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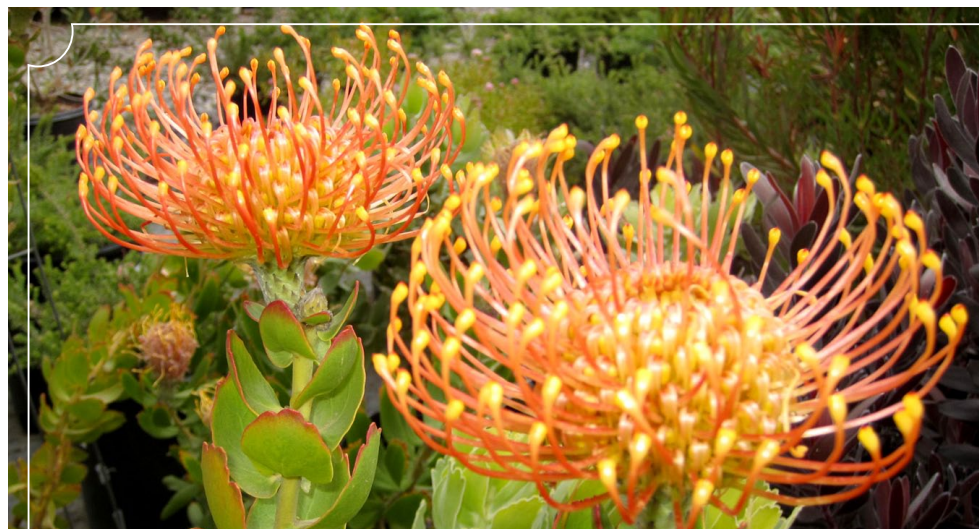
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Drought-Tolerant Suggestions

By Melanie Potter



Leucospermum

If you are looking to convert your yard to a drought tolerant one, there are many plants from which to choose.

First of all, be aware that there is a difference between drought tolerant plants and natives. Drought tolerance refers to a measure of how well plants

will survive during extended dry periods. Natives, though they may have low water requirements, are best defined as those that have evolved and adapted to a specific location and have remained genetically unaltered by humans. After becoming established in your

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Good Things Come In Little Packages



Have you ever found yourself dreaming of a Bougainvillea that will fill a small spot by staying compact? Your dream has come true; bred by Suntory Flowers, Ltd., and grown by Monrovia Nursery. Recently released for sale from the Sunvillea™ series, are three bougainvilleas (Rose, which is a

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Spring Veggie Garden Tune-Up

By Chuck McClung

Either you've already planted your veggie garden, or you're "a little behind" (don't worry, you're not alone). If the latter is true, never fear. You can still plant your favorite tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, beans, herbs and more. If you've already planted and all is growing, here are a few tips as your spring garden transitions into summer.

Watering

As plants grow their watering needs increase, especially in raised beds

and containers. A slow, thorough watering is always better than a quick watering. You want water to penetrate deeply, not just sit in the top couple inches of soil. Your drip emitters may need to be moved, especially for tomatoes, because roots grow out beyond the base of the plant. My experience, working in nurseries and gardens for years, is that 80-90% of all plant problems originate from lack of water, especially in pots.

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landscape, natives thrive on neglect, usually not needing supplemental water or feeding.

Ask David Ross, our Poway store manager and green goods buyer, about his favorite drought tolerant plants and with lightening speed his mind sifts through the huge selection and he instantly tells you it's the grevillea family, native to Australia.

The grevillea 'Coastal Gem' and 'Mt. Tamboritha' are the groundcovers he recommends. 'Coastal Gem' can be used where you might want a low Juniper. The plants have very tightly spaced small leaves that give it a fine texture and it grows to 2' tall and 3-4' wide. 'Mt. Tamboritha' flowers from March to December with showy bunches of pink and cream flowers resembling large raspberries. The leaves are grey green with hairy undersides, and are smaller and much more compact than others of the species.

Groundcover favorites aren't limited to grevilleas, which by the way, hummingbirds adore. Additionally, you might take a look at Calylophus and Santa Barbara daisies. Calylophus, or Texas Primrose, is a low and spreading groundcover that blooms with yellow, papery flowers from late spring through fall. Santa Barbara daisy, or Fleabane, can be used in more ways than for groundcover purposes. This evergreen perennial grows to 2' tall and can spread 5' wide. Pinkish-white daisy-like flowers may bloom year round. It can be used in containers, and as a spiller plant that trails from a container.

