

Family/Living Room:

Remove cushions from furniture and vacuum. If possible, wash throw pillows.

Carefully dust lampshades.

Clean out fireplace.

Dust everything.

Bedroom:

Wash all bedding, including comforters, duvet covers, bedspreads and pillows. Vacuum under the beds, nightstands and dressers.

Remove everything from floor of closet and vacuum/sweep.

Bath:

Clean tile and re-grout around tub/shower if necessary. Wash bath mats.

Go through medications and beauty products and responsibly discard expired items.

Wash out trashcan.

Misc:

Wipe clean all light fixtures and ceiling fans.

If you have a china cabinet, remove everything and clean or dust.

Wipe down electronics, including

television screens with appropriate cleaner.

Touch up wall paint and trim.

Outdoors:

Clean doormats.

Take off window screens and spray off dirt with hose. Let dry before replacing.

Clean windows – if you do that sort of thing.

Clean grill, inside and out.

Clean outdoor light fixtures.

Wash out trashcans and recycling bins.

Clean outdoor furniture.

Whew!

This may be an overwhelming list for some, and only scratching the surface for others. If you're the former, go ahead and pick and choose what you feel is top priority and go from there. If you accomplish all, or even part of this list, pat yourself on the back, host a summer party, or better yet, pop the top off a cold brew of choice and relax. You got 'er done!

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They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. But, for gardeners, March is more like a turtle: Slow and steady wins the race. Keep up with your gardening regimen, prune and fertilize--and stay ahead of the weeds. March is the month of Spring, and the bare branches of winter will soon be sprouting forth with color!

PLANNING

- Have you been making notes in your garden journal? It'll be fun to see what all you were able to accomplish this year when you look back on your notes!



- Do more vegetable garden planning to take advantage of all the space available. For instance, planting pole beans at the base of corn plants is a great combo! As the beans grow they have the corn to grow on for support and the beans add back to the soil ni-

trogen needed by the corn.

- We recommend you research some additional companion planting for your vegetable crops. By planting 'companion plants' together and keeping disagreeable plants apart, you can have the best production ever! If you can tweak your planting

plan to allow for these little natural friendships to develop, then your harvests will be more bountiful than ever!

Ed Hume's seed website has some good info on companion planting or you can find lots of companion planting information in a book by Louise Riotte, "Carrots Love Tomatoes".

Here are just three examples;

Beans like celery and cucumbers but do not like onions and fennel.

Corn lives happily with pumpkins, peas, beans and cucumber but does not like tomatoes!

Tomatoes like carrots, onions and parsley but don't plant them near cabbage or cauliflower.



PLANTING

- This is a good 'general' planting and landscaping month, an excellent time to start looking at what's available to add color and drama to your landscaping. More stock will be available this time of year and the plants can get off to a great start as the soil begins to warm up.

- Your last chance to buy bare root fruit trees is this month. You want to get the bare root trees planted before they leaf out, so hurry in to your local garden center to see what's available.

- Plant berry crops: Strawber-



ries, blueberries and all the cane berries like raspberries and blackberries, currants and gooseberries.

TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- Clean up perennials and divide daylilies, hosta, asters, garden mums and other summer and fall blooming perennials. Cut back dormant perennial grasses to 2" above soil.

- Fertilize trees and shrubs, if you haven't yet, with an all purpose slow release fertilizer. This is the 'last chance' month to apply this six-month slow release formula. You want it to be used up by

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MARCH

your plants by the end of July. This way your plants will have the months of August and September to get toughened up for winter.



- Prune roses if you haven't yet. Thin them out, spacing the branches you leave for best sun exposure. Fertilize

roses with a granular slow release fertilizer to keep them strong and healthy, making the rose bush better able to resist disease and insects. Watch for aphids as they love the new growth on roses.

- Prune flowering trees and shrubs when they finish flower-

ing. After forsythia's blooms fade is when you should prune it. Cut out up to 1/3rd of the stems or branches all the way down to the ground. This allows for the new stems to grow that will bloom next season. Look up pruning tips for each plant you are thinking of working on. Your research now will payoff later in better looking trees and shrubs.

- Spread compost over the veggie garden and landscape beds to help enrich the soil.

- Early spring is a good time to apply a lawn fertilizer with extra iron for moss control. The seed germination inhibiting iron will be gone in time for your grass seedling in late April.

- Weeds? Remember that if weeds are allowed to go to seed, more and more work will be added to your garden. Keep up with this task by pulling them or covering the weeds with newspaper and compost, letting them rot beneath and then turning them into the soil once rotted.

- Watch for slugs. Use Bonide's slug bait called 'Slug Magic' to kill slugs safely with its active ingredient, iron phosphate.



VEGETABLE GARDEN

- Check soil temperatures often this month to see what can be planted out by seed. Refer back to the soil temperature chart (in our January issue) for planting vegetables by seed out into the garden. The chart also lists the best soil temperatures for planting young starts.



- Vegetable garden: Apply organic compost to the soil. Spade in this amendment or roto-till. (If soil is still too wet, just spade in amendments as spading is better for the soil structure anyway).

