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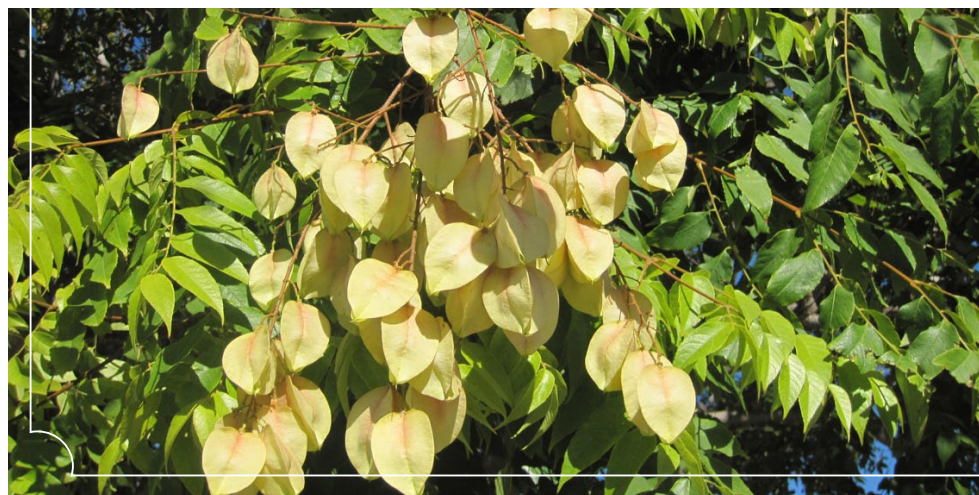
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Change Of Seasons Does Exist In San Diego

By Ken Andersen



Koelreuteria

Being a second generation native San Diegan, I have always been accustomed to the seasons here; summer and getting ready for summer! But that is not the case with many of our friends and neighbors who migrate here from cooler climates. Many people who come to San Diego say they miss the change of seasons like they had back home. Well it may not be as prevalent or obvious here in San Diego, but if you are one of those transplants who is homesick for the fall colors, here are

some ideas to bring that time of year to your landscape, without the rain, snow and unpleasantness that can come with the change.

Here is a list of trees that will give you beautiful fall color like clockwork in San Diego:

Liquidambar

These majestic trees resemble **Maples** with their foliage and the grafted varieties such as Palo Alto, Festival, and

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Palm Fronds Decoration



The palm trees at our Poway store needed a trim and the timing was perfect as the fronds were saved for a big celebration! Every year, Old Town celebrates Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) Nov. 1 and 2 and the palm fronds are used for decoration. For the celebration, many are placed on the 40 altars that are located throughout Old Town. With the help of Southland Growers once again, the nursery will be able to supply the marigolds that showcase altars and decorate the El Campo Cemetery in Old Town. ●

Ferns

By Melanie Potter

After a quick, first time trip to New Orleans, I've returned with a fondness for beautiful balconies and ferns.

Homes in the French Quarter put their best foot forward by starting at the top. Balconies are not for hanging wet towels on. Instead, the underside of the ceiling may be painted a light color, many are surrounded by decorative or lacy wrought iron, and most are



laden with hanging baskets; ferns in particular.

Frequent showers, humidity, and rare frost create an environment that the ferns love. Balconies are likely adorned

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Liquidamber

Burgundy have fantastic fall color. **L. rotundiloba** is a good choice if you prefer not to have the spiky little seed balls the other varieties produce. This particular one produces few of those and has a nice burgundy color to the fall foliage.

Ginkgo biloba

The **Maiden Hair Tree** is an unusual tree. It is an ancient tree closely related to, but not actually a conifer. These prehistoric masterpieces have foliage that resembles the foliage of Maiden hair ferns (or some will say a fish tail) as the leaves have vein structure that is obvious in them. When buying Ginkgos, always purchase grafted varieties like **Autumn Gold** to be assured you will get a male tree. The females produce a foul smelling cone when blooming and by the time they are old enough to flower the trees are huge and it is too late to do much about it! Grafted varieties are male cultivars so you should be safe.

Koelreuteria

Both **paniculata (Golden Rain Tree)** and **bipinnata (Chinese Flame Tree)** produce huge sprays of beautiful flowers in the late summer early fall followed by golden yellow foliage at leaf drop later in the fall. They make excellent shade trees as well.

Lagerstroemia

Which you know as **Crepe Myrtle**, will give you incredible color from the flowers that bloom from June through September and their fall foliage color

will vary by cultivar from yellows to orange and reds.