If you are looking for something taller than a groundcover, David's suggestion is Grevillea rosmarinifolia 'Scarlet Sprite'. This is a mounding, compact shrub to 4-5' tall by 8' wide with soft-textured needle-like leaves. The rosy-pink and cream colored flowers are showy during the winter and spring and it's hardy to 20 F.

While some gardeners prefer Australian natives rather than California natives,

don't overlook our home state grown Manzanitas or the fuchsia flowered gooseberry, *Ribes speciosum*, a four foot, nearly evergreen shrub with red fuchsia-like flowers that appear January through May. This gooseberry has spiny stems and fruits and glossy dark green leaves. (The fruits look like red jewels.) This plant likes shade to sun, no water to moderate water with good drainage, but tolerates clay soil.

How about this favorite? *Salvia greggii* (Autumn Sage), an herbaceous perennial native from southwest Texas, found through the Chihuahuan Desert and into the Mexican state of San Luis Potosi. It typically grows in rocky soil at elevations from 5,000-9,000 feet. This plant can take some shade and best of all, because it has many varieties, there is a size that fits nearly every landscape need.

For color, take a look at Teenie Genie Lantana and Mexican Bird of Paradise (*Caesalpinia*). Teenie Genie is an evergreen, dense, and compact shrub with a continuous display of multi-colored flowers which open chiffon yellow and transition to fuchsia pink. It can be used in containers, mass plantings and borders. *Leucospermum*, or Pincushion Flower, is native to Zimbabwe and South Africa. You'll love the profuse and interesting blooms.

Andy Shearer is our walking plant encyclopedia at the Poway store. He said the first plant he shows customers who want to add drought tolerant plants to the landscape is *Leucadendron*, from Australia, which is a relative of the protea family. "I like the different varieties, the leaf shapes, sizes and foliage color," explained Andy. "It's half way between a shrub and a succulent." Andy reported that most get about 5' tall and all need good drainage.

Grevilleas made his list as did Phormiums with their wide choice of sizes and colors. He was quick to praise California natives too, "They have incredible diversity", he said pointing to a Catalina Ironwood. This is a subspecies of Ironwood trees and now is



Grevillea

native only to Catalina Island but used to grow on the mainland. It can be grown as a shrub with several crooked stems or a tree growing up to 60' tall. Also called a Lyontree, the leaves look delicate but are as rough as sandpaper and were used by Indians who made the tough wood into spear handles and shafts, and European settlers used it for making fishing poles and canes.

Editor's Note:
While these plants tend to be regularly stocked, some will be available in limited supply so it's best to purchase them when you see them. •



'Teenie Genie' Lantana

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Soil

The soil in your raised gardens will sink and settle over time, especially after you remove finished crops. With each planting, top off the soil in your raised beds with compost. Adding Big Harvest Bale, an organic compost, increases soil volume, nutrition, and water retention. It top dresses your in ground crops as a fertile mulch that feeds while retaining moisture.

Feeding

Fertilize your crops, especially in raised beds and containers. Plants grow fine when initially planted for a short period of time. However, a lack of fertilizer becomes limiting and feeding is necessary. Use Dr. Earth Tomato, Vegetable, Herb fertilizer for all your veggie garden needs. Be sure to follow

the instructions for how much to use and how often to re-apply.

Pests & Disease

Plants are alive, and so are bugs and disease; this is nature. The moment you notice that something doesn't look right (e.g. yellow leaves, holes, brown spots), find the cause right away. Don't wait for the plant to deteriorate and die or you will never find out what actually happened.

Always bring samples into the nursery or take a cell phone picture—anything that helps us see what you are seeing. We're more than happy to help you figure out what's going on.

For more details, drop by our **free Spring Veggie Garden Tune-Up class** at our San Diego location, June 20 at 9am. •

Tool Shed: New Animal Repellent

There is a new animal repellent on the shelves that almost seems divine. Called Animal B Gon by Ortho, it's made from rosemary oil, cinnamon oil, and peppermint oil. That sounds like a winning combination until you read the next ingredient, which is, putrescent whole egg solids. And with that disgusting addition, this is a recipe for repelling critters!

This product repels rabbits, groundhogs, squirrels and other small herbivores. It is safe for people, pets, and plants (when used as directed). It repels but uses a no stink formula, the majority of which is essential oils. It delivers long-lasting & rain resistant performance. We stock the 2 lb. bottle; it is granulated. •



Good Things

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bright fuchsia color, Pink, which is soft pink, and Cream which is really a soft yellow) that grow to about 2-3' high. They have a mounding habit that is perfectly suited to patio containers, courtyards and smaller scale landscapes. These little guys bloom continuously in hot summer climates and are evergreen in frost-free areas.

