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What's Hanging Around?

By Melanie Potter



Swiss Cheese Philodendron

At home this spring, we put in a vegetable garden, added new roses, and built a retaining wall. Determining what new additions to be showcased behind the retaining wall became the most difficult part of the job. It took a houseplant in a hanging basket to literally reach out and remind me that not everything has to go in the ground. There are some interesting and great looking plants that just hang around.

I'd like to invite you to rediscover **Spider plants**. When I was a kid, I had one in my bedroom and it was a cinch to take care of and I had it for years. This time

of year, the mother plants are big and full and there are loads of flowers and tiny babies hanging from stems. Place Spider plants in bright (not direct sunlight) light and water regularly.

Maybe because it was nudging toward lunch time, I took note of a **Swiss Cheese Philodendron**. Philodendrons are attractive plants anyway but with Swiss cheese-like holes in it, this plant takes on an airy and unique look. A tropical vine, it can also be grown staked in a container. It grows best in indirect or filtered sunlight (never direct) and needs regular water. It is

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A Recipe Good Enough To Eat

No need to heat up the kitchen with easy **Raspberry Shortcakes** from Monrovia! They are the subject of a special offer so you can buy them for one half the price you would normally pay! This deciduous, dwarf, thornless, red raspberry has an endearing, rounded growth habit and thrives in a large patio pot or in the landscape. It will nicely fill out any container, and requires no staking! It spreads slightly in the landscape, is self fertile, yielding large, nutritious, super sweet berries in mid-summer. [See other WAN specials on page 6.](#)



Raspberry Shortcakes
dwarf thornless red raspberry

WAN Is Your Father's Day Headquarters

June 15 is Father's Day and we have gift ideas for Dad. Some things will look great in his man cave. There are cups with lids, and always our favorite idea—a lime tree with a 6-pack of Corona beer under it. Tools, gloves, and gift cards are also available.



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sensitive to being over watered so don't keep it too wet.

The **Goldfish plant** was only showing off glossy, deep green leaves which makes you ponder its name. Well, when it blooms in spring and summer, you'll see long, tubular shaped, orange-red flowers that look like leaping goldfish. Place in bright, indirect sunlight and let the soil dry out slightly before watering; this plant doesn't like to be kept wet. Pinch the growing tips to encourage more branching and this is a plant that likes to be a bit pot bound.

Not too long ago, a friend in desperation, called me to see if we had any **String of Pearls** as hers had died. She was eager to replace it as it reminded her of her hippie days. These don't look like a plant, but more like an art project that requires you to string green peas together. Technically a succulent native to South Africa, this unusual house plant is a vigorous grower that will quickly cascade down the side of its container. Keep the plant lightly moist during the growing season (spring through fall). If the pearls look flat, that's a sign that the plant is too dry. It's a plant that likes full sunlight. A note of caution though, as this plant is poisonous and the round-candy looking clusters may be enticing to children.

String of Hearts is another houseplant that prefers bright light. It's also called Rosary Vine and it has trailing purple stems that carry small, heart-shaped, thick, succulent leaves. The dark-olive-green leaves have grayish-white veins that give the leaves a striped appearance. This is a plant that likes its soil on the dryer side so it requires less frequent watering than other houseplants.



Spider plant

To care for these successfully, when it's time to repot them, check with us about the soil they prefer. Also, they will benefit from regular feedings and we have Dyna-Gro and Miracle Gro feeding solutions to choose from. •



String of Pearls

String of Hearts



TO DO LIST: June

FERTILIZE

For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for Tall Fescue, Scott's Turf Builder or Turf Builder Plus 2 to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds. Feed ornamentals with Gro-Power. Feed vegetables with Gro-Power Tomato and Vegetable Food or Dr. Earth Organic Tomato and Vegetable Food. Feed Citrus, Avocado, and fruit trees with Gro-Power Citrus and Avocado Food. Feed palms and tropicals with Gro-Power Palm Tree and Tropical Food.

PRUNE

Ornamentals for shape. Dead head roses and other flowering plants. Prune stone fruits after harvest.