- Start plants indoors, using good organic seed starting soil; broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chives, green onions, leeks, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and eggplant.

- Plant seeds outdoors, unless otherwise specified; beets, garden peas, fava beans, cabbage starts, cilantro, garlic cloves, green onion starts, onion sets, shallots, mustard greens, spinach, swiss chard and radishes .

Plant most of the perennial varieties of veggies now like asparagus crowns, artichokes horseradish and rhubarb. Plant carrot seeds at the end of the month.

- Plant Walla Walla onion set starts and the dry white, yellow or red onion sets.

- Pick up your seed potatoes this month as soon as they are available, since they should be chitted first before planting. (It's not a mistake, we do mean chit!) 'Chitting' potatoes is a term that means pre-sprouting seed potatoes. Place the seed spuds in a single layer, eyes facing up, in a cool frost free (no lower than 50F) but well-lit space. Good strong



light, even sun, is best for creating the plump, strong stubby sprouts, not any long weak sprouts you see from stored potatoes. When the sprouts are about 3/4"-1" long the tubers can be planted out in the garden. Chitting first helps with an earlier and larger harvest.



PLAY TIME

Gardening Events Around Town

**Winter Windfall Colors: Dyeing with Storm Fallen
Branches, Orchard Prunings and Lichens**
Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Iris Sullivan-Daire of DreamBird Studio. Sweetly scented healing colors on silk and wool ~ warm browns & rich burnished golden hues, these are the reward for the forager of winter windfall dyes here in the PNW. In this class we will cook up a big pot of hemlock, spruce, and alder twigs along with lichens which have been gathered off the ground after storms on the Oregon Coast. We will discuss the ethics and safety of wild crafting dyes, possibilities for using fruit tree prunings for color, and touch on the medicinal potential of some common trees and lichens. Students will leave with a cozy raw silk scarf dyed in the class, and empowered to explore the potential of windfall colors in their own neighborhood. \$30 materials fee. Pre-registration required. www.portlandnursery.com

Seed Starting Basics
Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Corina Reynolds Stearns of Portland Nursery. Let's get sowing! Learn the basics of starting seeds both indoors and out. We'll discuss starting seeds inside vs. direct sowing outside, indoor lighting options, outdoor seedling protection, soil mediums, types of seeds, and many essential tips and tricks. www.portlandnursery.com

All About Soil Amendments
Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Heather Havens of Concentrates, Inc. Healthy soil is the foundation of a vibrant garden. Heather Havens, who has a BS of Agriculture and is the general manager of Concentrates, Inc., will discuss natural soil fertilization and soil management for maximum plant and soil health. We'll discuss the use of natural soil amendments and fertilizers as well as techniques for sustainable soil health and maintenance. We'll also discuss soil test interpretation, so feel free to get a soil test from A & L Labs, and bring your test report to class if you like (not required by any means)! Mail your soil sample to A & L Labs (or bring it to Concentrates to mail). Analysis to

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get: S3C + Recommendations, Graphical. For SOIL, or S7A + Recommendations, Graphical for Artificial Media. www.portlandnursery.com

Outdoor Container Gardening 101:
Vegetables and Herbs
Sunday, March 1, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Katie Frey of Portland Nursery. Gardening on a budget? Renting or only have a patio/balcony? New to growing your own food, and just want to experiment a little? Want to learn DIY suggestions for gardening in small spaces? Then this is the class for you! Learn ways to plan and implement a low-cost container garden, be it one pot or many. We'll discuss an array of situationally appropriate, inexpensive options for setup, growing, and care. You'll also leave with suggestions of edibles who lend themselves more easily to containers. Material learned in this class will focus primarily on food plants, but much of the information will be directly transferable to containers with flowers and shrubs. www.portlandnursery.com

Wildlife Habitats in Residential Settings
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 • 6:50pm
Griffith Park Building, Beaverton, OR

Presenter: Brian French, Urban Habitat Snag, Founder of Arboriculture International. Wildlife is an essential part of our environment both in the country and in our cities. They play an important role in urban gardens. This presentation describes how we can make the spaces around our homes beneficial to plants and animals. Come and learn what to preserve and restore and what to remove or control.

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

Plant Nerd Night 2020 with Mike Darcy
Friday, March 6, 2020 • 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lake Bible Church, Lake Oswego, OR

The tradition continues. A plant nerd's dream come true. HPSO, along with the Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection and the Salem Hardy Plant Society, is stepping in again this year to underwrite Mike Darcy's

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Plant Nerd Night.

This annual event features representatives from six regional speciality nurseries/gardens who offer illustrated previews of new or favorite plants, many of which are also offered for sale at the event. Don't miss it! This is always a "sell-out" performance and a wonderful way to launch the spring planting season. Lake Bible Church, 4565 Carman Drive, Lake Oswego, Oregon. <http://www.hardyplantsociety.org/plant-nerd-night>

Linn Co. Master Gardeners Present

The 6th Annual BEEvent

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 8:00am-5:00pm

Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR

Featured keynote speaker: Olivia Messenger Carril, co-author of *Bees in Your Backyard*, winner of the 2017 PROSE Award. Olivia Messenger Carril received her Ph.D. in plant biology from Southern Illinois University and has been studying bees and the flowers they visit for nearly twenty years.

