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Two of Schreiner's Iris  
Gardens' many iris varieties,  
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# PODCAST 021

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May 15, 2023

One of the signature events of the late spring is back. On this episode of Garden Time we preview the wonderful Capitol Subaru Garden Dayz event at Capitol Subaru in Salem, Oregon. We talk about all the great garden vendors and all the free stuff you'll find there too!



Capitol Subaru's Brian Schindler with Judy and Jeff.

Garden Time is out and about again! Capitol Subaru Garden Dayz (<http://gardentime.tv/gardendayz-2023.htm>) is back for our 15th year. It was canceled a few years ago, but we are now back to normal. This great event is taking place Saturday, May 20th between 11am and 3pm at the Capitol Subaru Pavilion, just off the Salem Parkway.

We stopped by the Capitol Event Pavilion to talk to our old friend Brian Schindler from the Capitol Auto Group. He told us that they love having this event. It gives them a chance to meet the public, even if they are not shopping

for cars. It is not surprising that they sponsor this great community event, since Capitol has been involved in the community by supporting lots of different organizations, including Make a Wish, United Way and the American Cancer Society. You can check out a list of organizations they support on this page, <https://www.capitolsubaru.com/capitol-and-the-community.htm>. They also have a dog park so your furry friends can stretch their legs, and a mile-long wildlife path if you need a larger stretch!

Brian also filled us in on all the great things

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you can find at the event. They will have food carts including a taco truck, a hotdog vendor and an ice cream truck. You can also pick up a cup of coffee at the Happy Heart Coffee Company (<https://www.happyheartcoffee.com/>). There will also be some great giveaways: There are three packs of garden vegetables for each guest who attends (while supplies last). They will also have 'plantable' pencils to hand out. These pencils can be planted when you are done using them and they will grow different veggies and flowers depending on the pencil you get. They will also have a sign up for a \$100 gift card to Al's Garden and Home. The drawing will take place at the end of the event and the winner will be notified. They will also have Subaru-labeled swag for people to pick up.

The Garden Time crew will also be there to meet and greet attendees. Stop by and visit our booth to enter a drawing for a \$25 Al's gift card. We will give out one card every half hour.

We will have a great group of garden plant and art vendors. Garden Thyme Nursery, Out



in the Garden Nursery, Alpine Gardens, Embroidery Expressions, Branch Leaf Bloom, Mini Forest, Rita Lee's Nursery, Marilyn Russell Metal Art and Van Havelingen Herb Nursery. The Oregon Orchid Society will also be there and will do demonstrations and sell orchids. There will be a kid's area where kids can take home a sweet pea kit for growing their own sweet pea flowers. The Oregon Humane Society will also be there with a professional dog trainer to answer your dog behavior questions.

Their pavilion is wide open and the weather is expected to be warm and sunny, and everything is under cover to protect you from the sun. Stop by and see us during this great event and say hi!

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# PODCAST 022

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Episode 10

May 19, 2023

Memorial Day is iris time in the Pacific Northwest. If you don't know about iris and how to grow them, we have tips from the experts at Schreiner's Iris Gardens. On this episode we also visit their display gardens and preview their incredible Open Gardens event.



Ryan, Judy and Jeff with guest Ben Schreiner.

May is a busy month for local blooming plants. The leading plant for most of May is the iris and we are lucky to have the leading iris grower in the country at Schreiner's Iris Gardens (1-800-525-2367). Schreiner's not only grows iris, they also host the public at their huge display gardens every spring, and this year they are really putting on a show! The warmer weather that finally arrived has the blooms going crazy and that has meant a full garden. It's a busy time for the Schreiner family, but

irises are in their blood. In fact they have been growing iris as a family for nearly 100 years, growing award winning irises. We met with Ben Schreiner in the display gardens to learn more about the irises and some of the other plants they propagate. We talked about the bearded iris and the various types of iris. The bearded iris have a 'beard' on each of the falls (lower petals) of the blossoms. They also have a huge array of colors to choose from. The non-bearded iris, like the Siberian iris, don't

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have beards. They have smaller blooms and a more elegant foliage.