PEST CONTROL

Look for slugs and snails, apply Sluggo and Sluggo Plus. Watch for mildew, rust and rose slug on roses; spray with Bayer 3 in 1 Insect Disease and Mite Control. Eliminate sowbugs, earwigs, cutworms, slugs and snails in vegetable gardens with Sluggo Plus. Keep flies around trash cans under control, using fly traps that can catch them before they invade your trash.

PLANT

Bedding plants, Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Tropicals, fruit trees and shrubs.

LOOK FOR

Jacaranda, Magnolias, Hydrangeas, Star Jasmine, Dipladenias, Plumeria, Fuchsias, Roses, Summer Vegetables and Annuals. •

Words From Walter By Walter Andersen, Jr.

Color Plants That Look Great In Summer



As the weather warms, many of your cooler plantings will start to fade. Instead of nursing them along and trying to coax a little more color from them, it may be best to take them out and plant warm season color. Right now, there are so many choices we don't have room to list them all, but here are some ideas.

For sun, check out Bacopa; these low growing plants have cute blooms about one half inch in diameter. They are almost always covered in blooms of white, pink, lavender or blue. They are great for borders or at the edge of a pot or hanging basket where they will spill over. How about Petunias? We can't say enough about them. They are nearly bullet proof and bloom and bloom all summer long. The variety of colors is amazing. Low filler plants, temporary mass plantings in beds, they also do well as hanging basket plants. If you pick up some reds, whites and blues, you can have a great Fourth of July planting. Petunias are difficult to beat for lots of color. Another summertime showoff are Marigolds with their bright oranges and yellows, or combinations of the two, short dwarf ones or taller larger, blooming varieties. Mass plantings, spaced 6" to 8" apart are show stopping. For

even more and longer blooming, try to pick off most of the spent blooms which will encourage more blooms. Other choices for sunny areas include Dianthus, Verbena, Portulaca, Ageratum, and more. For white foliage, check out Dusty Miller, which is easy to grow and a nice contrast to all of the green foliage.

For shady areas, check out Impatiens, which bloom like crazy all summer and into fall. You'll find the more common Impatiens sultana that everyone knows, but also the newer hybrids of New Guinea Impatiens with much larger foliage and blooms; close to 3" across. These are really amazing plants. A plus is that snails do not like them! Bedding Begonias are very colorful with red or green foliage and the blooms are white, pink or red. They are easy to grow, and they do grow quickly and should bloom until the weather cools in fall.

Be sure to amend your soil, or, for containers it is probably best to start out with a fresh soil mix. Sunshine and E.B. Stone mixes are excellent. For those planted in the ground, try the new Big Harvest Bale from E.B. Stone which is easy to mix in for excellent results. ●

Rose Show Winners

By Melanie Potter



The 15th Annual Poway Rose Show was held May 24-25 and here is the list of winners.

Best Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora - Gemini shown by Dick & Sue Streeper

Best Single Stem Floribunda - Intrigue shown by John & Barbara Lester

Best Old Fashioned Rose - Golden Wings shown by John & Barbara Lester

Best Miniature/Mini Flora - Irresistible by John & Barbara Lester

Best Bouquet - Austin Roses shown by Dick & Sue Streeper

Best Floating Bowl - Marilyn Monroe shown by Pete Bompensiero

Best Mini Flora/Mini Floating Bowl - Peggy T by Linda Clark

Most Fragrant Rose - Oklahoma shown by Tom Schiff

Best Fully Open Variety - Grand Prize shown by Dick & Sue Streeper

Best Non-Classified Rose - Soaring Spirits shown by Dick & Sue Streeper

Andersen's Choice Award for Best Non-Awarded Rose - Coco Loco shown by Linda Clark

Queen of Show - Best Horticulture Entry - Secret shown by Dick & Sue Streeper ●



Creating A Wildlife Habitat

By Old Ben



Whether you have an apartment balcony or a 30 acre farm, you can create a garden that attracts beautiful wildlife and helps restore habitat. It just takes food, water, shelter, a place for wildlife to raise their young, and incorporating sustainable gardening practices.