Also, join us for sessions on: Planting a home garden to attract bees; How to read a pesticide label to understand implications for pollinators; The Oregon Bee Atlas - new updates; Pollinating flies and blue orchard mason bees and more! Attendees can buy bee supplies, cocoons, honey, plants, seeds and more.

Raising Mason Bees*

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 10:00am-12:00pm

PCC Rock Creek, Portland, OR

Presenter: Ron Spendal, Master Gardener. This presentation is the second of three sessions on mason bees. It focuses on the environmental needs of the mason bees, nesting behaviors of mason bees, nesting and housing devices attractive to mason bees. *Class is approved for one-hour MG Education Credit. Location: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103, 17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland, OR 97229.

Tool Sharpening

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Al's Garden and Home, Sherwood, OR

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3/7, to do just that. He does knives too! Pruners, loppers, knives, regular scissors: \$5. Serrated knives: \$8. Sewing scissors: \$10. Non-electric tools only please. www.als-gardencenterevents.com

First Saturday Guided Tours

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

Join Gardener/Curator Courtney Vengarick for seasonal explorations of the Garden. She will show you what's blooming and of seasonal interest, provide useful and engaging information, and share fun stories about the adventurous creators of the Garden, Botanist Lilla Leach and pharmacist/civic leader John Leach. Meet in front of the Manor House. Free. No registration required. First come, first served. Maximum tour size 15 visitors.

Guided Tours start on the First Saturday of March and end on the first Saturday of November. (Exception: There are no tours if the Saturday occurs on the same weekend as our Annual Plant Sale or our Annual English Tea. Please check the Calendar.) Leach Botanical Garden 6704 SE 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97236. www.leachgarden.org

Kid's Club: Strawberry Explosion

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 11:00am(W)

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 11:00am(S)

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am(G)

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 11:00am(V)

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

Back by popular demand, we are planting strawberry plants in a unique container. Kids will love picking and eating their delicious red, ripe strawberries throughout the summer months. Join us to learn more about this wonderful fruit! Cost: \$7.50. www.als-gardencenterevents.com

Rose Care 101

Saturday March 7, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

New to roses, or have never grown any because you've heard they're just too much trouble? Then this introductory class is just for you! We'll go over the dif-

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Gardening Events Around Town (continued)

ferent rose types, pruning techniques for each type, selection, planting, cutting and care—everything you need to know to successfully grow prize beautiful Roses. *Registration for this class will close 24 hours prior to event. Event subject to cancelation if minimum number of attendees is not met. In the event of cancelation you will be notified by phone and email prior to class. Full refunds will be issued within 48 hours. This is a free event! Please register so we know you're coming. www.bloomingjunction.com

Bonsai

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 11:00am
The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR

Lucy Davenport is a self-taught bonsai artist that gained her knowledge and interest in bonsai from the many international bonsai collections she has visited. The strong spiritual presence she feels from the ancient bonsai specimens inspired her to start her own business, Bonsai Akira; “akira” means “brilliance” or “clarity”. During this workshop, Lucy will go over the plant's needs from soil to climate zone—and care for the first year through the four seasons. The lecture will be followed by hands-on instruction during which time Lucy will help students in beginning to shape their very own miniature tree to take home! www.oregongarden.org

What to Do in the Spring Vegetable Garden
Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 11:00am-12:30pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Robyn Streeter of Your Backyard Farmer. Join Robyn for a great refresher on what to do in the veggie garden over the spring months. Topics include soils and composts to get the garden ready, irrigation techniques, and developing a timeline and planting calendar for spring and summer. www.portlandnursery.com

Native Bees, Butterflies, and Other Weird and Wonderful Creatures of the Insect World: How You Can Help in Your Garden and Through Community Science

Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

Join Emma Pelton of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation to learn about the wonderful world of insects.
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sects, including why you may not have seen any monarchs last year, why bumble bees are worth getting to know, and more. Get gardening advice about what species native flowering plants to plant in our area that provide the greatest benefits to bees and butterflies and other bugs. Learn how insecticides affect pollinators and alternatives to their use. Want to take your insect love outside the bounds of your garden? Receive an introduction to the wonderful world of insect community science including projects happening right here in Oregon.

Bonsai – Styling Workshop With Lee Cheatle
Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Bring in your own tree (or purchase one before class), to work on with the guidance and instruction of Lee Cheatle, former President of Portland Bonsai Society. Observe and discuss a variety of styling techniques, and bring your tree forward with Lee's expert input. Class will be held in an unheated space, so dress accordingly. Please call 541-753-6601 to register. Cost: \$35. Garland Nursery, 5470 NE Highway 20, Corvallis, 97330. www.garlandnursery.com

Art is for the Birds! Make a Nesting Ball
Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Portland Nursery's own interdisciplinary artist Tamara Lynne and Candace Larson of Audubon Society. Join bird nerd extraordinaire Candace Larson of the Audubon Society and interdisciplinary artist Tamara Lynne for a lively conversation about the importance of bird habitat and how you support your local birds. Candace will share her enthusiasm and knowledge of habits and nesting needs of some of the birds that might grace our local landscape, and Tamara will show how you can make a unique and beautiful nesting ball. Pinecone nesting balls, made with natural, found and recycled materials, offer essential supplies that ensure your avian friends can make a warm and cozy refuge to raise the next generation. Class fee: \$15 payable day of class. Class size limited to 15. www.portlandnursery.com

