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# Gardening is Not Canceled

How is your quarantine going? Currently we are in week six or seven, depending on when you started, of the lockdown. This is a trying time for everyone, but one thing that I keep seeing on social media and on-line is 'Gardening is not canceled'! It is true. Though we are adjusting our lives and schedules, nature just keeps doing what it does every year. The flowers are blooming, the pollen is high and the warm sun beckons us outside yet again. The garden just keeps going. The benefit for most gardeners in Oregon and Washington is that your local garden center is probably open right now. We have been doing stories on the show through the Zoom App which allows us to maintain distancing and still bring you great flowers and plants each week. We hope to be able to make trips out to the nurseries again real soon, but for now we are 'Zooming it' and showing repeat stories from our archive. Some of the upcoming stories feature Ryan and Judy doing their own camera work as they share some tips from their own gardens. Plus, you may see some old stories featuring William too.

If you do go out to your local garden center we ask that you call them first or check their websites for any possible changes to their hours and to see what protocols they have in place for your safe shopping. We also would ask that you bring a little more patience with you when you shop. The staffs are working to be as diligent as possible to make sure everyone gets taken care of. One thing that they ask is that you limit your shopping to one or two people and please leave your kids and pets at home. Also, bring a list of the plants and supplies that you need for your garden. This will speed up your shopping and limit your exposure to others. This is turning out to be the summer of gardening, as such, a lot of the supplies that you need may be gone due to the increased demand from fellow gardeners. We even heard that some selections of seeds are now gone. If that happens check to see if another shipment is due to arrive, or go to the many seed companies that you can find on-line.

This month we try to keep the garden excitement going with some great stories in the magazine. I sit down at the writing desk to share some plants that feature edible leaves. I'll go beyond the normal lettuces and kales, to tell you about mints, dandelions and nasturtiums. Therese will fill us in on the Adelman Peony Gardens for our monthly adventure and how you might be able to order some peonies for your own garden. Judy helps us tackle those early season weeds with a story about all the different hoes that are available and how to use them.

We hope that everyone stays safe and healthy!

**Happy Gardening!**

**Jeff Gustin, Publisher**

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# Garden Time's Iconic Spokesflower Answers Your Questions!



## Ask Mortimer

Dear Mortimer,

Several years ago I purchased a beautiful "Elizabeth" magnolia. She has the loveliest chiffon yellow flowers. The second year of having her we got a bad frost in May...every year after that she only produces white wimpy flowers. We live in Battle Ground and at the 500 foot level. Questions...

— What went wrong?

— What can we do to get the return of those beautiful yellow flowers?

— Does it need a certain fertilizer?

Can you help?

Juliana

Juliana,

There are a lot of reasons for plants not blooming... let me cover a few. I also want to note that these reasons could apply to many other blooming plants, so for those who are reading this it's not just about magnolias. This applies to a lot of new plants in your garden.

First, is the plant in the right place? Does it have the right soil conditions? When a plant first goes into a new location they send out a signal to try and save themselves, so that could mean a rapid blooming to try and produce offspring, thus more flowers. This is because of the disruption of the roots. After that they are focusing on acclimating to their



A late spring frost can really damage your vegetables and tender plants.

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

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new location and with some varieties that means 2-3 years before they actively bloom again as the roots reestablish themselves. The soil conditions could mean that your plant isn't getting nutrients it needs. The question about fertilizer makes me wonder if you have fertilized your plant. Have you checked the soil to make sure that everything is there for the best growth? Maybe a nice light fertilizer would help, or could it be another deficiency? Do you have the right soil pH for your plant? A lot of magnolias like a slightly acidic soil.

Second, what are the light requirements of your plant? Is it getting the best light and at the right time for this plant? We have seen a lot of plants that require afternoon shade that are getting baked. This shouldn't be a problem for your magnolia, but is it getting enough light? Most magnolias do love their sunlight and bloom better in the right light conditions.

Finally, what about water? Are they getting enough water? Is it deep watering or is the water running off before getting to the roots? Maybe it is getting too much water. Is your plant in a boggy area? If you have too much water in the ground it could lead to root rot and that will stress the plant to the point of not flowering.

I hope that helps and if it doesn't, check with your local garden center or the nearest OSU Extension Service Office.

Mortimer

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Dear Mortimer,

I keep hearing about a last frost date before planting my tomatoes and peppers. Why is that important and why does it matter?

Signed,  
Anxious in Astoria

Dear Anxious,

It is very important! Let me ask you a question. Would you plant tomatoes in January? No, because they would freeze right? The same is true with frost dates. These are the dates at which it is relatively safe to plant your warm weather crops in your garden. For some of our favorite, warmer weather loving, veggies like peppers, tomatoes and basil, they are very susceptible to even the coolest of temperatures. That means that even though it may get to 60-70 degrees during the day,



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if it gets to 40 and below at night they will suffer. Plus it isn't just the air temperature, it is all about the soil temperature. If your soil temperature is below 50 degrees these heat loving plants will just not respond. They grow, but barely. They really love the heat on their feet!

Now we must caution you... frost dates are based on a percentage. Let's say that you live in Beaverton at 220 feet of elevation. Even by May 5th there is still a 10 percent chance that you could have a frost, and that doesn't even include your current soil temperature. We have done many stories with the OSU Extension Service about this. Everyone wants to get their vegetables in the ground for an early harvest, but even if you wait until June for planting many of your vegetables will 'catch up' and you will hardly even notice a difference in your harvest times.

So we recommend that you check to see what the latest frost date is for your area and check your soil temperature, and combine the both to pick the right time for your warm season friends. If you do want to get things out earlier, make sure that you provide them with a little protection until the warmer weather is here for certain!

Enjoy your veggies!  
Mortimer





# Peony Paradise

**In spite of distancing, social and viruses,  
Corona, Mother Nature sticks by one  
maxim: The show must go on.**

**by Therese Gustin**





Amidst this time of spacial distancing and uncertainty with the coronavirus pandemic...one thing is certain...Mother Nature continues to gift us with her beauty and splendor. There is a lovely Garden in Brooks, Oregon that springs to life in May and graces us with her exquisite blossoms: The Adelman Peony Gardens. This little piece of paradise is open to the public from May 1st - June 15th every day from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Owned and operated by Jim and Carol Adelman and their family members, Adelman Peony Garden offers 25 acres of production fields to stroll and a two acre display garden which showcases many of their varieties of peonies mixed with trees, shrubs and other companion plants.

The farm didn't start out growing and selling

# Where Will a Capitol Subaru Take You?



## Local Events May 2020

Due to venue closures imposed by state and local governments, many gardening-related events have been cancelled or postponed. We encourage you to visit the websites of the nurseries or organizations sponsoring specific events to make sure you are reading the most accurate and up-to-date information.

If you are sheltering at home and feeling shut in, one remedy might be to take a short trip in your car. Even a drive around your neighborhood will allow you to see the spring flowers in bloom and get a little fresh air while still following the "social distancing" guidelines that are so vital in reducing the spread of Coronavirus.

We encourage you to obey the restrictions of your locality while enjoying the outdoors and the beauty that spring has to offer. Stay healthy!





Hephestos 2012 Best of Show

peonies though. The Adelmans raised their five children on the farm which started out growing crops such as peppermint, peaches, hazelnuts, grass for seed and their main crop for 25 years...apples. As time went on, the farm evolved and they started growing peonies commercially in 1993. Their goal "was to give a customer experience not previously available for peony-lovers: provide big blocks of color with grass walkways so guests could really experience the growing habits and lovely flowers of the peony."

The Garden features the three types of peonies; Herbaceous, Tree and Itoh.