Provide Food for Wildlife

Everyone needs to eat! Planting perennials, shrubs, and trees is the easiest way to provide the foliage, nectar, pollen, berries, seeds and nuts that many species of wildlife need to survive and thrive. You can also add supplemental feeders and other food sources.

Supply Water for Wildlife

Wildlife needs clean water sources for many purposes, including drinking, bathing, and reproduction. Water sources can include natural features such as ponds, lakes, rivers, springs, oceans, and wetlands. Man made features such as bird baths, installed ponds, or puddling areas for butterflies which can be achieved by making a clay or plastic saucer available, provide necessary watering spots.

Create Cover for Wildlife

Wildlife requires places to hide in order to feel safe from people, predators, and bad weather. Use things like native vegetation, shrubs, thickets, and brush piles or even dead trees.

Give Wildlife a Place to Raise Their Young

Wildlife needs a sheltered place to raise their offspring. Many places that provide cover can double as locations where wildlife can raise young. From wildflower meadows and bushes where many butterflies and moths lay their eggs, or caves where bats roost and form colonies. Nest boxes and nesting material can go a long way to help the wild birds.

Let Your Garden Go Green

How you maintain your garden or landscape can have an important effect on the health of the soil, air, water, and habitat for native wildlife. Composting and mulching your yard are important steps to greener gardening. ●

See You At The Fair!

The San Diego County Fair opens June 7th and we are so happy that our exhibit is done! The nursery has had a display since 1938, so it's quite a tradition. The theme this year is, "Fab Fair," which celebrates the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' first visit to the U.S., sparking the British invasion in music and pop culture.

Our display features a train layout; don't be surprised if you walk away with the song, "Ticket to Ride" stuck in your head! ●



Old Ben's Specials

Prices Valid June 1-30, 2014

20lb. Old Ben's Classic Wild Bird Seed
\$16.99 Reg. \$31.99

5lb. No Mess Seed
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Remounting Staghorn Ferns

By Walter Andersen, Jr.

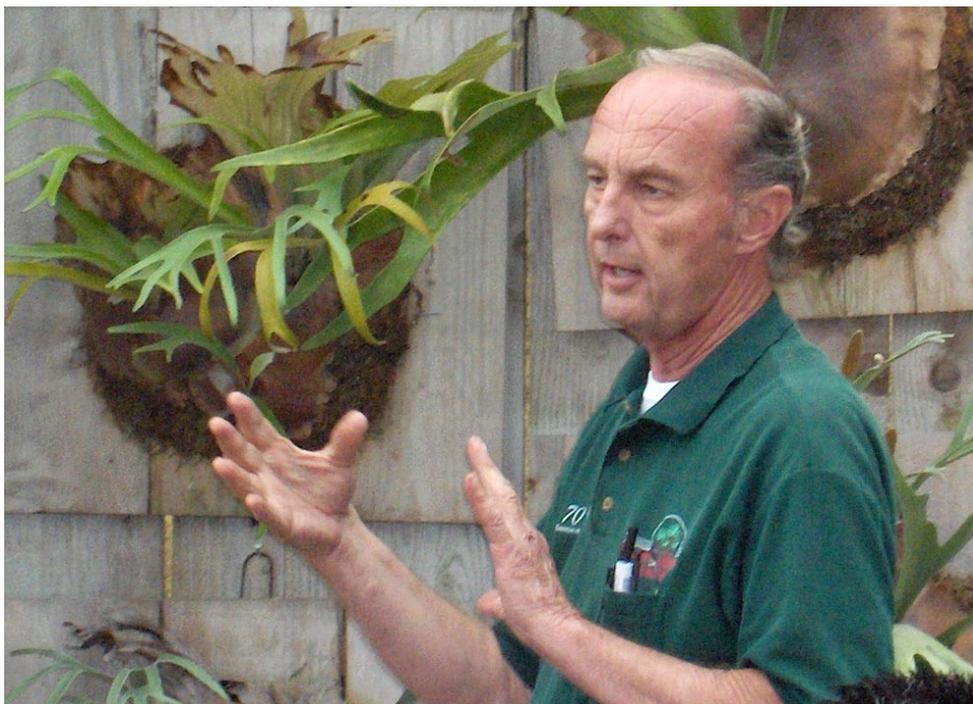


It is time to remount your Staghorn Ferns if they are almost to the edge of the mounting board. Actually, spring or summer are the best time of the year. Generally, they are growing faster now, and it does not take too long for scars and old shield fronds to be replaced with new growth.