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**Build-Your-Own Fertilizer****Saturday, March 7, 2020 • 1:00pm****Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Katie Davis, Master Gardener. Thinking about creating your own fertilizer from bulk ingredients? Look past N-P-K and consider how your garden and your plants respond to different kinds of input. Katie will discuss common bulk amendments and converting your needs into application rates. www.portlandnursery.com

Organic Vegetable Gardening 101:**Basics for Beginners****Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 11:00am****Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Gardening Goddess, Jolie Ann Donohue. If you are excited to grow your own food, but have little to no experience or are new to gardening in the Portland area, this is the class for you! Jolie Donohue, The Gardening Goddess will discuss the basics of organic edible gardening, including: site preparation, crop selection based on site elements, planting and care techniques. With her two decades of gardening experience, Jolie will demystify growing your own food and will share her tips and techniques for beginner success! www.portlandnursery.com

Gardening with Native Plants**Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 11:00am****Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**

With Linda Hardison and Dennis Albert of OregonFlora. Learn about native plants, what constitutes a 'native', the ecoregions of our state, and which species will grow well in your Willamette Valley garden or landscape. Learn how the design of your native plant gardening choices can be informed by the resources of OregonFlora through discussion and lots of beautiful images. OregonFlora is a program based at Oregon State University that provides comprehensive information about the native and naturalized plants of our state that grow in the wild. Through its Flora books, wildflower identification app, Facebook page, and the oregonflora.org website, users can find photos, maps, and details about Oregon's plants, including garden species and where to purchase them. www.portlandnursery.com

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Organic Vegetable Gardening 102: Crop Rotation & Companion Planting**Sunday, March 8, 2020 • 1:00pm****Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

With Gardening Goddess, Jolie Ann Donohue. Take your vegetable garden to the next level. This is a great class for gardeners with a little experience under their belt who now want to dig deeper! Join Jolie Donohue, The Gardening Goddess and learn the benefits of practicing crop rotation and companion planting for the healthiest, happiest plants possible. Drawing from two decades of gardening experience, Jolie will discuss tips and techniques for crop rotation, great crop combinations and methods for inter-planting, and strategize about how to rotate crops in small urban plots. www.portlandnursery.com

African Violet Educational Display and Plant Sale**Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 10:00am-3:00pm****Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR**

The public is encouraged to ask questions, get answers and information and purchase plants.

Vegetable Gardening Basics**Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 10:00am****Jenkins Estate, Beaverton, OR**

Presenter: Valerie Conner, Master Gardener. Covers soil preparation, what to plant when, where and how, how often to water and tips to make your garden thrive! Location: WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate, 8005 SW Grabhorn, Beaverton, OR 97007.

Backyard Berry Care**Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm****Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**

Learn the basics of backyard berry care with Farmer Justin. This will include site preparation, planting layout, pruning, trellising, and common pest and disease issues. The focus will be on small fruit: blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries. Registration for this event will close 24 hours prior to event. Event subject to cancellation if minimum number of attendees is not met. In the event of cancellation you will be notified by phone and email prior to class. Full refunds will be issued within 48 hours. www.bloomingjunction.com

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Tool Maintenance

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Jarid Kroes of Portland Nursery. Pruners not cutting well? Shovel has dings in the edge? Come learn how to maintain your hand tools so you have to work less and not buy replacements. Join Jarid of Portland Nursery on a lesson on manual garden tool maintenance. We will discuss pruners, shovels, saws, and more. www.portlandnursery.com

Little Sprouts Leprechaun Garden

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

The kids will love making a magical leprechaun garden. Learning how to care for their creation will teach them an appreciation for the natural world. Cost \$10 - Preregistration required. Call 541-753-6601 to reserve your spot! www.garlandnursery.com

Bonsai – Beginning Conifer

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

This introductory class will explore various principles of Bonsai, and how they can be applied. A range of concepts will be discussed, including pruning and root management methods to benefit tree health. All subjects are outdoor species, and classes will be held in an unheated space, so dress accordingly. Please call 541-753-6601 to register. \$75 fee includes a tree, pot, and materials. Garland Nursery, 5470 NE Highway 20, Corvallis, OR

Hydrangea Clinic with Kristin VanHoose

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 11:00am or 1:30pm

Garden Gallery Iron Works, Hubbard, OR

Everyone loves Hydrangeas, with their poofy bunches of colorful blooms. Learn how to grow these gorgeous bushes in a free clinic at Garden Gallery's retail store in Hubbard on Saturday, March 14th. Kristin VanHoose from Hydrangeas Plus will share her firsthand knowledge of over 300 different varieties, offer tips, demonstrate techniques, answer questions and tell you about the latest developments in the world of Hydrangeas. Keep your Hydrangeas standing tall with our impressive selection of arbors, trellises, planters and supports available in our store. We look forward to seeing you for this informative seminar.