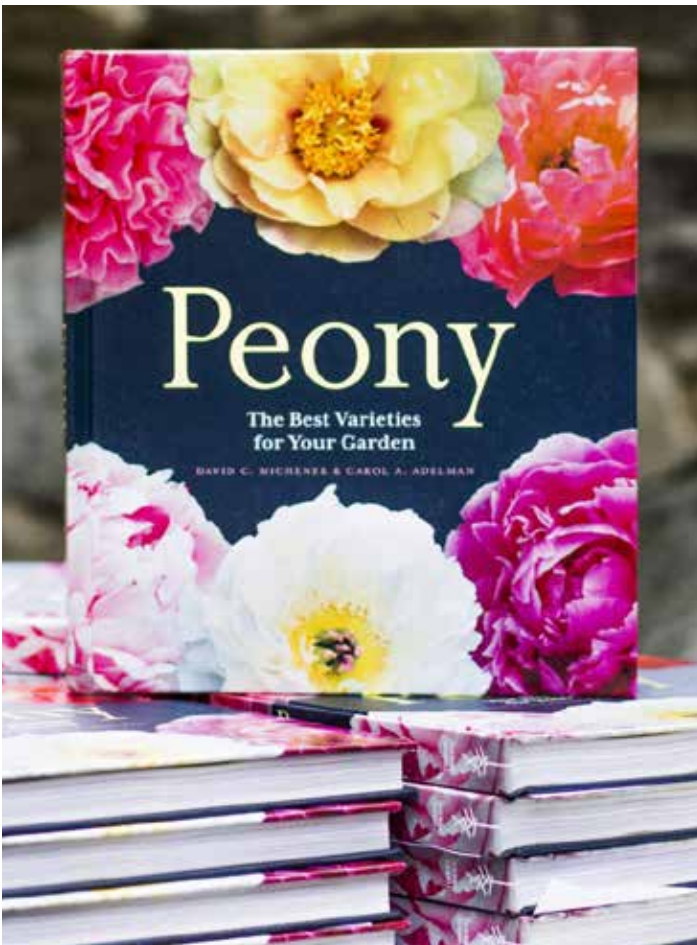
Herbaceous peonies (also known as bush peonies) produce annual stem growth during the spring and summer which dies back to the ground in late fall. The roots are large and fleshy and come spring, send up new growth from the crown of the plant. Peony lactiflora is the most common herbaceous peony found in nurseries. This type of peony is native to China and generally produces sidebuds.

There are also hybrid herbaceous peonies which are a cross between two or more species. Hybrids bring us more colors, types of foliage and even earlier bloom times. They are more likely to only have one bud per stem.

This long lived perennial requires a period of chilling during its dormant period and can typically be grown in USDA hardiness zones 3 through 7.

Tree Peonies are named for their characteristic woody stems. They defoliate in the fall but their woody stems remain. They bloom earlier in the season than herbaceous peonies and their flowers are generally larger in size. The plants themselves are slow growers and can take a long time to increase in size. Their height can range from as short as 20 inches to eight feet tall.

Itoh or Intersectional peonies are a cross between tree peonies and herbaceous peonies. Their foliage resembles that of tree peonies but they die back down to the ground in the late fall like the bush peony. These crosses











have produced some new beautiful colors. These strong plants are typically shorter than bush peonies with a nice rounded form. Because Itoh peonies are fairly new on the market and are still in short supply their prices are quite high.

The American Peony Society sponsors an annual judged flower show. Adelman Peony Gardens has been awarded 'Best of Show' for nine out of 15 years.

Their Best of Show Winners were:

2003 - Coral Charm  
 2004 - Garden Treasure  
 2005 - Garden Treasure  
 2006 - Coral Charm  
 2008 - Brother Chuck  
 2009 - Stellar Charm  
 2012 - Hephestos  
 2013 - Boreas  
 2017 - Hephestos



Admission to the fields is free and the fields are available to foot traffic only. You are encouraged to stroll the grass lined paths between the rows of flowers. Although there is no food or beverages for sale, you are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and spend some time enjoying the surrounding beauty.



Inside the gift shop you will find an amazing cut flower display of each variety of peony that they sell. In addition you can purchase cut flowers, potted plants, cards and other peony related items as well as the book that Carol Adelman co-authored called Peony: The Best Varieties for



Your Garden. It even made the New York Time's 2018 Summer Reading List!

If you can't make it out to the Peony Garden be sure to check out their website where you can order bare root peonies that can be shipped to you.

Check Adelman Peony Garden's website before you venture out to see the most current hours and policy changes and treat yourself to a little taste of Peony Paradise!

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**Garden Treasure**



**Hephestos**



**Stellar Charm**



# Gardens, Hoe!

You may be surprised to learn that there are several different types of hoes... and a right and a wrong way to use one.

by Judy Alleruzzo

The correct stance for using a garden hoe.



You must be thinking why is there a "Got to Have It" article about Garden Hoes? As gardeners, we all have one or two in our garden tool room and we know what to do with it. So, in this article I want to give you a little history lesson of garden hoes and tips on which are the best to own and how to really use them correctly.

First, a history lesson of garden hoes. It's amazing that hoes have been found depicted in cave paintings in 5000 BCE Mesopotamia. Farming in some kind of form goes back a very long time.

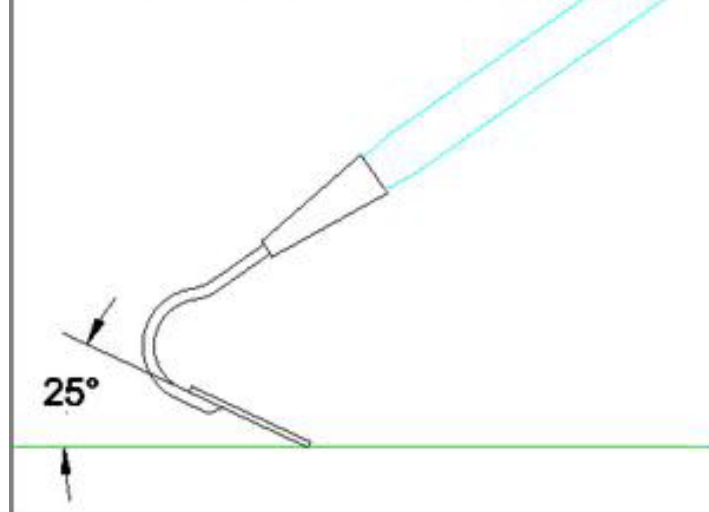
Hoes made of sticks, stones, animal bones or horns have been found in ancient civilizations including ancient Egypt over 4000 years ago. In about the 14th century, hoes began to be made of metal and made specifically for the person who would be using it.

It was a prized possession and valuable to that farmer. Even in the 18th century, hoes were expensive. It was considered a status symbol to own several of these tools. In these olden days, stealing farm tools was a punishable offense and even in the mid-1700s, farmers would post rewards for missing tools as their family's lives would be endangered if tools were missing and farm work delayed or halted. Over the next 300 years, farming tools have come a long way and so have gardening tools.

When you think of what a hoe does, there is

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Scrapes and slices the soil surface with ease.