Platanus X acerfolia

London Plane Tree or **Sycamore**, is another tree that will produce abundant fall foliage then drop its leaves. While the coloration will not be as great as trees mentioned above, if you want the effect of fall foliage on the ground to rake up, these trees are hard to beat!

Liriodendron tulipifera

Or **Tulip Trees**, are great columnar landscape trees that do well in San Diego. Their uniquely shaped foliage will turn from yellow-green to bright yellow in the fall. The unusual tulip-shaped flowers come out in the spring and are an added benefit.



Tulip Tree

Shrubs

For smaller shrubs, choose these to help ward off your longing for home:

Lilacs, Syringa vulgaris Descanso Hybrids, are easily grown throughout most of San Diego County. They come in pink, lavender, blue, and white just like the Lilacs at home! While they will not get quite as big as they do in cooler climates, they will put on a show every spring with those big sprays of beautifully scented flowers.

Rhododendrons, a favorite in the south east, offer some varieties that will perform well in many parts of San Diego County. Most of the ones we sell are grown by Monrovia Nursery and sometimes availability can be limited. Plant them like a regular Azalea in well-draining, acidic soil for best performance. **Azaleas** will also make a nice substitute for Rhododendrons proper and are easier to grow.

Peonies have been requested for decades in our stores. Recently Monrovia Nursery introduced their **Itoh series** of Peonies and they have proven to be good performers in our area. I have been able to get them to rebloom in Scripps Ranch. We used to sell Peonies as annuals because



Peonies by Monrovia

people loved them so much. Now with the Itoh series, you can have them come back year after year.

So you see, there is no reason to be homesick for seasonal color here in San Diego. We have some of the things you will remember and some that make a great impersonation of them! Stop by either of our stores for even more ideas to help you enjoy the change of seasons, such as they are, here in San Diego. ●

Dia De Los Muertos Marigolds



Thanks to our friends at Southland Growers for once again growing these gorgeous Marigolds and making them available to Save Our Heritage Organisation for the Dia De Los Muertos festival in Old Town held November 1st and 2nd. ●

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with **Boston Ferns**, chosen for their frilly leaves and long, cascading fronds. In our climate, it is impossible to mimic the environment that helps them thrive, but there are substitutions that are forgiving and tolerate our desert climate.

Kimberly Queen Fern

Or the **Australian Sword Fern** as it is sometimes called has erect, sword-like fronds. It prefers bright, indirect light, but can survive direct sun. Allow the top two to three inches of soil to dry between watering but if you place it outside, it will need more frequent watering. Brown leaves in the center indicate too much water. Plant with peat moss and use a fast draining soil.



Jester's Crown Fern

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Just like a jester's hat, these fronds will grow in different directions. Grow in medium light and keep the fern



Austral Gem Fern

moist; it will appreciate being misted or placed on a tray with pebbles to create some humidity.

Austral Gem

Good for indoors and outdoors. Andrea Slocki, our houseplant buyer in the Poway store, swears by this fern. She said she has one outdoors that does beautifully. It has dynamic looking foliage and improved durability. Its glossy, dark-green, feathery fronds are held on sturdy stems with a thick waxy cuticle that prevents drying. Because it is sterile, it does not develop messy spores, making it ideal for indoor use in decorative pots. This variety does prefer shade.

To complete being transported to New Orleans, whip up a batch of Hurricanes, put on some blues, and throw yourself some beads. ●

TO DO LIST: November



PLANT

Fall Bulbs, California Natives and drought-tolerant plants, winter bedding and vegetables, potatoes, garlic and onions. Look for Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Camellias, Azaleas, and Holiday Plants.

FERTILIZE

For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for Tall Fescue or Scott's Turf Builder with Winterguard. Feed ornamentals with Gro-Power. Feed Vegetables with Gro-Power Tomato and Vegetable Food or Dr. Earth Organic Tomato and Vegetable Food. Feed Citrus and Avocado with Gro-Power Citrus and Avocado Food. Feed Palms and Tropicals with Gro-Power Palm Tree and Tropical Food. Do not feed Camellias.

WATER

If rainy, cut back on watering by reducing duration and frequency on sprinkler timers. Container plants and new plantings may still need to be watered.

PEST CONTROL

Late in the month start dormant spraying with Liqui-Cop and Oil Spray. Clean up all foliage from beneath deciduous fruit trees and roses.