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able in our store. We look forward to seeing you for this informative seminar.

There are two class times, so choose the one that works best for you. Call us or go to <https://www.facebook.com/gardengalleryironworks> to let us know you intend to join us!

Growing Vegetables in Raised Garden Beds

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Ian Wilson of Portland Edible Gardens. Raised garden beds are a wonderful way to grow a ton of food in a small urban space! They also have many advantages over traditional in-ground garden beds. Come learn about the practice of growing veggies in raised beds! This class will cover benefits and drawbacks, what vegetables grows best in raised beds, seasonal cycle of planting and caring for raised vegetable gardens, and more! www.portlandnursery.com

Bonsai is for Everyone

Saturday, March 14, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Lucy Davenport of Bonsai Akira. Lucy Davenport of Bonsai Akira will cover the elements of styling, or taking a plant specimen from nursery stock to a finished bonsai. The class will include an overview of the techniques of styling, including root pruning, branch pruning, wiring, and leaf reduction. This allows persons with any level of experience to participate. Bring a plant or just come to learn. Class limited to 15. www.portlandnursery.com

The Home Orchard Society Hosts

the 44th Annual Fruit Propagation Fair!

Sunday March 15, 2020 • 10:00am-4:00pm

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby, OR

This event will be held in the main pavilion at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. You'll find hundreds of varieties of free scions and cuttings. If you graft this is paradise. Or you can choose custom grafting by experts for only \$5. Come join the fun of growing good fruit at home!

Free with your admission are: Hundreds of varieties of
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scions (cuttings) including apple, pear, quince, plum and cherry. Arrive early for the best selection. Cuttings of grapes, kiwis, and figs to root. HOS experts to answer your fruit growing questions. Door prizes.

For sale are: Rootstocks - all kinds and sizes to make your own fruit trees. Plants - Strawberries, blueberries, grapes, plus one year old grafted fruit trees and grape vines. Mason bee supplies. Custom grafting - get your own tree made as you watch. Books and literature about growing fruit. Local honey from Raw Oregon Honey. Plants from One Green World.

Clackamas County Fairgrounds - 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR. For more information go to: www.homeorchardsociety.org

Seed Starting Basics

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Corina Reynolds Stearns of Portland Nursery. Let's get sowing! Learn the basics of starting seeds both indoors and out. We'll discuss starting seeds inside vs. direct sowing outside, indoor lighting options, outdoor seedling protection, soil mediums, types of seeds, and many essential tips and tricks. www.portlandnursery.com

Writing and Drawing with Plants

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With interdisciplinary artist Tamara Lynne, of Portland Nursery. Bring a hardback notebook with blank pages and a pen, pencil or any other drawing materials, and settle in to enjoy quiet writing and drawing inspiration from the many vibrant living things around us: plants, trees, insects, birds, sun, wind and weather. Through close listening, careful observation, and a series of timed prompts, we'll engage with the environment. We plan to be outside for part of the time, weather permitting. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring cushions or other seating if you like. www.portlandnursery.com

Houseplant Mounting Workshop

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 1:00pm

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Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With MacKenzie Kidd of Portland Nursery. Learn the trick to mounting your favorite houseplants, starting with the classic Staghorn Fern! We'll discuss design and care of your mount, as well as tips for mounting other epiphytic genera. Plants and materials will be provided, and you'll go home with a new specimen to add to your plant collection! Class Fee: \$27. Class limit: 10 people. www.portlandnursery.com

Sweet Dreams with Garden Herbs

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Missy Rohs, Arctos School of Herbal Studies. There are lots of different garden plants that can be safely and effectively utilized to send you off to dreamland! We'll explore some stellar soporifics (sleep herbs) to use as teas, tinctures, or dream pillows, as well as 'magical' plant allies to encourage dreaming. All of them make beautiful additions to the garden, too! www.portlandnursery.com

Oregon Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2020 • 3:00pm

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

Oregon Cactus and Succulent Society will present "The New, Rare, and Seldom Seen Cacti and other Succulents of Mexico". This video was presented at the 2017 Cactus and Succulent Society of America Convention. Open to the public! www.portlandnursery.com

Cherry Blossom Day

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Oregon State Capitol, Salem, Oregon

Among dozens of blooming cherry trees, the Oregon State Capitol will host its third annual Cherry Blossom Day on March 18. The celebration will include a 5K run and walk, kite flying, cherry tasting, traditional Japanese performances and exhibits and other free, family-friendly activities.

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, March 19, 2020 • 5:00pm-8:00pm

Al's Garden and Home, Sherwood, OR

Don't miss our annual event, full of fashion, food, friends, and fun! Al's of Sherwood, 16920 SW Roy Rogers Rd, **continued next page**



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Sherwood, OR.

Gift Basket Raffle

Friday - Sunday, March 20-22, 2020

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

We are raffling off a gift basket full of great items to help you get excited about spring gardening! It will contain seeds, tools, gloves, plants, fertilizer, a gift card and many other items, too numerous to list here. Receive your raffle ticket by spending \$25.00; or spend \$75.00 and receive three tickets! www.tsugawanursery.com

Mid-Valley Yard, Garden & Home Show

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, 2020

Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR

The Mid-Valley Yard, Garden & Home Show is coming to the Oregon State Fairgrounds March 20-22. See the latest in outdoor living, gardening trends, design ideas, tools for the garden and home improvement products and services. Admission is free.