Everyone knows about the tall bearded iris. They are the stars of the late spring garden. You may know that Schreiner's is famous for the tall bearded iris that they grow, but they also have a selection of dwarf iris available through their catalog. The dwarf iris are one of the first irises to bloom in the garden. These are followed by intermediate and then by the tall bearded iris that we all know and love. The taller varieties are just starting to bloom as the little ones are finishing up. If you have all three types, you could have blooms for up to two months or more! They all need the same type of growing conditions to thrive in our area. Well drained soil, no over-watering and not planted too deep. If you follow these simple rules they can be one of the most trouble-free plants in the garden. If you currently have iris in your garden the things you should be doing are baiting for slugs and watching for leaf spot, which is the browning of parts of your leaves. Problems can be avoided if you use the right baits and sprays (organic and/or synthetic) at the right time. You don't need to fertilize now, but you can once the blooming phase of your plants has passed.

The number one tip for iris was about watering. Bearded iris are the perfect plant for areas with water restrictions. Iris are drought tolerant! Once they are established they can survive on very little water. You should also look out for slugs. Bait for them regularly. Fertilizing your plants should be done before they bloom and you should use a light fertilizer.

Iris are also VERY fragrant! The scent in the display gardens is intoxicating. People forget that most iris have a wonderful smell. Each bloom will remind you of candy, sugar, bubble gum or some other great smell. Schreiner's even has a fragrant collection



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that you can order for your own garden. The flowers in the garden are also wonderful because they are all labeled and are easy to see even if you have limited mobility. Iris also make great cut flowers and Ben told us how you can make them last longer in your house. He also walked us through some growing tips. In fact, irises are one of the easiest flowers to grow in your garden. They like full sun, have little or no disease and, other than slugs, they have no pest problems. If you want to see the fields or the display garden you have plenty of time to do so. They will be looking good until the middle of June. Stop by and check out all the colors!

A couple of years ago the gardens were closed due to the COVID-19 crisis, but this year they are open once again. However, this year you will be required to have a timed ticket to enter the garden. Once inside there will be lots of blooms and the gift shop will be open, with additional

events scheduled for the weekends. To book your time for this annual tradition check out their website. While you are at the garden you can pick up a catalogue to see all of the great iris that they hybridize and grow. They will also have cut flowers for sale too.

These next two weekends are always big ones at the display gardens. This coming weekend is the Memorial Day weekend which has special events scheduled every day. Stop by this weekend and you can see artists displaying in the garden. There are lots of activities happening so you can check their website for details! This isn't the end of the blooms though. The cold weather of the late spring means that things may last longer than you expect. Of course we recommend that you check out their website and social media sites for updated information.



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**PODCAST  
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June 2023

We're preparing for our next podcast, and here are some of the topics we plan to discuss. Since the Garden Time Podcast is a free-form format, we never know what might pop up as we talk, but the information below is a loose guide as to where we'll begin. We would love to have your input on topics for future podcasts. Send us your ideas and questions at [gardentime@comcast.net](mailto:gardentime@comcast.net).

Coming in June, we stop by Portland Nursery and talk with Laura about spring and summer plant combos for your baskets and containers. What's hot for the new season? We'll get the latest fashion trends for the well-dressed container. We will also talk about thrillers, fillers and spillers. These are not nicknames for your three best friends, but a good rule to follow to build that perfect container.

Then later in June we will visit with our friend, retired OSU Extension agent, Jan McNeilan, to get some

tips for what to do in your garden for the early summer. Is it too late to plant your summer vegetable garden? What pests and diseases should we be looking for? Are there more than slugs and aphids to worry about? What the heck is 'June drop'? We'll answer these and many other garden questions, so be sure to check out that podcast.

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A container with thrillers, fillers and spillers.



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Judy and Ryan with Jan McNeilan

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# What To Do in the Garden

## JUNE

# W T D I T G

June is a great time to work on landscaping. The weather is drier and we start to spend more of our time outside. This year, get a head start on those summer parties and barbecues and get your landscaping done early. Then, you can spend the warm summer months enjoying the beauty of your own garden oasis.

### PLANNING



- Look at the landscape to see where you can infuse some fresh color. Plan on where to plant some of the newer re-blooming lilacs or spring, summer and fall blooming evergreen azaleas.

ornamentals. Use branches, fencing, a trellis, old ladders or anything that allows the plants support. Get creative!

- How is that garden journal coming along? Now is a perfect time to play catch up if you haven't been keeping up with the gardening notes.



- Get going with the garden supports needed for the tomatoes, pole beans, cucumbers, squash and any climbing

### PLANTING

- This is a good time to work on the landscape. The weather is usually a bit drier and it feels so good to be outside. Cut down on the lawn and make a bigger patio or vegetable garden. Create some raised beds to grow the crops in.



- Perennials do so well in our climate.

