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## Fun Finds In The Sun

By Melanie Potter



*Bush Morning Glory 'Heirloom Blue Ensign'*

After May gray and June gloom, we were ready to see sunshine. Here in Poway, eventually by mid-morning, the gray moved out and blue skies moved in. What a difference sunshine makes when you look at flowers; they are certainly more vibrant and are at their showy best. I blame the gray days as the reason I overlooked some of these flowers that I hadn't noticed before.

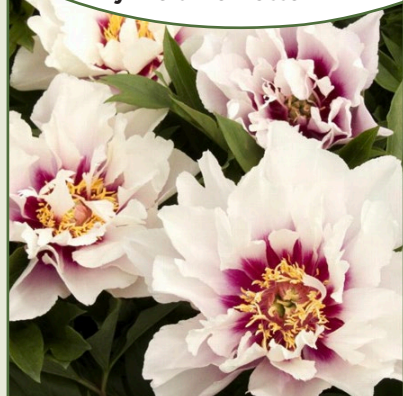
### Bush Morning Glory 'Heirloom Blue Ensign'

At our Poway store, Ella has a knack for patiently growing flowers

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## What Google Says About Flowers in 2025

By Melanie Potter



*Itoh Peonies by Monrovia*

Somebody had a lot of time on their hands. I'm guessing this was a rainy-day project for Arena Flowers, a flower and gifts retailer based in the United Kingdom. Some methodical minded employee analyzed two years' worth of Google search data to

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## Congratulations To Walter, Jr.

By WAN Staff



*Walter Jr., accepts the Icon Award surrounded by family and senior store managers.*

We can count on one hand when the Andersens gathered for a family dinner and one of them received an award. Actually, we can count the occasions on one finger. It was Walter, Jr.'s special night when last month he was awarded the Industry Icon award by the San Diego County Flower & Plant Association. •



## Flowers in 2025

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Snapdragon

determine the top floral trends for 2025.

**Were any of these trends on your radar?**

**Peonies nabbed the top spot of the global online searches.**

They are a beautiful cut flower, but not a great match to grow in our San Diego climate, unless you are in Julian. We do sell Itoh peonies from Monrovia but a member of the Andersen family who tried to grow them was not successful. That said, there have been customers who are successful and are rewarded with gorgeous blooms.

**Snapdragons placed fourth in the global rankings** but were number one in New York, London, Berlin, Sydney and Abu Dhabi. Snapdragons come in an array of colors, are easy to grow and look beautiful in bouquets.

Here's an easy trend to get on board with – think pink. **Roses were included in the top 10 trending flowers** for Sydney, Mexico City and Colombo, Sri Lanka. Any pink blooms will keep in line with this trend so think carnations, dahlias,

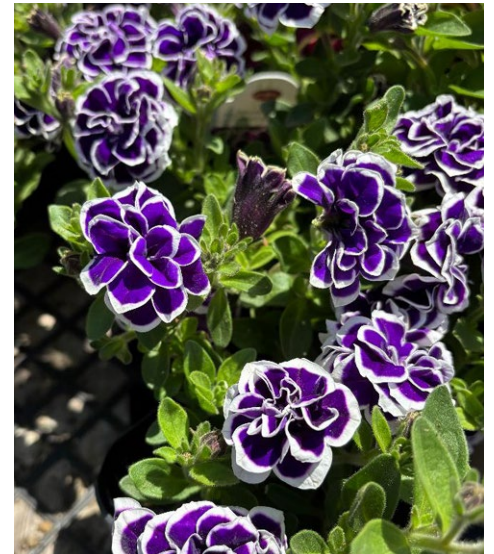
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from seed and was delighted when she was rewarded by a blooming Bush Morning Glory 'Heirloom Blue Ensign'. We managed to get this photo before the bunnies made a meal of them.

### Petunia Double 'Frosted Sapphire'

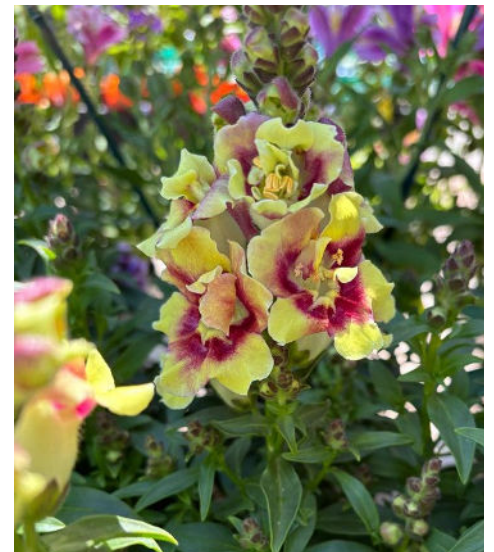
If you like the color of Ella's morning glories, you'll be a fan of Petunia Double 'Frosted Sapphire'. These are sweet, little, double petunias perfectly edged in white against a deep purple bloom.