Girls Night Out

Friday, March 20, 2020 • 7:00pm-8:30pm

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

If you and your girlfriends are looking for a night out then this event is just for you! Come and pick out any plant and a planter, and we will pot it up for you free of charge. Enjoy the after hours time to chat with friends and ask our experts about plant culture and care. This is a girls only event, so no boys allowed! www.tsugawanursery.com

Introduction to Bonsai

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 9:00am

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

Join us for a two hour introduction to bonsai class and learn the simple truth about growing ancient trees. Class fee: \$20.00. www.tsugawanursery.com

Developing Pollinator Habitat in the Home Garden with Native and Non-Native Plants*

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 10:00am-12:00pm

PCC Rock Creek, Portland, OR

Presenters: Eric Butler & Jack Shorr, Master Gardeners. Learn about ways to attract and provide habitat for a range of pollinators using both native and non-native plants. *Class is approved for one-hour MG Education

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Location: PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103, 17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland, OR 97229 and WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek.

Bonsai Continuing Class

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

REQUIRES PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE IN INTRODUCTORY CLASS. Advanced class. Topic TBA. Class fee: \$30.00. www.tsugawanursery.com

Children's Bird Feeder Workshop

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am-3:00pm

Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

OPEN TO ALL AGES! Bring your kids to the nursery and help them make a pine cone bird feeder. It's an easy project they can take home to feed the birds in their own backyard. FREE! www.tsugawanursery.com

Mason Bees with Master Gardener Ron Spindel

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

Looking to get the maximum yield out of our fruiting trees and berries? Learn how easy it is to establish and maintain a backyard mason bee colony. Master gardener Ron Spindel will discuss biology, behavior and natural history of the mason bees.

*Registration for this event will close 24 hours prior to event. Event subject to cancelation if minimum number of attendees is not met. In the event of cancelation you will be notified by phone and email prior to class. Full refunds will be issued within 48 hours. Cost: \$12.00. www.bloomingjunction.com

Raised Veggie Bed Demo

Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

Join Portland Nursery staff members outside as we tend our own raised vegetable beds. Get practical information on how to grow your own food at home in this informal talk with plenty of time for Q & A. Class is held outside rain or shine so dress for the weather. www.portlandnursery.com

Grow your Own Cut Flower Garden

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Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Chelsea Willis of Sweet Delilah Farm. Come learn the basics of growing your own cut flower garden with Chelsea of Sweet Delilah Farm (@sweetdelilah). In this class we will discuss some of the cut flower workhorses, how to choose which flower varieties might be best for your skill level, what blooms when, and basic post-harvest care. We will also discuss basic growing skills including which blooms need support or other special tending. www.portlandnursery.com

Low Maintenance / High Impact Plant Design
Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Garland's own Landscape Architect, Lee Powell, will show you options for high impact design with minimal maintenance. Yes, it is possible to have a gorgeous landscape without spending everyday in the yard. Although you should spend a lot of time in your paradise just relaxing and enjoying the beauty you will create after this class. Free. www.garlandnursery.com

Pruning Japanese Maples with Brian Tsugawa
Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 1:00pm
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

Japanese Maples are elegant in all seasons with delicate foliage, fine Fall color and lovely branch structure. Simple pruning can help maintain and enhance their natural form, bringing out the best for Summer and Winter viewing. Join Brian as he shows you the tips and techniques to get the most from your Japanese Maple. FREE! www.tsugawanursery.com

The Soil Food Web
Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Katie Davis. Soil supports life! This means your garden and all the critters that come with it. Come get a peek into the relationships between a few creatures that may be living in your garden. By learning a little about the functions within the soil food web, gardeners can start to look at how they interact with each other and with what they are growing. www.portlandnursery.com

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Year-round Veggie Gardening: Basic
Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Polly Gottesman of Pumpkin Ridge Gardens. Polly has been providing vegetables year-round to her CSA subscribers for decades, and her seminar on planning year-round gardens in our area has been a perennially popular one here. Come learn about the best timing, dependable varieties and other tips so you can garden like you eat – 12 months a year. This is the first of two classes, created for new and continuing gardeners alike, and will present the outlines of four-season gardening in the northwest. www.portlandnursery.com

What To Do In The Garden This Month
Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 2:00pm-3:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Joleen, knower of all things horticulture, will answer all your questions about what to do in the garden in March. This month is great for getting your spring and summer gardens planned and started. You want a bountiful and beautiful garden don't you? Of course you do and now you'll have all the tools you need to make it a success! Free. www.garlandnursery.com

Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden with Dana Rea
Saturday, March 21, 2020 • 3:00pm
Tsugawa Nursery, Woodland, WA

If you've ever wondered how to attract those ever-important birds, bees and butterflies to your garden, then let Dana point you in the right direction. She will discuss the best plants and provide the information you need to help your garden become a pollinator's paradise! FREE! www.tsugawanursery.com

Celebrate the Spring Equinox
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Life-Cycle Celebrant Holly Pruett & Terrie Burdette, Portland Nursery. Join us in welcoming Spring! Prepare to celebrate the Spring Equinox by hand-building a springtime altar swag from seasonal plant material as Holly Pruett helps us reflect on the ways humankind throughout time has honored and joined in the turning of the seasons. Swag construction will be led by Portland Nursery landscape designer Terrie Burdette.