This is a good month to divide and plant the early spring flow-

ering perennials like aubrietia, arabis, primroses and bergenia. Planting new perennials now is perfect because there is so much more to choose from this time of year and they take off rather quickly in the warmer soil.

- Since the soil is finally drying out it's a good time to do the lawn aerating and de-thatching. Water will penetrate deeper allowing roots to grow deeper too. By de-thatching, you remove the thick mat of dead grass stems and other lawn crud. Your lawn will look a bit rough after this,

but with a good fertilizing, some garden lime and some deep watering, the lawn usually bounces back quickly.

- June is a good month to start a new lawn from seed or over seed an old tired lawn. If you are planning a de-thatching and aerating job, you probably should follow that with more seed. Great month to revive the lawn!



### TASKS, MAINTENANCE & CLEAN-UP

- Prune Rhododendrons and azaleas after they are done blooming. Prune lilacs this month.

- Water the lawn no more than once a week with 1" of water. For 1"- time how long it takes your sprinkler to fill an empty tuna can with one inch of water. Using automatic watering systems set for 5 minutes

twice a day is a bad practice for lawn care. This causes shallow roots. Deep, less frequent watering promotes longer roots and healthy thick turf.

- Keep ripe strawberries picked. By keeping up with picking ripe berries, the ever bearing types of strawberries will produce over a longer time. Cover

the berry patches with bird netting to stop those pesky hungry birds from robbing all your fruit!



- Mow the grass higher as weather warms. Grass roots will go deeper with taller grass blades and the taller grass

shades the soil against water lost through evaporation.

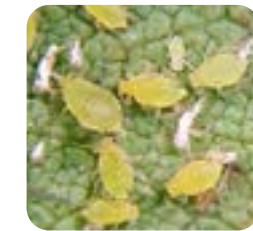
- If you maintain your lawn all summer get a good quality lawn

fertilizer applied this month. By using Dr. Earth brand lawn food you'll not only have greener grass, but the thatch is digested by the microbes introduced with the fertilizer. Roots grow deeper and thicker with applications of organic fertilizer.

- Thin fruit from fruit trees After the normal fruit drop on peaches, pears and apples, go back and thin more fruit from the trees. If you thin out the fruit, what is left will be bigger and better tasting. If you don't thin out the fruit often trees will get into a pattern of bearing only every other year.

- Keep up the slug patrol. New foliage is so tender and tasty to slugs.

- Keep a sharp eye out for aphids and other insects attacking the garden and produce. Usually a sharp burst of water from the garden hose is enough, but occasionally stronger



methods are called for. Dr. Earth and Bonide have some dandy organic remedies against insects.

### VEGETABLE GARDEN

- Plant succession crops of some of your favorite veggies like beans, beets, carrots, summer squash and slow bolt spinach to name just a few. This will extend your harvest of the finest food available, the produce grown in your own garden. Look on the back of the seed packets to see how many days it'll take to produce a crop. Usually with warmer soil the plants will germinate and grow more quickly.

- Interplant fast growers with slower growers. Planting radishes, arugula and spinach (fast growers) with the tomatoes, corn, beans or peppers is the best use of space. The fast growers will be harvested much sooner than the longer season needed by the other plants.



- The warm soil lovers can go out now for sure; tomatoes, melons, peppers, squash, corn and eggplants. Basil likes the warmer weather too.

- Fertilize the vegetable garden one month after plants emerge by side dressing with Dr. Earth's Vegetable Garden Fertilizer.

- Apply a mulch of organic compost. Make sure you have gotten mulch laid down on the soil to conserve

moisture and retard weed development. Do not use lawn clippings as a mulch on veggies (or ornamentals) if a weed killer was used on lawn.

- Grow some mint for Mohitos. Traditionally spearmint is used in making a mohito. Mint plants go crazy and can really take over a part of the garden. Grow a pot of spearmint on the patio or deck for fresh leaves to muddle when guests come over this summer!

- Thin out garden plantings of lettuce, chard, mustard leaves and onions. Eat the thinned out plants on a salad...tiny but yummy!

- Plant basil seed or transplants frequently to make sure you have a steady supply of this fantastic herb. Find a sunny warm spot for this tasty plant to grow. Being from Iran, India and tropical Asia, basil loves the warmth. We sell plant starts as well as seed. Try both and see what you have the best luck with.



- Watch for the potatoes to flower. That is the signal that it's OK to snitch some new potatoes from the hills. Yum!

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