Petunia Double 'Frosted Sapphire'

### Snapdragon Intermediate 'Yellow Red Heart'

Here's an interesting snapdragon although it lacks the 'dragon' appearance of traditional varieties. It's Snapdragon Intermediate 'Yellow Red Heart'. Enjoy the open-faced semi-double flowers with ruffly yellow petals and a red heart.

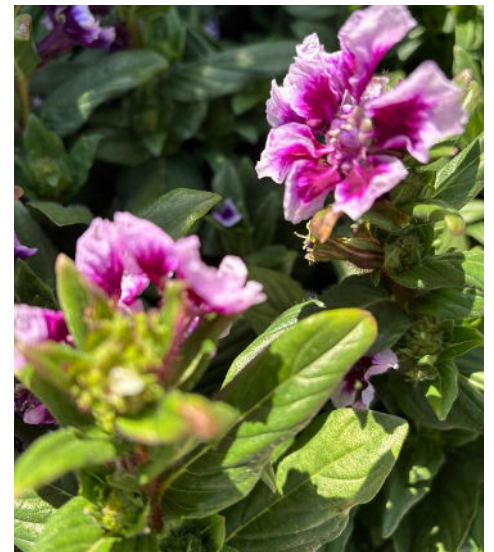


Snapdragon Intermediate 'Yellow Red Heart'

### Violet 'Totally Tempted Frosted Violet'

Finally, would you like to know what totally tempted Ella that found its way to her garden? Well, it's 'Totally Tempted Frosted Violets', a cuphea (*Cuphea procumbens*)! The self-cleaning, violet purple and blush pink rimmed blossoms are ruffled, like violets. Pollinators love them but they are hated by deer (for you folks who share the great outdoors with them).

Come see us on a sunny day and discover some new-to-you flowers that you may have overlooked. •

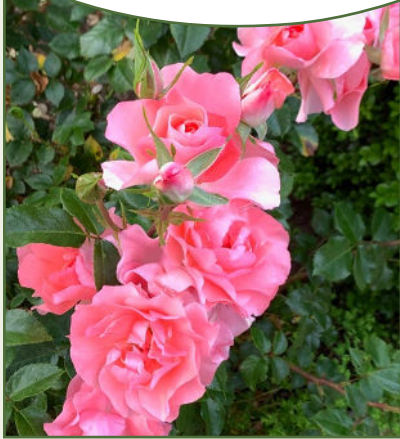


Violet 'Totally Tempted Frosted Violet'



## Flowers in 2025

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Pink Roses

alstroemerias, nemesia, calibrachoa, geraniums, petunias, and more. **As for pink roses, our 2026 rose list should be published in September** and you can count on there being loads of pink choices.

Who saw this boost for bulbs? **Tulips jumped in search interest** with blue and Jerusalem tulips trending upwards.

Hydrangeas remain popular. **Taking the number eight spot were green hydrangeas!**

There was a 50% rise in demand for red and white stems also. The nursery also stocks them in hot pink and blue. •



Hydrangea by Monrovia  
Photo: Doreen Wynja

## Drones In The House

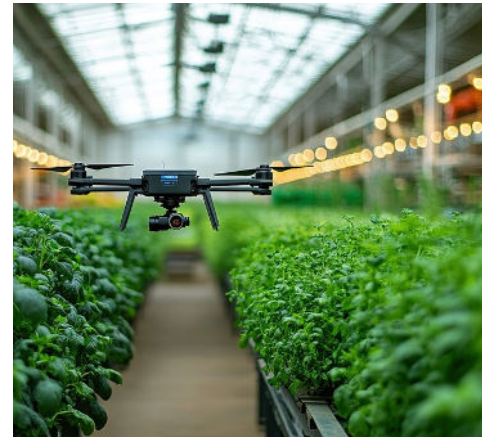
By Melanie Potter

If you asked Mary, Mary, quite contrary how her garden grows, you wouldn't expect to hear it's with the help of drones. Ask a large-scale plant grower and you might be surprised that some are contracting with drone companies to benefit from the many services drones can provide.

In the May issue of Greenhouse Grower magazine, I learned how this technology boosts production and efficiency.

Drones in greenhouses don't rely on GPS, which is tricky given the structural supports required in construction create interference. Instead, platforms with QR codes can be mounted in sections of the green house and as the drone flies its course, it is recording information. This information is uploaded and analyzed and the grower receives that information within a couple of hours.