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Class limited to 12 students. Please bring hand pruners, gloves and any elements you'd like to incorporate into your altar swag. \$15 materials fee, payable at the register day of class. www.portlandnursery.com

Make a Flower Full Spring Container
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 11:00am
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Katie Gwynn of Portland Nursery. Get the spring planting season started with a container full of flowers that you create and take home. We will discuss basic techniques for building containers for maximum beauty and longevity, including the fundamental principle of fillers spillers, and thrillers. Creativity and knowledge of all kinds welcomed from beginner to advanced. Class fee: \$35. Class limit: 10. www.portlandnursery.com

Growing Fruit in a Small Space
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Karen, knower of all things plant and garden related, will show you how to make the most of your small spaces for fruit production. Just a small balcony? No problem. Small yard? Karen knows what you need. Free. www.garlandnursery.com

Over The Years with George Tsugawa - Nisei, Second-Generation Japanese American
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 1:00pm

You won't want to miss this presentation by one of the founders and owner of Tsugawa Nursery. Join George as he talks about how the nursery was started, and how it has taken shape over the past 39 years. Listen to the family stories, and gain a better understanding of Tsugawa's nursery and the legacy of this thriving business. We hope you will be inspired by this kind and gentle man as he tells you his story from the ground up. FREE! www.tsugawanursery.com

Street Trees Lecture
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

Join Catherine Clark from Friends of Trees as she discusses the many benefits of and options for street trees in the City of Portland. Catherine will discuss the role street trees play in reducing pollution, managing storm

water, improving public health and safety, and improving neighborhoods' live-ability, as well as provide examples of some of her personal favorites. She'll explain the permitting process as well as the basics of how to get a street tree properly established. So, bring your questions and enthusiasm for Friends of Trees! www.portlandnursery.com

Houseplant Propagation 101
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 1:00pm
Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Brittany Hobbs. Now that it's finally Spring, it's time to propagate our houseplants! Join Brittany to learn how to chop and divide your plants; whether you'd like to increase your collection or trade with friends. We'll discuss different methods you can try, including stem and leaf cuttings, soil and water propagation, and hormonal propagation. We will do a few demonstrations, and you'll leave with cuttings to test your new propagation skills! www.portlandnursery.com

Air Plant Dreamcatcher Workshop
Sunday, March 22, 2020 • 1:00pm-2:00pm
Garland Nursery, Corvallis, OR

Tasia and Grace will show you how to create a dreamcatcher WITH an air plant! Your dreams will be ever so sweet after you get home with this sublime creation. Cost \$30 - Preregistration required. Call 541-753-6601 to reserve your spot! www.garlandnursery.com

Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival
March 23-April 20, 2020
Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, Woodburn, OR

Pack a picnic and head out to Woodburn for the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival. Explore the tulips, all in brilliant, Easter-inspired hues. This year's festival boasts 40 acres of flower fields and offers food by Mt. Angel Sausage Company, tram and hay wagon rides, a children's play area and wine tasting nearby. Don't forget your camera and rubber boots. www.woodenshoe.com

Ladies Only! Spring Plant Show & Tell!
Thursday, March 26, 2020 • Doors Open at 3pm
French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR
Ladies, get ready for a delightful evening planned just

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for you! French Prairie Gardens & Family Farm invites you and your friends to our 9th annual Ladies Only! Spring Plant Show & Tell!

The evening includes: Creating Gorgeous Flower Baskets with Judy & Ryan of Garden Time!; See what's new at FPG in our Spring Plant Show & Tell; Enjoy tasty bites & drinks, including local Oregon Craft Brews & Cider; Guests can participate in a special raffle with gifts. All ladies are welcome (21+) and admission is free. The first fifty ladies that successfully complete our Scavenger Hunt will receive Goodie Bags! Come see what we have this year, from gourmet foods, whimsical home and garden décor and gift items, to new flower and plant varieties! RSVP for your 20% off shopping pass! fpgardens.com

Gaiety Hollow Garden Guided Tours

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Lord & Schryver Conservancy

The Lord & Schryver Conservancy will open the Gaiety Hollow gardens to visitors on March 28. Guided tours of the gardens will take place on the fourth Saturday of the month through September. Trained docents will walk visitors through the grounds and discuss the history and design of the gardens. www.lordschryver.org

Make a Spring Wreath

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Jess. Welcome Spring by joining Jess of Portland Nursery to create a hand-tied wreath. We will use fresh flowers and branches that celebrate nature's annual awakening.