Sunvillea™ bougainvilleas debuted in the U.S. at the Tropical Plant Industry Exposition in Ft. Lauderdale and were a big hit, winning 'The Best New Flowering Plant' Award based on attendee votes in 2011. Sunvillea™ were also one of three finalists in the running for Greenhouse Grower's Reader's Choice Award after receiving the most votes in the "Best of the Rest" category.

Both stores have these in stock. •

A Salute To Our Local Military



As a thank you and to support our local military service men, women and veterans, Walter Andersen Nursery now offers a 10% discount to service men and women. To receive the discount, sign up for a Hedge Fund\$ account and the discount will automatically be deducted from your purchases made on the account. Just show your military ID at sign up. If you are already a Hedge Fund\$ member fill out an update card, show your military ID, and we will change your account status to reflect it. The discount is available to active duty and retired veterans. Please note that the discount does not apply to items on sale. •

Words From Walter

How To Grow A Hau Tree

By Walter Andersen, Jr.



We currently have some nice **Hibiscus tilaceus variegata** (or **Hau Tree**) that we grew from cuttings available in both nurseries; however the numbers are very limited.

This is an unusual Hibiscus variety in our area, and you won't find many folks growing it. The leaves are fairly large and rounded, variegated with colors of green and burgundy, sometimes a speck of light yellow, to about 4" to

4.5" in diameter. This variety can be grown as a bush or small tree, perhaps reaching 15' tall in time. Trimmed back, it can be kept to almost any height, or used as a hedge to perhaps 4' to 6' tall. It is very easy to grow, sun to part shade and adapts to almost any soil conditions. The 4" flowers open in the morning and are a light yellow, which turns to deep orange (almost red) by nightfall. Blooms mostly during warmer weather, but a few scattered blooms might develop any time of the year.

It thrives in moist soil, though wet soil is not a problem. Near the ocean, it will grow right next to the water; salt spray is not an issue for this tough Hibiscus. Once established, it is fairly drought tolerant. However, the growth will probably slow some, but it is a very sturdy plant. Mature wood is often used in carvings and furniture. If you are looking for an unusual plant that is easy to grow, this might be the one you are looking for. •

Dwarf Jacaranda Still Packs A Visual Punch

By Melanie Potter

Have you noticed that the Jacaranda trees are beginning to bloom and that these large, showy trees look spectacular this time of year? Their foliage has returned and the trees are laden with purple flowers.

One drawback to planting this beauty is that it's deciduous. It is a showpiece in the garden, but during winter months, it will be dormant and that's a big, bare tree to have taking center stage.

What if I were to tell you that you can now find **Bonsai Blue Jacaranda**, a true dwarf that is fast growing to 6' tall? Like its big sibling, it creates a show in spring with large, deep purple

tubular flowers. It's an ideal small specimen tree for smaller gardens, equally useful as a large border accent or in decorative pots on a terrace or patio. So, given its size, it doesn't have to be treated as a specimen tree. It takes well to pruning (do this in the late winter) and is remarkably tolerant of heat and drought.

Plant in the full sun in enriched, well-drained soil. Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Watering frequency may be reduced after it becomes established. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring. •

TO DO LIST: June

FERTILIZE

For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for fall fescue, and Hi-Yield Weed & Feed 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. •



Bonsai Blue Jacaranda

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Painted Bunting: The Most Beautiful Bird In North America

By Old Ben



Sometimes called the “Nonpareil,” meaning “unrivalled,” this is a fair way to describe the unbelievable colors of the male Painted Bunting.

With their vivid fusion of blue, green, yellow, orange and red colors, male Painted Buntings seem to have flown straight out of a child’s coloring book. Females and juveniles are a distinctive bright green with a pale eye ring. These finches breed in the coastal Southeast and in the south central United States. They are often caught and sold illegally as cage birds in Mexico and the Caribbean, a practice that puts pressure on their breeding populations.

Feeding Behavior

They forage mostly on the ground, with some foraging in shrubs and low trees. During migration, they may forage in mixed flocks with Indigo Buntings.

Diet

Painted Buntings eat mostly seeds of grasses and weeds, though they may eat berries and fruits on occasion. Insects consumed may include beetles, caterpillars, grasshoppers and flies.