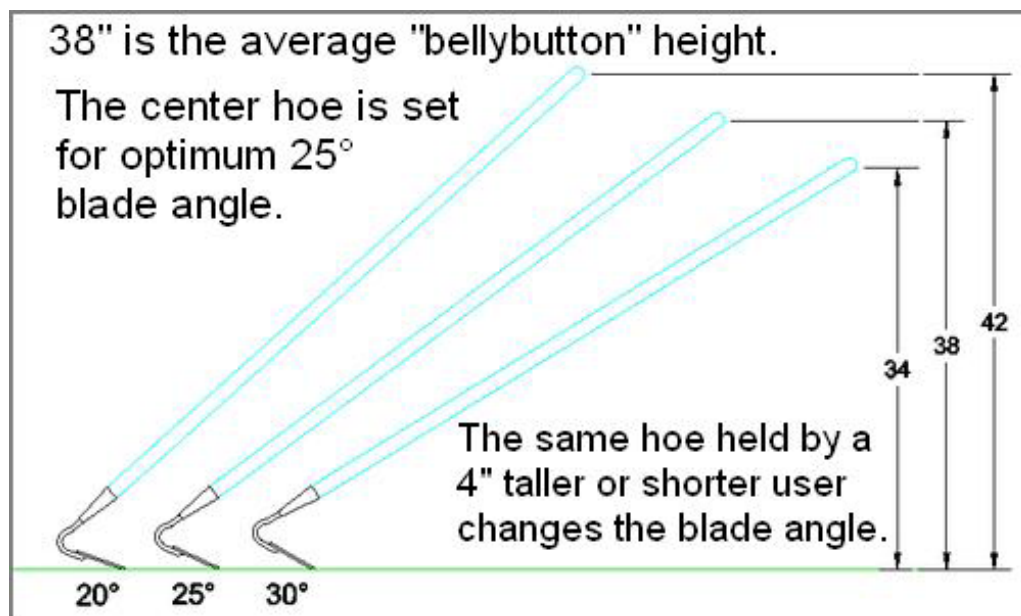


a long list for this one garden tool. A hoe can take out weeds, break up soil clumps, make troughs to plant in and smooth out soil. Since that is a long list of tasks there is a long list of styles of hoes to do those tasks.

According to EasyDigging.com, there are five different categories of garden hoes and 48 different types of garden hoes. If you're saying that's crazy, it is true as they all do a little different job. Article author Greg Baka has one piece of advice for us all. "A garden hoe is NOT a Swiss Army Knife. There is not one that will do it all." Such true words that I learned firsthand from Bob Denman, the

former owner of Red Pig Tools. I interviewed him several years ago on the subject of garden hoes. In 5 minutes and 10 seconds, he showed me 10 hoes, explaining the specialty action of each tool. Bob always had a wealth of information about garden tools. I bet he had 10 more hoes he could have told me about that day.

So, in all my research, I was amazed, confused and totally overwhelmed







Using a Hoe to make a furrow.



Shuffle Hoe

with the wide spectrum of hoes out in the garden market. It all comes down to what are the chores that you would use a hoe for? Do you have a few raised beds or a huge vegetable and flower garden? I decided to focus on the two most popular hoes for small and larger gardens, the draw hoe and the shuffle hoe.

The Draw Hoe is probably the most common hoe we all use in our gardens. I bet you just call it a hoe. It is about a half circle of metal with one side a sharp flat edge and the other rounded and the head is bent at an angle. Over the millennia this style of hoe has been used in farming and home gardens. They have also been called: Paddle, Pattern, Gooseneck, Onion, Half



Moon, Trapezoid and American Standard Hoe. The action used for the Draw Hoe is just that, you pull or draw the hoe back toward you as it skims the soil surface dislodging weeds. I also like to use this style of hoe to make a furrow to plant vegetable starts or seeds. Shorter, stronger strokes can break up small soil clods and smooth the soil surface.

A Shuffle Hoe is a style of garden hoe that pivots and works by pushing and pulling the tool. There is a popular brand name of shuffle hoe in the marketplace, called the "Hula Hoe".

The push and pull action makes your weeding a little easier as it slices out the weeds in both actions. Who doesn't like weeding made to be a little less work?

I think the wide assortment of all the other hoes out there are variations of the Draw Hoe and Shuffle Hoe. That may be an oversimplification, but I am a gardener with a small tool storage space. I have two hoes, a normal Draw Hoe for the veggie garden and a narrow, very pointy-shaped headed tool called a Diamond Hoe. This hoe helps me to weed in between shrubs and perennials in my landscape. These two hoes get me through most of my garden chores of weeding and planting.

Having the right hoe for the kind of chores in your garden is really one part of using a hoe. I have a couple of tips to make hoeing more efficient



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Draw Hoe

and less strain on your muscles.

- Make sure to keep a sharp edge on the hoe.

This will ensure the weeds will be cut out smoothly and quickly.

- In reference to a Draw Hoe, check out the angle of the hoe head.

The correct angle will make sure the hoe is contacting the soil to get at those weeds. Please note the chart in this article.

- The length of hoe handle is important too. You don't want too short a handle as you'll be leaning too far over to get your work done.

If the handle is too long, your hands will tire quickly.

Helpful Hint-Hold the hoe vertically next to you. The tip of the handle should be between

your armpit and top of your shoulder.

Next, hold the hoe like you are using it.

The tip of the hoe should be at your belly button. According to Garden Gate Magazine, "You should be able to grip it on the end to use while standing fairly upright. The less you bend, the better your back will feel later."

Whew, there is a little more to hoes than I imagined when beginning the research for this article. The month of May is the time our garden tools really get more of a workout between that next round of weeds to take out and planting warm season vegetables. Check out the hoes in your tool shed and make sure they are in A-1 shape for the season and the right style for your chores. Maybe you really need another hoe for that one garden chore. I'm sure there is a hoe out there to fill that gardening need!

Shuffle Hoe



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# Some Gardeners Aren't Just Crazy, They're Certifiable

And here's how your backyard can be, too!

by Ryan Seely

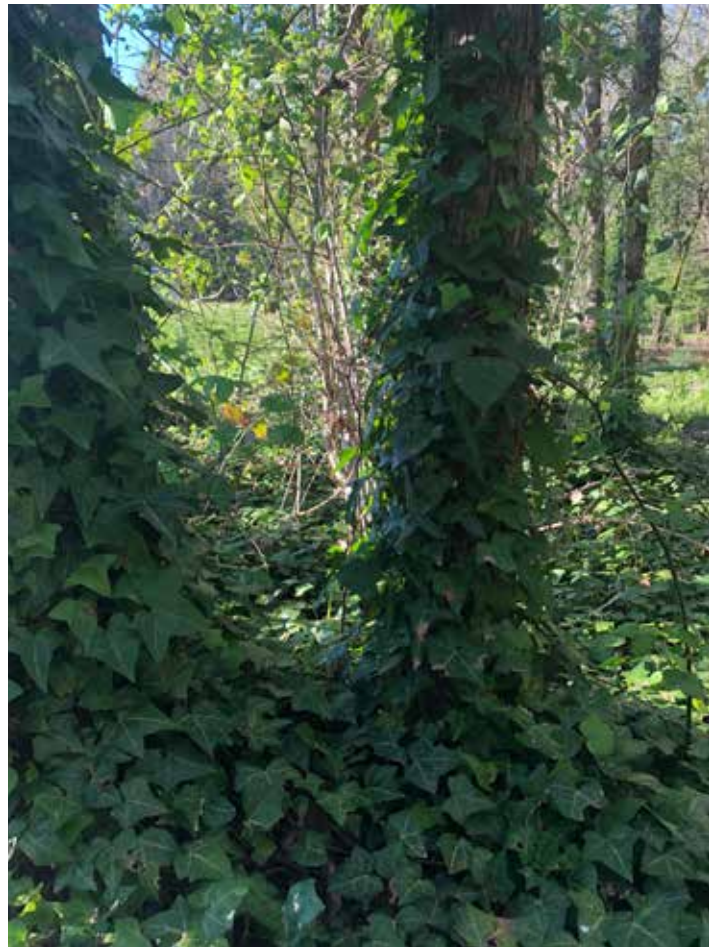


In these uncertain times, I am sure many of you have enjoyed evening walks around your neighborhoods, just like my family, to stay home and save lives. How wonderful it is to experience early Spring and witness gardens awakening from their Winter slumber, and for a moment, take our minds off current events. With these walks, I have noticed quite a few signs perched in front yards, indicating that homeowners are participating in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. These signs caused me to do a bit more research on how, exactly, does a backyard become certified?