Many gardeners think they are very delicate and have to be handled with kid gloves. Actually, they are quite tough, and can handle dividing and remounting well. The first thing you need to do is size up your plant. Do you want to just move it to a larger board or do you want to divide it into two or several smaller plants? If you want to keep it in one piece, your new mounting board should be about 10" – 12" wider than the plant. This will give you 5" or so on the sides of the board for it to grow in to. You should also have about the same distance at the bottom of the mount when it is finished.

If you want to divide it into smaller plants, each division you take off should be about 6" – 7" in diameter or larger. If you make them too small, they may not survive. Also, try to keep your divisions about 2" thick from front to back. Very thin divisions may dry out too fast and not survive. If your fern is really thick and deep from the original board, you can trim off some of the back part where the roots are to make it thinner and lighter. Use a saw or knife to cut it from behind.

Now, for the mounting board. We use mostly cedar, commonly sold for



fencing material. It is easy to use and cut, and tends to last longer than fir and pine. Redwood is fine too; however, it will cost more. You can make your mounting board almost any size you want. We also carry pre-made mounting boards at the nursery.

We use small 1 1/2" finishing nails and 20# monofilament fishing line for mounting. Put the nails in at an angle near the edge of the board. Space them about 5" or 6" apart, including the bottom of the mounting board. The angle of the nail should be angled out from the center. The angle will keep the line in place, so it does not slip up before you are finished. Place a little green moss on the board then place your fern on the moss. Generally add just a little more moss at the edges of the plant. Then tie a loop in the line, start at one side and cross the plant to the other side, again looping around a nail. Then just go crisscross back and forth many times to hold the plant in place. Don't worry about putting the line over green shield fronds, the line will soon be covered by new growth. The larger your plant,

the more times you should cross with the line. On a small mount, like 15" x 15" you will probably cross the fern about 15 times. Larger plants are heavier so you will need to increase the times you crisscross the fern.

On the last crossing, wrap it around the last nail about 10 times and flatten the nail to hold it in place. After you are finished, gently tap the nails flat against the board to secure all of the lines.

We use Gro-Power Tablets to feed the ferns every three months. This is a slow release plant food. Smaller mounts use one tablet; use more if you are making larger mounts. A 30" x 30" mount might use four tablets each time you feed it.

NOTE: The above text is for most common Staghorns. If you have a *Platycerium superbum* or *P. grande*, or a few other rare varieties that do not send out pups, you will only have one plant and nothing to divide into smaller plants. Remounting is the same procedure as above. ●

Garden Classes

JUNE

Saturday classes are **FREE** and last about an hour. Complimentary coffee is served. During inclement weather, classes are held indoors in San Diego and on the covered, heated patio in Poway. Topics are subject to change. See the full schedule at www.walterandersen.com/calendar/.

SAN DIEGO | 9:00AM

6/7

Shade Gardens

6/14

Drought-Tolerant Plants

6/21

Your Spring Vegetable Garden
Mid-Way Tune-Up

6/28

Preparing the Garden for
Hot Weather Ahead

POWAY | 9:30AM

6/7

Staghorn Ferns:
Remounting & Care

6/14

Back Yard Bird Habitats
with Old Ben

6/21

Summer Fruit Tree
Care & Pruning

6/28

Summer Color

Tomato Tasting!



Watch the July newsletter for information on that month's tomato tasting at our Poway store. It's too early to schedule it yet as we are carefully watching the tomatoes grow and can't pinpoint exactly when they'll be ready to share. We do anticipate holding this event in mid July and as soon as we have a date, you'll be the first to know. This will be a great opportunity for you to taste your favorites for next year.

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