They eat more insects in early summer when feeding their young.

Nesting

To defend territory, males sing from a raised perch, often partly hidden among foliage near treetops. Males will also engage in serious physical fights in disputes over territorial boundaries. One male may have more than one mate. The nest is placed in dense bushes, vines, or low trees, usually three to nine feet above the ground. The nest is built by the female. It’s an open cup woven of grass, weeds, leaves, lined with fine grass, rootlets, and animal hair.

Eggs

Three to four eggs are laid. They may be whitish to bluish white or pale gray with reddish brown spots. Incubation is by the female. Eggs hatch in 11 to 12 days. Nestlings are fed by the female. The young leave the nest 12 to 14 days after hatching. The male may take over feeding them if the female begins a second nesting attempt.

Interesting Facts

The western population of Painted Buntings begins its fall migration before molting and molts in staging areas in southern Arizona and northern Mexico, then continues to migrate further south. This migration molt pattern is common among waterfowl but very rare among songbirds. In contrast to the western population, the eastern population of Painted Buntings molts on its breeding grounds before migration.

The oldest Painted Bunting on record was at least 11 years and 10 months old when it was caught and released by a Texas bird bander in 2011.

In March of this year I was blessed to have a male Painted Bunting reside in my backyard for two weeks. He feasted on millet. This is truly the most beautiful bird in North America. •

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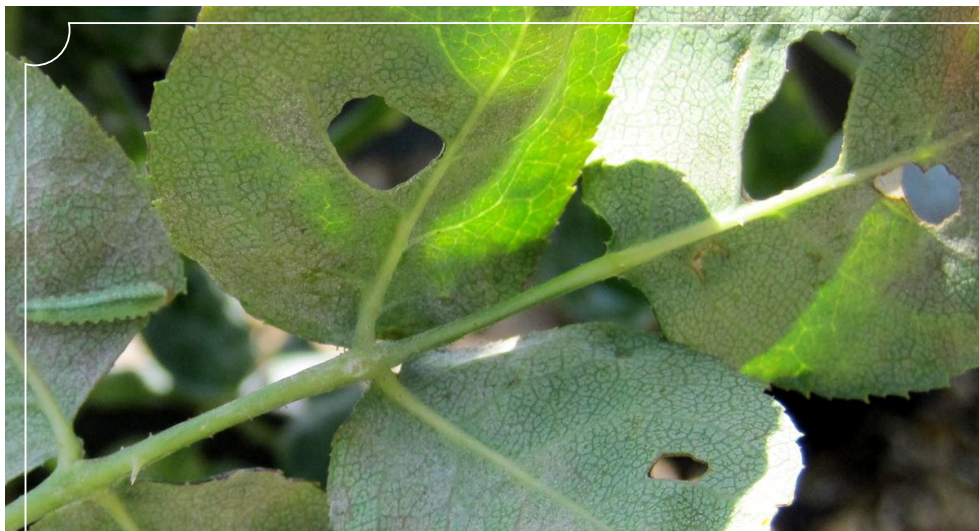
The host plant for the Monarch Butterfly. Seed grown and packaged by Old Ben’s Workshop.

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

Choices For An Organic Garden

By Chuck McClung



Keep an eye out for this pest. It's a rose slug, the larvae of sawflies, and it chews holes in your rose leaves. There are organic controls to combat this nuisance. Look for organic contact spray or oil spray. If you are seeing holes on your rose leaves, turn the leaf to look at the underside. If you spy a greenish caterpillar-looking pest, you know you have rose slugs!

At Walter Andersen Nursery, our goal is to ensure your gardening success. We offer organic alternatives for your garden remedies, from pest controls to vegetable fertilizers to squirrel repellents.

To start, always read the entire label before using anything. Sentences like, "do not apply in direct sun" or "do not apply to wet foliage", are crucial for your success.

For pest and disease controls, it is also very important to first find out exactly what you need to control. Bring in the largest sample possible of your sick plants, or a cell phone photo, anything that helps us see what you are seeing at home.

For instance, Captain Jack's Dead Bug with Spinosad is an excellent organic control for chewing insects like citrus leaf miner or caterpillars on your kale. You will need a different type of control for sucking insects (e.g. aphids, scale, and mealy bugs) like Neem Oil. We also offer several organic disease control options for black spot on roses and powdery mildew on your squash, and other diseases as well.

Again for your safety, be sure to read the entire instruction label. Also, be

sure to re-apply controls according to the instructions; organic controls break down quickly and need more frequent applications than synthetic controls.