Materials fee: \$30, payable at register on the day of the class. Class size limited to 20. www.portlandnursery.com

Pesticide-Free Pest Control

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Glen Andresen of Bridgetown Bees. Discover effective, nontoxic ways to tackle weeds, pests and plant diseases. See how a few simple steps for pre-

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venting problems early on can save a lot of work later. Learn the latest techniques for managing problems safely, and find out where to go for reliable information. You can make your yard beautiful and safe for children, pets, wildlife and waterways. www.portland-nursery.com

Clarifying Clematis with Linda Beutler

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 11:00am or 1:30pm

Garden Gallery Iron Works, Hubbard, OR

Clematis are some of nature's most diverse and beautiful plants and Garden Gallery wants to help you grow them. Join us on Saturday, March 28th at our retail store in Hubbard, as Linda Beutler, curator of the Rogerson Clematis Garden in Lake Oswego presents a free Clematis Clinic. She will share her knowledge, offer tips, answer questions and introduce you to varieties that can be grown easily in the Northwest garden. Clematis are wonderful climbers, so while you're here, take time to browse through our selection of arbors, trellises, planters, supports and yard art.

We look forward to seeing you for this informative seminar. There are two class times, so choose the one that works best for you. Call us or go to <https://www.facebook.com/gardengalleryironworks> to let us know you intend to join us!

Introduction to Rain Gardens

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Whitney Bailey, Senior Conservationist at East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. Come learn about rain gardens! In this presentation you'll learn what stormwater is and how we can better manage it to protect the environment. You will come away understanding how to: assess whether your site is suitable for a rain garden, determine the best location for it, calculate impervious surface and the size of your rain garden, choose appropriate plants, and maintain your garden for years of enjoyment. You will also be provided with information and resources for further learning. www.portlandnursery.com

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IT'S BACK! 18TH ANNUAL SPRING GardenPalooza

PRESENTED BY **DRAMM**



SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2020
8:00am - 3:30pm
Fir Point Farms, Aurora, OR

Over 40 local nurseries and garden vendors to get you excited about gardening. See hundreds of plants, tools and garden art.



Meet Garden Time's Judy & Ryan



FREE PARKING & ADMISSION!

Sponsored by **FIR POINT FARMS & GARDEN TIME**

DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS AT WWW.GARDENPALOOZA.COM



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Meet Your Farmer Farm Tour

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 1:00pm-2:30pm

Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR

Blooming Junction invites you to meet Farmer Justin and learn how we grow your food. Justin will take you on a short farm tour and answer any questions that you may have about our farming practices, Blooming Junction's CSA offering, 2020 planting plans, and more. To learn more about our CSA make sure to visit our CSA info page! This is a free event! Please register to let us know that you're coming. www.bloomingjunction.com

Night Hike!

Saturday, March 28, 2020 • 7:00pm-8:00pm

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

In the dark, your ears take center stage as owls call and small critters scurry. Even the every-day sounds of leaves in the wind and the flowing creek will heighten and shift. We'll walk the trails of the Garden as the sun sets, observing the changes around us and connecting with nature in a new way. Meets at the Manor House. \$15 general/ \$10 Leach Garden Friend. Pre-registration required. Leach Botanical Garden 6704 SE 122nd Ave. Portland, OR. www.leachgarden.org

Organic Culinary Herb Gardening

Sunday, March 29, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Gardening Goddess, Jolie Ann Donohue. Fragrant, delicious herbs awaken the senses and enliven your culinary creations. Jolie Donohue, author of *The Gardening Goddess's Guide to Edible Gardening in Portland*, is passionate about organic herb gardening and herb cookery. She will introduce a diverse palette of culinary herbs and teach you how to grow them successfully in your garden. Harvesting tips and recipes are included in our culinary adventure. www.portlandnursery.com

Flavorful Greens in Temperate Climates:

What, Why, and How

Sunday, March 29, 2020 • 11:00am

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Rachel Brunner, professional botanist and bit-
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ter greens aficionado Bitter and other flavorful greens have a rich history as shoulder season fare. In this class we'll cover some of the history, biology/ecology, and health benefits of these often overlooked garden superstars. Then, we'll get into the nuts and bolts of growing and enjoying bitter and strong flavored greens. Finally, we'll explore some of these greens with a tasting. www.portlandnursery.com

Small Space Vegetable Gardening

Sunday, March 29, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Division), Portland, OR

With Gardening Goddess, Jolie Ann Donohue. No space is too small to grow some of your own food! Jolie Donohue, author of *The Gardening Goddess's Guide to Edible Gardening in Portland*, inspires you to grow a bountiful edible garden in the smallest spaces. Gardening in containers, raised beds, and vertical gardening will be explored with special attention to planning, planting, and maintenance. www.portlandnursery.com

Year-Round Veggie Gardening: Next Steps

Sunday, March 29, 2020 • 1:00pm

Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR

With Polly Gottesman of Pumpkin Ridge Gardens. Polly has been providing vegetables year-round to her CSA subscribers for decades, and her seminar on planning year-round gardens in our area has been a perennially popular one here. Come learn about the best timing, dependable varieties and other tips so you can garden like you eat – 12 months a year. This second session is intended for more experienced gardeners and will delve more deeply into growing under plastic during the winter and methods specifically for unusual overwintering outdoor crops. www.portlandnursery.com

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