Let's first start with a bit of history around the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. It started in 2006 in an area of Portland's Southwest Hills. The West Willamette Restoration Partnership launched a grass-roots effort to help a mere 25 neighbors with adjoining backyards that backed up to a forest corridor remove noxious weeds and restore the native habitat to their yards. The program grew, and in 2009 the Columbia Land Trust and the Audubon Society of Portland joined the efforts to expand the program city-wide. Ten years later, the program has over 5,200 participants with a variety of cities and non-profit organizations participating, including most areas in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties, with Clark County soon to follow.

The program is designed to guide willing participants with less than one acre of land to achieve three levels of habitat restoration: silver, gold and platinum. It focuses on removal of aggressive and noxious weeds, native plant landscaping, stormwater management and wildlife stewardship.

The first step in certification is to sign up online and pay a nominal \$35 fee. You may also want to check with your city as well. For example, City of Lake Oswego also facilitates certification, in conjunction with Friends of Tryon Creek. Once you have completed an application and paid your fee, expect a site visit from a backyard habitat expert, who will



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work with you to develop a customized restoration plan for your site. Participants also receive discounts and incentives for native plants, educational materials and signage. Once you have completed your habitat restoration, a volunteer habitat expert will return to your home and review your progress. It takes homeowners approximately six months to one year to become certified, and your certification expires every three years, at which time you will be prompted to complete a questionnaire to renew your certification.

The silver, gold and platinum levels are achieved by adhering to the below guidelines:

### Silver

- Invasive Species: Remove "silver" aggressive weeds, such as blackberry, ivy, Scot's broom and others
- Native Plants: Naturescape > 5% of property with locally native plants in at least 3 out of 5 vegetation layers (ground layer, small/medium shrub layer, large shrub layer, understory)





canopy, and overstory canopy)

- Pesticide Reduction: No use of RED zone chemicals; Use YELLOW zone chemicals sparingly. You can find the list at <https://www.growsmartgrowsafe.org/>
- Wildlife Stewardship: Pick one item from a variety of activities, such as a wildlife water feature, cats indoor, bird/bat nest boxes, pollinator & beneficial insect nesting habitat, snag and nurse logs, reduce outdoor lighting, etc.
- Stormwater Management: Pick one item from a variety of choices including disconnecting downspouts, raingardens, Eco roof, water conservation, etc.

## Gold

- Invasive Species: Remove "silver and gold" aggressive weeds. Gold weeds include Butterfly bush, False brome, Robert and Shining geraniums, etc. Also includes invasive trees under 20 feet like Black Locust, English Haw-





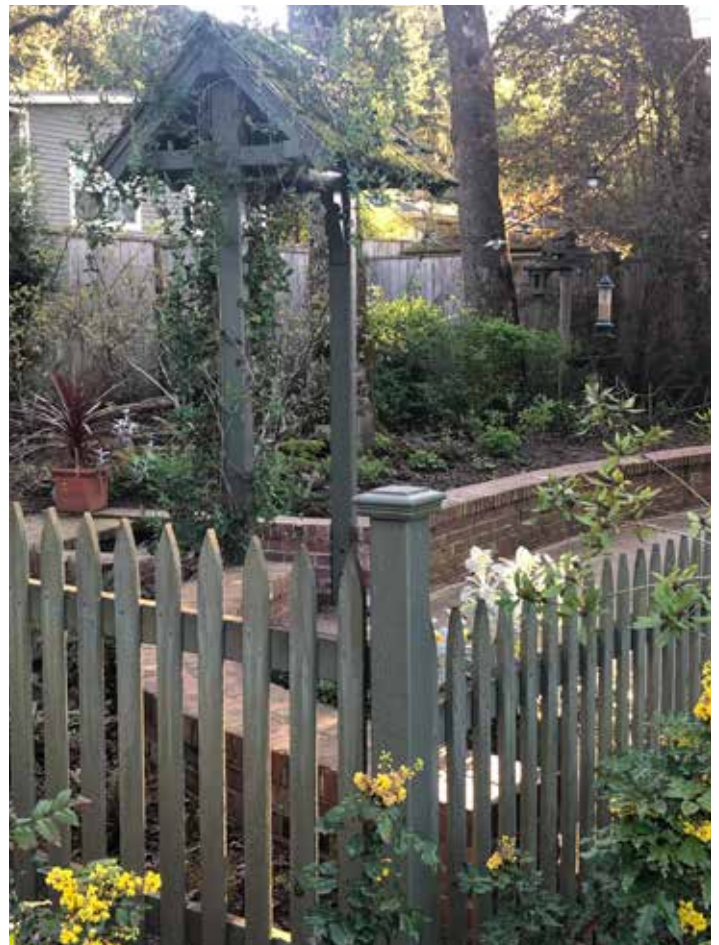


thorn, English holly, Norway maple and Tree-of-heaven

- Native Plants: Naturescape > 15% of property with locally native plants in at least 4 out of 5 vegetation layers
- Pesticide Reduction: No use of RED or YELLOW zone chemicals
- Wildlife Stewardship: Pick two items from a variety of activities
- Stormwater Management: Pick two items from a variety of choices

## Platinum

- Invasive Species: Remove "silver, gold and platinum" aggressive weeds. Platinum weeds include Creeping Jenny, English/Portuguese Laurel, Fennel, etc. Also includes invasive trees over 20 feet
- Native Plants: Naturescape > 50% of property with locally native plants in all 5 vegetation layers
- Pesticide Reduction: No use of RED or

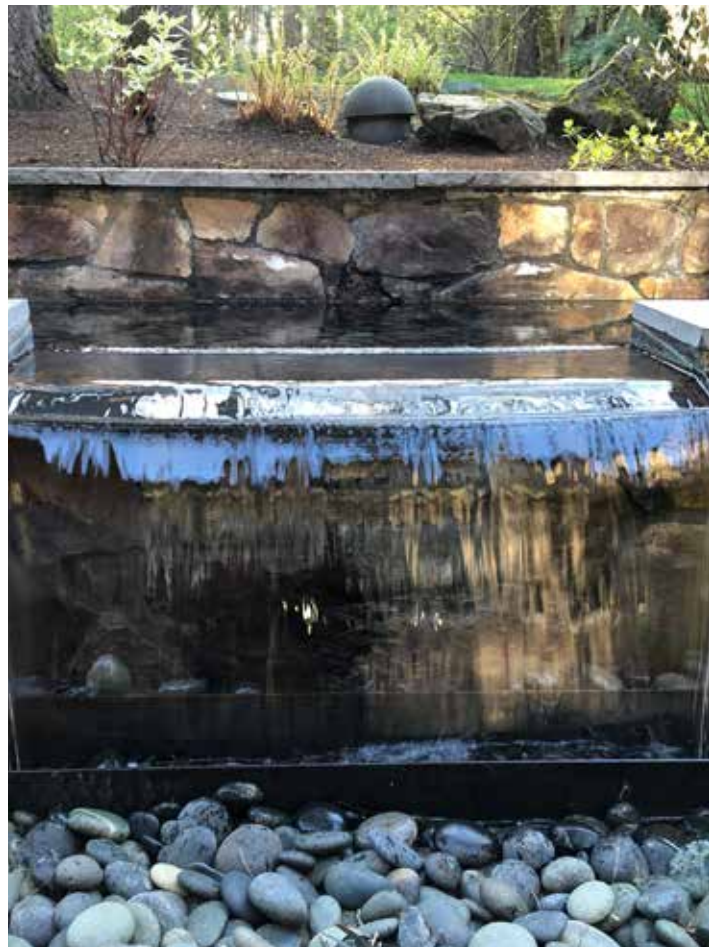




YELLOW zone chemicals and take Metro's No Pesticides Pledge

- Wildlife Stewardship: Pick three items from a variety of activities
- Stormwater Management: Pick three items from a variety of choices
- Education and Volunteerism: Complete two items from the following activities: recruit two neighbors to participate in the program, allow site/yard to be showcased in yard tours, volunteer for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, attend continuing education programs and participate in OSU Extension Master Gardener Programs

Clearly, the emphasis of this program is to return our landscape back to its native state, with limited use of pesticides, while encouraging wildlife to return and enjoy the Pacific Northwest's variety of flora and fauna. We are so fortunate to live in an amazing climate that promotes green, lush gardens, and the Backyard Habitat Certification Program aims to ensure native habitat for generations to come!