BERMUDA LAWN CARE

De-thatch and over seed Bermuda lawns with annual Rye. ●



Tool Shed: New Items In The Stores

By Ken Andersen



Are you wondering what to put on the empty shelf in your tool shed? We have a couple of new items and one that's been around a while that are pretty exciting to tell you about. Well, as exciting as dry goods can be!

First is a **Root Stimulator and Plant Starter Solution** from **Ferti-Lome**. This nifty product is for use every time you plant trees, shrubs, roses, annuals, and perennials to stimulate early root formation and stronger root development. It also reduces transplant shock and promotes greener, more

vigorous plants. It contains indole-3-butyric acid and a wetting agent. Use it on shrubs, trees, flowers, and houseplants. It's concentrated so a little goes a long way. Look for Root Stimulator & Plant Starter Solution, including a 4-10-3 fertilizer.

Nobody wants rats and mice in or near their home and despite your best effort they can be a growing nuisance. They multiply quickly and carry diseases. There are some non-poisonous controls available, and we're pleased to share **RatX™** with you because it takes the place of the now banned poisonous controls. These pellets contain the active ingredient, corn gluten meal. Here are some interesting facts about rats and mice and an explanation as to how RatX™ works.

- Rodents cannot vomit or regurgitate.
- Rodents have a unique digestive system in which the caecum (sack between large and small intestine) plays an active role.

■ RatX™ is consumed as a food source as part of a rodent's natural eating habit. After ingestion, dehydration commences causing blood thickening and circulatory collapse, causing rodents to become lethargic, retreat to their burrow, lapse into a coma, and die within 4-7 days.

■ This product is the safest option for application around children, pets, and wildlife. It removes the concern about using poisons which can result in secondary kill situations.

As long as we're thinking about pest eradication, don't forget **Diatomaceous Earth (DE)**, an insect dust that that is actually the fossilized remains of marine phytoplankton or diatoms.

It kills fleas, ticks, ants, cockroaches, slugs, beetles, earwigs, silverfish, and other crawling insects. Insects come into contact with the dust and die within 48 hours (more rapidly than RatX™ can kill rats and mice)! Although it resembles a talcum powder that is off-white, it is actually hundreds of thousands of sharp little shards. These microscopic shards pose little harm to humans or animals (avoid breathing the dust), but they wreak havoc on insects that have exoskeletons. DE kills insects in two ways: First, it sticks to insects and gets stuck between their exoskeleton joints. As the insects crawls along, it gets cut up, much like you or I would if we walked barefoot along razor blades. Eventually, the insect bleeds to death. Also, DE is a very dry substance; as it cuts the insects, it absorbs their moisture, and the insects dry out and die. ●

Words From Walter

How Many Plants Do You Need?

By Walter Andersen, Jr.

Here is a nifty chart to take the guesswork, and math out of determining how many plants you need to buy to fill an area you want to plant.



	10 sq. ft.	25 sq. ft.	50 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.
6" spacing	40	100	200	400
8" spacing	23	57	113	225
10" spacing	15	36	72	114
12" spacing	10	25	50	100
14" spacing	8	19	37	74
16" spacing	6	14	28	56
18" spacing	5	12	23	45
24" spacing	3	7	13	25

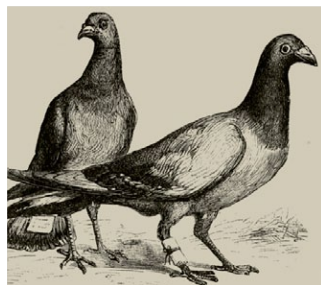
To figure how much area, multiply length times width.

Example: 10 feet long and 5 feet wide is 50 sq. ft. (5' x 10' = 50 sq. ft.) ●



History Of The Passenger Pigeon

By Old Ben



The first written record of passenger pigeons was in a ship captain's journal in 1534 and recounts "an infinite number of wood pigeons." Throughout the formation of early British colonies into the United States, the flocks of passenger pigeons were observed to number in the billions.

Ornithologists have tried to calculate the size of flocks that were recorded to take days to fly over a town. It's thought that some flocks were a mile wide and 300 miles long, and dense enough to block out the sun.

During the 1800s, poultry farms and ranches were not large enough to feed the growing population of immigrants coming to the United States. The marketplace was filled with meat of wild game. The pigeon's giant flocks became an easy source of abundant food. The invention of the telegraph allowed food companies to track the passenger pigeon's movements and hire trappers and shooters. The completion of the railroad between

Chicago and New York City changed the industry from harvesting for local markets to shipping to more profitable markets, so the harvest of passenger pigeons boomed. During the 1870s, millions and millions of birds were consumed as food. Their feathers made mattresses and pillows. Live birds were caught and shipped by the thousands for trap shooting contests.