I recommend the organic Dr. Earth brand of fertilizers for lawns, roses and flowers, veggies and herbs, fruit trees, even palms and tropicals. We also have a wide selection of organic repellents that deter cats, dogs, squirrels and more. You can even find organic weed controls for your lawn, landscape and vegetable garden.

To learn more about organic options for your home and garden, attend our **free garden class on Organics**, June 6 at 9am in our San Diego store. •



Ruth Perkins (center) made many a batch of graham crackers with lemon frosting when her now not-so-little son, Tom, and daughter, Lisa, were kids.

Recipe: Graham Crackers With Lemon Frosting



This recipe comes to us from Ruth Perkins. It seems we've worked forever with her son, Tom, in the nursery industry. He recalled a favorite dessert from his childhood that his mother made. It's so simple, perfect for a pot-luck, and people will think you worked harder than you did. (The imprecise measurements and terminology come directly from Ruth. Basically, it's a recipe that is hard to screw up!)

Meyer Lemon (or lemon of your choice)

Glob of butter (softened)

Powdered sugar

A few drops of milk

Zest the lemon, and then juice it. Begin by combining some lemon zest and juice, to which you add a generous glob of softened butter, then some powdered sugar and cream together until smooth. Thin with some milk if necessary. You are aiming for a frosting-like consistency.

Too sour: add more powdered sugar. Not tart enough: add more lemon juice. There is no such thing as too much butter. The trick is to start with a small amount of liquid, and then add more if needed. Believe me; too much liquid will turn the whole thing into lemon soup! Once you have the consistency you like, spread it on graham crackers and serve.

Poway Rose Show Winners

By Melanie Potter



We held a rose show May 16-17 at our Poway Store. There were loads of entries, and some were roses we haven't seen in years. The Rose Show winners are:

Section A – Best Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Single Stem shown without sidebuds

Black Magic -

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Mahanay

Section B – Best Single Stem Floribunda Single Flower or Spray Section

Mardi Gras - John & Barbara Lester

Section C – Best Old Fashioned Type Single Stem, Old Garden Rose, David Austin, Shrubs & Similar Types

Gertrude Jeckle - Sue Streeper

Section E – Best Miniature/Mini Flora Single Stem

Grace Seward -

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Mahanay

Section F – Best Mini Flora/ Mini Spray 3 or more blooms on 1 stem

Arcanum - John & Barbara Lester

Section G – Best Bouquet 5 Stems or More, 1 or More Varieties shown in 1 Container

George Burns - Pete Bompensiero

Section H – Best Mini Flora/Mini Bouquet 5 Stems or More, 1 or More Varieties shown in 1 Container

Dancing Flame -

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Mahanay

Section I – Best Floating Bowl Subject to Entry Limits, Single Bloom

The Squire - John & Barbara Lester

Section J – Best Mini Flora/Mini Floating Bowl Subject to Entry Limits

Equinox - John & Barbara Lester

Section K – Most Fragrant Rose Single Bloom

Double Delight -

John and Barbara Lester

Section L – Best Fully Open Variety

Grand Prize - Sue Streeper

Section M – Best Non-Classified Rose

Josephs Coat - Jack Edmondson

Andersen's Choice

Princess Katelyn - John & Barbara Lester

Queen of the Show

Black Magic Bouquet -

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Mahanay



A Rose Show Visitor!



Rose Show Winner 'Bees Knees'

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/.

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Attracting & Keeping Butterflies
& Hummingbirds

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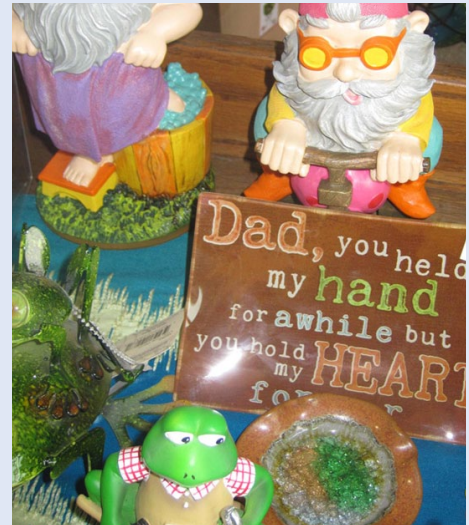
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Home Canning! with
Richard Wright

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Garden Tools with Len Schultz,
U.C.C.E Master Gardener

Dates To Remember

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