Various Kinds of Leaf Lettuce

# Turning Over a New Leaf

**if you're looking for edibles don't just focus on the fruit that a plant produces. You can find plenty to eat with the foliage of some of your common and uncommon garden plants.**

**by Jeff Gustin**

This is the summer of vegetable gardening. The quarantine of people in their homes has spurred an increasing interest in gardening. We've heard that some nurseries are running low on seeds and veggie starts as people are starting to grow their own food, but if you are looking for edibles don't just focus on the fruit that a plant produces. You can find plenty to eat with the foliage of some of your common and uncommon garden plants. So to give you an idea of the diversity of edible foliage available I'll fill you in on some of the common vegetables and then maybe a few that are not so well known.

Iceberg Lettuce







## **Lettuce**

Of course the first of the many commonly used leafy vegetables is lettuce. There are many types of plants that can be grouped under the lettuce title. Leaf, Romaine, Iceberg, Butterhead and stem lettuce are all included in this group.

Leaf lettuce refers to lettuce that grows in bunches and not in a ball or head shape. Some of these varieties are usually bunched together at stores or in seed packets so that their different flavors complement each other when eaten together. There is one leaf lettuce that threw us for a loop when we traveled to Europe, it was called Rocket lettuce! It is actually arugula and is very popular overseas.

Romaine is a type of lettuce that has its own designation and is also known as a Cos type. It has a pretty firm leaf and it's great for Caesar salads. It holds its shape well, so it is used for dipping or to hold toppings.

Iceberg lettuce is a head lettuce, meaning it comes in a large ball shape. It is one that you either love or hate. People who don't like it say that it's mainly water and has very few nutrients, but others say it has a sweet taste and it ships well. It is a heat sensitive plant and so a lot of gardeners have trouble growing it.

Butterhead and Stem are a couple of lesser known lettuces. Butterhead is also called Bibb lettuce in the U.S. It is also a romaine type of lettuce, meaning that it has a type of head but with loose leaves and a sweet flavor. Stem lettuce is a plant that is grown for the large seed stalk which is sliced and used in stews and Chinese dishes.



## **Herbs**

This is an easy one because there are so many types of herbs that are used every day in our normal cooking. There are culinary herbs for cooking. Medicinal herbs for promoting better health and used as medicine and even herbs used in religious ceremonies. Herbs like cilantro/ coriander, basil, thyme and sage can be used in dried or fresh forms. They are all easy to grow in our gardens as well, and some like rosemary, thyme and sage can be perennials in our garden or landscape.



## **Vegetable Tops**

I decided to address this because we throw out





**Carrot Tops**

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a lot of vitamins and nutrients when we use only part of a plant in cooking. Edible vegetables like carrots, beets and turnips all have tasty and edible leaves. Some of these leaves may even have more nutritional value than the main crop itself, for example, the green leaves of carrots can contain six times the vitamins and minerals than the regular carrot root. A lot of these types of leaves have become a regional or national item in dishes. A good example of that is Turnip greens which are a part of many Cajun and southern cooking recipes.

### **Unusual Leaves**

If you are a forager, or one who harvests the natural bounty of the land, some of the following edible leaves will not seem unusual. For example, we found out during a story many years ago that



**Beet Leaves**

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Mint

dandelions, when picked early in their growth cycle can be tasty and very nutritious. They can be combined with other leaves, fruits and vegetables to make wonderful salads. All parts of the dandelion are edible.

Mint is a no brainer. This herb is an easy to grow plant that a lot of gardeners find out, the hard way, is kind of invasive. The leaves are used in a number of different drinks and dishes. From mojitos and mint julep drinks to mint jellies and sauces, mint leaves can find their way onto the dinner table in many ways.

The next couple of choices are leaves of two popular flowers in the garden, begonias and nasturtiums. There are lots of edible leaves in your garden, but please don't go taste testing all of them! Check with your local garden center or on-

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**Wasabi Leaf**

line with the OSU Extension Service to see if you have any in your garden. Once you find out if a leaf is edible, be sure to wash it well and double check that it hasn't been sprayed or treated with chemicals.

Our first leafy flower is begonias. Tuberous and Wax begonias both have edible leaves, with a slightly bitter or sour taste; some say they have a citrus flavor. They can be cooked in recipes or included raw in salads.

The other interesting flower leaf is the nasturtium. Even though the flower gets top billing in recipes and as a garnish, the leaves are also wonderful. Spicy or peppery they can liven up a salad or are even good to nibble on as you work in the garden. Be careful if you pick them in the garden, they are a favorite of aphids too. If you're not careful you could end up with a little

'protein' from a bug with your snack.

Finally, my last choice for an edible leaf is the wasabi. We recently did a story on growing the wasabi plant in our gardens. We were talking to Jennifer from Oregon Coast Wasabi and she told us that even though the rhizomes are the prized part of the plant, the leaves are great on their own. They have a little of the heat of the rhizome and are a nice addition to any dish or salad. If you want to learn more about Wasabi you can check out story here:

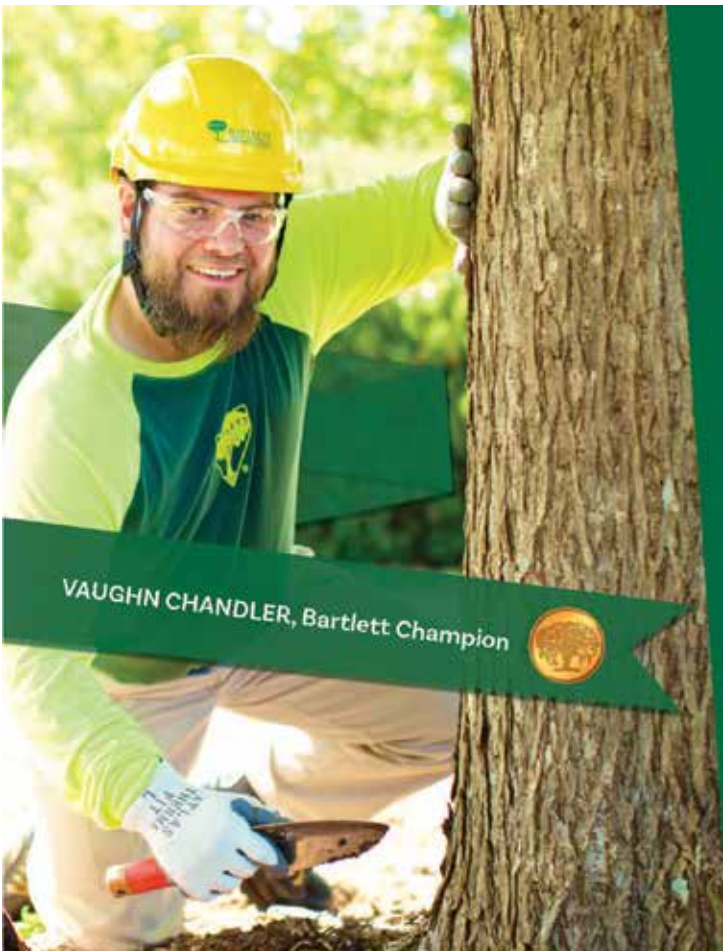
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So if you are looking for a more tasteful gardening experience this season, look no further than the leaves on your plants. Once again make sure a leaf is edible before trying it and soon, you'll never look at your plants the same again.