There were at least one billion passenger pigeons alive in 1878. By 1890, only groups of ten could be spotted anywhere. The last wild birds were shot between 1900 and 1902. This was a shock to the people of the time who believed their numbers would be never ending. Unfortunately, no one ever put any effort into raising the birds in captivity. At the time, pigeon fanciers were more interested in flashy, domestic breeds and exotic species from Southeast Asia. One captive flock was alive when the last birds in the wild disappeared. The flock was highly inbred and the individuals were quite old. Over the next few years, they died off without producing successful offspring until a female living at the Cincinnati Zoo, named Martha was the last of the species. On September 1, 1914, Martha died, and the passenger pigeon became extinct. ●

Old Ben To Lead Two Workshops At WAN

Build a **1950s Retro Birdfeeder** with Old Ben on November 22nd or a **Window Birdfeeder** on December 6th in Poway. Both classes begin at 9:30am, are limited to 10 people, and will be held at Walter Andersen Nursery in Poway at 12755 Danielson Court. There is a \$25 materials fee for each class. Participants should bring two pairs of pliers or two 7/16" open ended wrenches, or one of each to the Nov. 22 class. For the Dec. 6 class, participants should bring a hammer and a medium size Phillips screwdriver. RSVP for either or both classes by calling 858-513-4900. ●



1950s Retro Feeder



Window Birdfeeder

Old Ben's Specials

Valid November 1-30, 2014

Old Ben's Best Selling Wild Bird Seed Mixes Are On Sale!

25lb. Nyger Seed
\$29.88 Reg. \$46.99

25lb. Fine Hulled Sunflower Chips
\$29.88 Reg. \$46.99

20lb. Old Ben's Classic
\$16.88 Reg. \$31.99

20lb. No Mess Seed Blend
\$24.88 Reg. \$42.99

Tropical Milkweed Seed Packet WQL.
\$1.00 Reg. \$3.99

Crystal Clear Hummingbird Food
3 for \$9.99 Reg. \$6.99

Peanut Nugget Wild Bird Treats
3 for \$9.99 Reg. \$5.99

Introducing 2 NEW Old Ben's Feeders

1950s Fashion Feeder
\$24.88 Reg. \$34.99

Window Feeder
\$24.88 Reg. \$34.99

All specials limited to stock on hand. No special orders. Cannot be combined with any other discount or offer.

Garden Classes

NOVEMBER

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

11/1

Organic & Natural Gardening
Demystified

11/8

Win With Composting

11/15

Birding for Gardeners

11/22

Azalea and Camellias

11/29

No Class

POWAY | 9:30AM

11/1

Fall & Winter Vegetables
with Roy Wilburn
from Sunshine Care Facility

11/8

Repurposing a Thirsty Lawn

11/15

Berries:

Blue, Black, Rasp & more!

11/22

Old Ben Bird Feeder Workshop.
Prepaid. Call for reservations.

11/29

No Class

Dates To Remember!

**Thanksgiving**

Nov. 26: Poway store closes at 3pm. **Nov. 27:** Both stores will be closed for Thanksgiving.

**Small Business Saturday**

Nov. 30: Shop Small at both our locations. Card Members can get a \$10 statement credit from American Express after they spend \$10 or more in a single, in-store transaction at any qualifying merchant on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29. They can take advantage of this offer up to three times. Card registration required. Go to www.americanexpress.com/shopsmall.

And get double Hedge Fund\$ points from WAN as well!

**Holiday Open Houses**

Save the dates for our annual Holiday Open Houses.

Dec. 6: Poway Open House

The store will close at 4:30pm and reopen at 5pm for the festivities and Santa, of course!

Dec. 13: San Diego Open House

will be 11am-2pm. Stop in!

November Specials Valid November 1-30, 2014

Earn Double Hedge Fund\$™ Points November 28, 29 & 30!

Earn double points on merchandise purchases these days only!

*Mini Living Christmas Trees***Dwarf Alberta Spruce \$4.99**

While supplies last! Limited to stock on hand.

*Fruit Tree Sale Extended!***50% OFF Deciduous Fruit Trees**

Apples, Peaches, Nectarines, Plums, Pluots, Grapes, and more!

Limited to stock on hand, no special orders. Citrus, Avocados, Tropicals, and other exclusions may apply. See stores for details.

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