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A Portland Rose Society show display at Lloyd Center.

# Bud Buds

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**Have a favorite flower or plant? Chances are there's a flower society to share your interest.**

**by Ron Dunevant**

Garden Time magazine is a publication for lovers of gardening, that's indisputable. But the degree to which each reader "loves" this hobby/obsession is as unique as the plants in their gardens. Some are casual gardeners who have a small bed or group of pots they tend. Others are dedicated fanatics who are out in the yard every spare moment, looking after every bulb, blade, leaf and shoot. The majority of us fall somewhere in between.

No matter where your gardening interest lies on this spectrum, though, you probably have a plant, flower, tree or shrub that you love most. Now, many gardeners would never admit to that. It would be like revealing which child was their favorite. But in our hearts, we all know there are a few garden delights that regularly place at the top of the list, whether it's for their beauty, ease of care or even sentimental reasons.

Luckily for all of us, there is therapy available for this passion and it is often just a "click" away at your local flower society. These groups, comprised

of members bound together by enthusiasm, fascination and similarity of interest, have been formed with the intention of furthering knowledge, building interest and sharing a devotion which, like any other preoccupation is often fully understood only by others afflicted with the same symptoms.

And, like the flowers and plants they celebrate, they are a hardy lot, with many of these institutions having established themselves decades and even centuries before. They're not always easy to find, so we made an effort to track down as many of these flower societies as we could, to help you find a kindred spirit for your own plant predilections.

Here are some of the many we discovered, in no particular order. (A note: while some of these clubs are more active than others in normal times, the Coronavirus has curtailed many of their regularly scheduled events. Be sure to check the listed websites and Facebook pages for the latest information on their current status and future plans.)



## Portland Rose Society

It is no surprise that Portland, "the City of Roses," would have a rose society. Established in 1888 by Georgiana Burton Pittock, wife of the publisher of *The Oregonian* newspaper, Henry Pittock, Mrs. Pittock is known as "the Queen of Portland's Roses." She introduced the idea of rose competitions and festivals to Oregon, holding some in her own backyard (at the beloved Pittock Mansion overlooking the city.)

Along with a group of her friends and neighbors, Georgiana Pittock created the Portland Rose Society with "the intent and purpose of growing and showing the best of the best of roses for the enjoyment of the citizens of Portland," according to their website. Over a century and a quarter later, this worthwhile endeavor continues, with a membership that is strong and growing.

The group created the Gold Medal Garden and its bower at the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden and aids in the rose pruning there. They also sponsor rose shows, conduct pruning demonstrations and offer free rose growing advice.

They hold annual Rose Shows in both the spring and fall. The last one, held at Lloyd Center on September 14th and 15th, 2019, featured 48 exhibitors with over 525 entries consisting of over 1,100 Blooms of roses. Along with the Portland Parks exhibition, there were a total of nearly 2,100 individual blooms on display at the show.

Their spring 2020 show, scheduled for June 4th & 5th is currently on hold.

In normal times, the society holds seven meetings a year to learn about roses, hosts a summer picnic and barbeque, sends out monthly newsletters, offers free soil testing and diagnosis, free shear sharpening and op-

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opportunities to purchase seasonal fertilizers at a discount. Annual memberships can be purchased for as little as \$25 a year on their website: <https://www.portlandrosesociety.org/Index.html>.

GARDEN TIME STORY ON YOUTUBE: Portland's Best Rose: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/eaUVYHd-M4iY> (Episode 478, June 16, 2018).



Iris Plants

### Greater Portland Iris Society

The iris is a flower that flourishes in the Pacific Northwest, as does the Greater Portland Iris Society (GPIS), which was organized in 1952. Devoted to "the study, propagation, and culture of the genus iris," the group promotes education to the public through exhibitions, public display gardens and meetings open to the public.

Members gain access to the GPIS library, eligibility for door prizes at meetings, access to special auctions and sales and admittance to workshops and seminars.

The group hosts events or meetings every month, with a Spring Plant Sale with the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon in April, an Early Iris Show in May at the Master Gardeners Spring Garden Fair, another Plant Sale at the end of May in Canby, Oregon, and the GPIS Late Show at the Portland Japanese Garden in June. The first event that has not been cancelled or postponed on their calendar of events is the GPIS Potluck/Auction on August 1st.

GPIS is an affiliate of the American Iris Society which also includes the Oregon Trail Iris Society in Canby, Oregon; the Walla Walla Iris Society in Touchet, Washington; the Yakima Valley Iris Society in Yakima, Washington and the Central Columbia Iris Society in Wenatchee, Washington. Membership dues are \$12 per year per household. You can join the society by filling out a membership form on their website: <http://greaterportlandirissociety.org/>.

### Portland Chrysanthemum Society

Dedicated to the promotion, education, growing and showing of the chrysanthemum, the Portland Chrysanthemum Society has been furthering the knowledge of growing this popular flower since it was founded in 1939. When not cancelled due to Covid-19, the group holds monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon. They are always looking for new members. People interested in Chrysanthemums can drop by the meetings to learn more about the club, further their knowledge and connect with fellow growers and gardeners.

An annual plant sale is usually held in May. This year, however, they came up with a novel approach to combat a novel virus: the Contact-less Plant Sale, which ran from April 15th through 29th. A list of available cultivar varieties and photos were posted on their Facebook page and interested parties could purchase the plants by contacting Tamara Bliley, the club propagator. She would then compile the selections, fill the order and setup a time for curbside pickup at her home in Oregon City, Oregon. (Shipping was not available.) This is an excellent way to maintain interest and continue the efforts of the society while maintaining the necessary social distancing and you may see some of the



Chrysanthemum Society Show

other clubs adopting these methods.

The Portland chapter is part of the National Chrysanthemum Society, which had to cancel their 2020 National Convention and Show this year, due to the pandemic. Their website is [www.mums.org](http://www.mums.org). You can find out more about the Portland chapter on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Portland-Chrysanthemum-Society-261038930632595/>.

GARDEN TIME STORY ON YOUTUBE: Fall Mums: <http://www.youtube.com/embed/cCIu8Pkb33k> (Episode 70, November 3, 2007)





Tree peonies on display at a Pacific Northwest Peony Show.

### Pacific Northwest Peony Society

Founded in 1996 by Allan "Al" Rogers, the Pacific Northwest Peony Society brings together peony growers from around Oregon and Washington to discuss and share the love of this beautiful flower. Their goal is to inform and educate peony gardeners with the hope of connecting peony growers and encouraging more individuals to plant peonies. For years, they have provided peony blooms to the Lan

Su Chinese Garden in Portland, Oregon for their Memorial Day Weekend exhibition.

Their scheduled meeting in March had to be cancelled, but on the agenda was a discussion about "the resurgence of interest in hybridizing both bush and woody 'tree' peonies, as well as disease control and information from a bulletin from Washington State University about the most common diseases of the peony.

Yearly membership dues are \$10 for a two-person household and can be purchased by filling out the form on their website: <https://www.pnwpeony.org/>.

### Portland Dahlia Society

In 1928, 37 dahlia growers from Oregon, Washington and California came together as charter members of the Columbia Valley Dahlia Society. Setting up canopies inside the auditorium on the tenth floor of the Meier & Frank department store in Portland, Oregon. By the mid-1930s, the group had changed their name to the Portland Dahlia Society. Over the next 80-plus years, this dedicated organization has sponsored garden tours of members' gardens, annual festivals, and flower shows. In 1987, the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby, Oregon became the new home for their annual show.



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**Dahlia Display**

The group also sponsors regular presentations to educate members in the growing and care of dahlias. Some of their past programs include "Irrigation of Dahlias," "Digging and Dividing," "Storing Tubers," and "Fertilizing Dahlias."

The club boasts over 100 members, all of whom gather regularly to promote and encourage interest in dahlias. This chapter is affiliated with the American Dahlia Society, the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference and the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers. They vary their topics to appeal to "dahlia zealots" as well as casual gardeners. The club also sells tubers at discounted prices and periodically purchases gardening supplies in bulk to sell to members at a discount. The club is funded by annual dues and the sale of tubers and plant material donated by club members.

This year, the 2020 Spring Garden Fair had to be cancelled due to the Stay at Home orders, but the Portland Dahlia Society Annual Show is still on the schedule for August 29th and 30th at the Oaks Park Dance Pavilion in Portland.

Yearly dues are \$7 for an individual or \$10 for a couple at the same address. An application form is available on their website: <http://portlanddahlia.com/>. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/124881233134/>.

GARDEN TIME STORY ON YOUTUBE: Micro Dahlias:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/uE1IOuAROuM> (Episode 519, June 29, 2019)

### **Oregon Fuchsia Society**

One of the newer flower societies in the area (the "about" section of their Facebook page says the "business" was created on March 14, 2016), the Oregon Fuchsia Society works to bring together fuchsia enthusiasts, provide education on cultivation and promote fuchsias in the home and garden. The club holds meetings eight months out of the year at the Western Seminary and also sponsors several plant sales and shows.



**Fuchsias in a garden.**



Their next Plant Sale is scheduled for May 16th at the Trans Auto on SE Belmont Street in Portland. There will be hardy fuchsias and hanging fuchsia baskets for sale. They have also, in the past, held a judged fuchsia show and sale in August.

Every year, members of the Oregon Fuchsia Society grow what is called a "club plant." They are all the same size when they arrive, and members take them home to transplant and grow. In August, at the judged fuchsia show, members bring in these plants and compete to see whose plant grew best and discuss the techniques used.

Annual dues are \$25 per year. You'll find an application form on their website at <http://www.oregonfuchsiasociety.com/>. They also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Gardener/Oregon-Fuchsia-Society-1541694862827344/>

GARDEN TIME STORY ON YOUTUBE: Summer Fuchsia Care: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/nDtIG-pGOFZI> (Episode 525, August 10, 2019)

Check out some of the additional links in the box to the right for more information about clubs and societies in Oregon and Washington. Chances are, you'll find a group that shares your love of a particular flower. If not, perhaps you'll consider starting one of your own, and sharing your love of gardening with some kindred spirits.

### **Additional Flower Societies**

**Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
<https://oregongardenclubs.org/>

**Rainy Side Gardeners/  
Northwest Garden Societies and Clubs**  
[https://www.rainyside.com/  
resources/societies.html](https://www.rainyside.com/resources/societies.html)

**Oregon Orchid Society**  
<http://oregonorchidsociety.org/>

**Portland African Violet Society**  
<http://www.avsa.org/node/25937>

**Oregon Camellia Society**  
<https://www.oregoncamelliasociety.org/>

**Northwest Fuchsia Society**  
<http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/>

**American Rhododendron Society:  
Portland Chapter**  
[https://www.rhododendron.org/chapters.  
asp?ID=17&Chapter=Portland](https://www.rhododendron.org/chapters.asp?ID=17&Chapter=Portland)

**Washington State Dahlia Society**  
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**When it comes to selling your home, it's all about the view from the street.**



# Curb Your Enthusiasm

by Robin Burke

The interior of my first, new car looked as good the day I sold it, as it did the day I drove it off the lot. For seven years, I kept that Volkswagen impeccable. I didn't eat or drink in it; I cleaned it; I vacuumed it; and, I wiped it down regularly. But, you never would have guessed all that by the way it looked on the outside. It was painted cherry red back when auto paint had to be waxed to stay shiny. I hated waxing that car, and couldn't even pay my little brother to do it. By year four, it was a dusty pink. You could say it lacked "curb appeal."

I treated my VW much like some people treat their homes -- dotting on them inside, ignoring them out-

side. It's the perfect time of year to step back and take a long, hard look at the exterior of your home, and ask yourself: Does it look inviting, charming and fresh? Or, does it look outdated, boring and slightly scary?

Curb appeal is absolutely necessary if you're thinking about selling your home. If you're not planning to sell, but get a little embarrassed when a friend or co-worker drops you off, or worse, your kids have their friends drop them at the corner, then it's time to do something about it.

Think of it as dressing up the outside of your home





for a night on the town. For some, that means clean socks, sandals, and a swipe of lip gloss. But if you really want your home to look welcoming, you'll need to do better than just a new doormat.

Your budget will dictate how far you're able to go up the "Curb Appeal" scale. From simply pruning trees and bushes to building a grand facade, each step will make you a little prouder of your abode, however humble.

### Where to Start?

The best way to boost curb appeal depends on whom you ask. For instance, a remodeler may say it's the improvement of the porch, the windows, and the architectural details. Go to a local nursery and you'll likely hear it's the amount of trees and flowers that matter most.

The first decision is determining what's most important to you. It may be the front door, the walkway leading to the porch, or the landscape.

### Landscape

Landscape designer and nursery owner Alfred Dinsdale says, "Your eye should be led to the main entry without too much thinking. Less is more." He believes the best impression is one that doesn't come at you all at once, but has a focal point, such as plantings grouped together, that leads you to the entry, "to maintain a sense of discovery."

To start, your yard or garden should appear well maintained. At the very least, it should be weeded and mowed. From there you can begin adding layers to your landscape, enhancing what you already have planted. Now the question is, "Do you hire a professional landscaper to help you with a design?" Dinsdale says garden elements should work together. A qualified designer can help you

develop a theme, even simplify and improve the flow.

"We see lots of things in gardens and magazines that appeal to us," Dinsdale says, "but trying to mix too many elements can lead to a disappointing outcome. A designer can help choose what to put in and how to coordinate the garden. This can end up saving you more than the cost of the designer. Plus,

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having a paper plan to follow and note location of irrigation, lighting etc., can be a big help."

There is no ignoring your landscape if you hope to boost curb appeal. Real estate expert and author of "197 Ways to Improve the Curb Appeal of Any House", Ken Wood says, "It could be as simple as adding a flower bed or planting a tree."

If you are hoping to sell your home for the maximum asking price, curb appeal could be what gets you that offer. Wood says, "It's well known that potential buyers make up their minds in the first few minutes of seeing a home. How your home presents itself from the road can actually make or break the sale. You can make a world of difference in how your home is perceived by adding a boxwood hedge or simply fertilizing and weeding the lawn."

### The Front Door

Landscape is important, but it's not the only aspect that will improve the appearance of your home. Personally, I think the front door is the real invitation to your home. It should be friendly and deliberate, not an after thought. A brightly painted front door is cheery and welcoming; a wood stain is warm and inviting; and, the classic black is beautiful and timeless. Click here for the basics of how to paint your front door: [www.fusionnw.com/video2009.htm](http://www.fusionnw.com/video2009.htm).

Some other front door tricks:

Update hardware—handle and lock, knocker, doorbell.

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Add symmetry to either side of the door with matching urns or tall pots planted with greenery and flowers.

Adorn it with a seasonal wreath or swag.

### Tidy Up

Selling your home comes at a price, or at the very least a lot of elbow grease. Even if you're Meticulous Mary or Tidy Ted, there is some outdoor housekeeping to be done.

Local real estate broker Malia Premi has a list of "must-do's" for sellers that is particular to the wet climate of the Pacific Northwest.

She says, "First impression is everything and you only have seconds to initially attract a potential buyer. Therefore, it is vital that a seller considers the following:

Pressure wash siding, decks and walkways.

Clean windows and gutters, and check downspouts.

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Make sure trees and bushes don't block light from any window.

Kill any mold and mildew around the property.

Mow the lawn, eliminate weeds, and rake and dispose of leaves, especially if it's a wooded lot."

## Color

Premi is part of a team of brokers who work for Lee Davies Real Estate, but in her prior profession she worked in marketing as a designer. She says, although there are many important aspects of curb appeal, "color" is king.

"Paint color is most important because color tends to affect people's moods and can create a positive or a negative setting. Drive around your neighborhood," Premi advises, "and find color schemes that are appealing to you, then apply them to your own home."

Take color an extra step by planting flowers and flowering shrubs that coordinate (not necessarily match) with the color of your house or of the door and trim. It will make the entire picture looked pulled together.

Keep in mind that color trends are, well, trendy. You don't want to use a paint color that is obviously a fleeting fad. Talk to an expert at your local paint store who is well versed in color trends and can help you be in front of the trend, and not repainting in just a few months.

## Budget

If you're planning to sell your home, now or some time in the future, it's nice to know that some of the money you spend on curb appeal now, will be reimbursed when you sell.

Premi says, "The most cost-effective projects in terms of value recouped are exterior replacement projects such as:

Siding and window replacements – 70% or more of costs recouped

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"View all repairs and improvements," says Wood, "with the idea that you'll make back your money three, five, or even ten times over." It could be the addition of a new portico, or simply the flowers lining your walkway that sways a potential buyer toward making an offer.

There are several TV shows and magazines that feature improving the curb appeal of a home. Don't be one of those homeowners who suddenly sees value in their home because of a few minor improvements that they neglected to do while living there. Enjoy your living space now, by making it a pleasure to come home to.



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

## PLANNING



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

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

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

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



## PLANTING

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



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

- Flowers & Annuals: Plant out gladiolas,

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

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

- Landscape planting now still

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

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



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

## TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

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

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

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



# What To Do In The Garden MAY

Magic is safe around pets and



breaks down into usable iron for the plants to consume.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## VEGETABLE GARDEN

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



# PLAY TIME

## Gardening Events Around Town

As state and local restrictions are lifted, some gardens and garden centers are reopening their venues and scheduling events.

The information printed herein was accurate at the time of publication, but we cannot promise it will remain so. Therefore, we encourage you to visit the websites of the nurseries or organizations sponsoring specific events to make sure you are reading the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Thank you for your understanding.

--The Staff at Garden Time Magazine

**Peony Gardens Open to the Public**  
**May 1 thru June 15, 2020 • 9:00am-6:00pm**  
**Adelman Peony Gardens, Salem, OR**

Adelman Peony Gardens is open to the public from May 1st-June 15th every day from 9am to 6pm. Adelman Peony Garden offers 25 acres of production fields to stroll and a two acre display garden which showcases many of their varieties of peonies mixed with trees, shrubs and other companion plants. [www.peonyparadise.com](http://www.peonyparadise.com)

**Tillamook County Master Gardener Association**  
**Annual Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 • 9:00am-1:00pm**  
**Tillamook County Fairgrounds, Tillamook, OR**

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tion Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, May 2 at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds 4-H/FFA Livestock Pavilion. Doors open at 9 a.m. and will close at 1 p.m.

Featuring over 700 tomato plants in varieties adapted to produce well in our coastal climate, a variety of garden plants, vegetables, perennials, native plants, houseplants, and shrubs will be available.

Have a Gardening Question? Ask a Master Gardener! Master Gardeners will be staffing the Help Desk and ready to answer your gardening questions with research-based information. The Garden Garage Sale will have a wide variety of items for sale at exceptional prices. Tillamook High School  
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## Gardening Events Around Town (continued)

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FFA program will have their gorgeous hanging baskets for sale and many local vendors will be onsite.

This popular annual event brought over 1,000 gardeners last year, so come early and bring your yard wagons. The 4-H/FFA Livestock Pavilion is on the west side of the Tillamook County Fairgrounds, 4603 Third St, Tillamook.

TCMGA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds from the plant sale will support college scholarships for deserving county residents, the Learning Garden at the county fairgrounds, and gardening education throughout Tillamook County.

Follow us on the web at: <https://tillamookmastergardeners.com/> and on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/tillamookmastergardeners/>

### **Make Your Own Patio Planters**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 • 11:00am–12:30pm**  
**Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**

This DIY class will teach you how to plant your own beautiful 15" container to take home. Class includes 15" planter, soil, and plants for container. Ron will share some tips and tricks for building great containers and then participants will get to choose from a selection of shade or sun combinations to make their container. Cost: \$55.00.

\*Registration for this event will close 48 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](http://www.bloomingjunction.com)

### **First Saturday Guided Tours**

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm**  
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### **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](http://www.leachgarden.org)

### **Planting a Cutting Garden**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2020 • 11:00am–12:00pm**  
**Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**

Looking to maximize production, minimize maintenance, and grow flowers that will look great together in a vase? Join us for this informational class and we'll have you bypassing the florist in no time! This is a special Wine Wednesday afternoon class. 21 and over please. Cost: \$15.00.

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### **Growing Giant Pumpkins**

**Saturday, May 9, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm**  
**Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**  
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Ever thought of growing a prize winning giant pumpkin? Join our workshop to learn about seed selection, germination, plot selection, plant care, watering, and harvest. Class includes a "Dill's Atlantic Giant" pumpkin seed, specially selected to produce HUGE pumpkins. Cost: \$5.00.

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**Mother's Day Country Brunch**  
**Sunday, May 10, 2020 • 9:00am-12:00pm**  
**French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR**

Treat your mom extra special this Mother's day with an exquisite time on the farm. Guests will enjoy a mouthwatering brunch, served buffet style, prepared by the French Prairie Gardens family. Bring the whole family with mom, as there will be pig barrel train rides, plenty of farm animals and more. Of course our garden center will be open and you can get your mom the beautiful hanging basket she picks out right here on the farm! \$24.99 per adult, \$9.99 per child. Please purchase reservations online.

**Painting Class**  
**Monday, May 11, 2020 • 1:00pm-4:00pm**  
**French Prairie Gardens, St. Paul, OR**

Join us for a special painting class hosted by Victoria Knight! Her step-by-step instructions makes painting easy for everyone!

- No Artistic Experience Necessary
- All materials will be provided
- Acrylic on 16" x 20" Canvas
- 10% off all Hanging Basket Purchases for Painting Class Participants

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- The Farm Bar will be open with Beer, Cider and Wine available for purchase – while you paint Sign-up to reserve your spot today!! [www.fpgardens.com](http://www.fpgardens.com)

**Chrysanthemum Society Sale**  
**Saturday & Sunday, May 16 & 17, 2020**  
**• 8:00am-4:00pm**

**Portland Nursery (Stark), Portland, OR**  
 The Portland Mum Society's Second Spring Mum sale at the Stark Location.

**Small Garden Big Bounty**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2020 • 11:00am-12:00pm**  
**Blooming Junction, Cornelius, OR**

Think you don't have space or time to manage a vegetable garden? Think again! Learn how to maximize your home-garden harvest using less space, water, and seeds. Topics will include garden layout, soil mixes, interplanting, proper spacing, trellising, and succession plantings. This event is free! Please Register to let us know that you are coming!

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