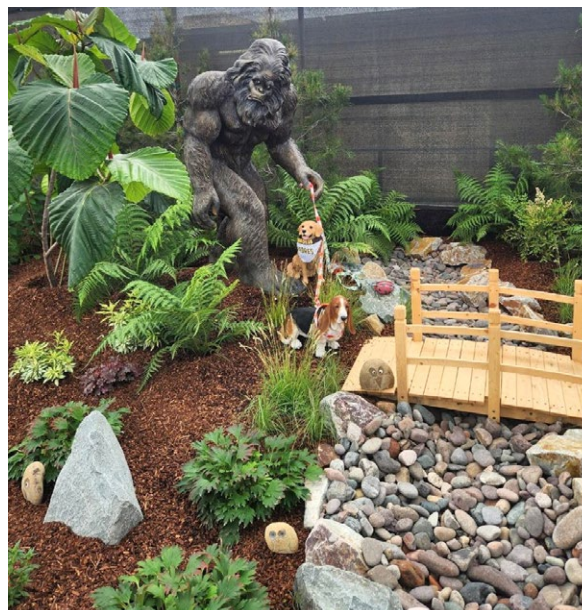
So, what are drones doing when they fly? Drones are scouting for pests



and diseases, monitoring growth and managing inventory. From reviewing rose yields in Central America to detecting pests in orchids grown in the Netherlands, drones are also helping keep workers safe. Outside the greenhouse, Costa Farms relies on drones to use infrared imaging to assist in poly roof cleaning and applying shading compound. Drones can also detect heat leaks. Flying overhead to spot these hazards, drones can also apply roof treatments and paint which saves employees from engaging in a hazardous task. •

## Wrapping Up The Fair

By WAN Staff



Did you see Walter Andersen Nursery's garden display at the San Diego County Fair? There are still a few days before it ends July 6. When it's over, Squatch will be coming back to our Poway store and we aren't sure where the cute pups in the display will end up. The best thing about our 'Summer Pet-tacular' display was the perfect pets perfectly placed. The resin sasquatch and dogs didn't need food or water, or picking up after. •



## Recipe: Boat Dip

From Julia Levy



Photo: Southern Living

*Editor's note:* Recipe from Julia Levy and made available by Southern Living. Perfect summer dip to take to the lake, beach, or pool. I'm making this for the July 4th weekend to serve on a boat, on the water!

### Ingredients

- 1 (16-oz.) container sour cream (about 2 cups)
- 1 (10-oz.) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes and green chiles (such as Rotel), drained
- 1 (1-oz.) envelope ranch dressing mix
- 1 (1-oz.) envelope 25%-less-sodium taco seasoning mix. Use low sodium if you are serving with salty chips.
- 1 (8-oz.) pkg. shredded Cheddar-Jack or mild Cheddar cheese (about 2 cups)
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions (about 2 medium) (optional)
- Tortilla chips, Fritos, crackers, cut up vegetables or potato chips, for serving.

### Directions

Combine ingredients: Stir together sour cream, diced tomatoes, ranch mix, taco seasoning, and cheese in a medium bowl. Top with scallions. •

## To Do List: July



Fertilize vegetables



Check that drip irrigation is working properly



Look for Hibiscus



Use Ada Perry's on roses

### Fertilize

- > For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer.
- > Feed ornamentals, vegetables, citrus, avocado, fruit trees, palms and tropicals with E.B. Stone or Dr. Earth.
- > Add Ada Perry's Magic Formula to your regular rose feeding schedule this month.

### Water

- > Through October, keep a close watch on watering to make sure plants do not suffer from drought.
- > Adjust sprinkler clocks or provide supplemental watering to avoid stress to plants.
- > Make sure lawn sprinklers are working properly to prevent waste and dead spots.
- > Mulch plants to conserve water and dress up planting beds.

### Prune

- > Coral trees and roses.

### Plant

- > Plant anything! Just make sure they get plenty of water! New plantings will require more frequent, shallower waterings than established plants.
- > Look for Plumeria, Hibiscus, Lantana, Plumbago, Gardenias, and bedding plants. •



## Holiday Closing

### July 4th!

Both stores will be closed Friday, July 4 for the holiday.





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**7/5** – Ken, George & John  
with Chuck McClung (Author  
and Speaker)

**7/12** – Ken, George & John

**7/19** – Ken, George & John  
with Karen England (Herbalist  
and President of the San Diego  
Horticultural Society)

**7/26** – Ken, George & John  
*Guests subject to change  
without notice*



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## Garden Classes: July

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 <https://www.walterandersen.com/classes-events/>.

SAN DIEGO	POWAY
<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>
7/5	7/5
No Class - July 4th Weekend	No Class - July 4th Weekend
<i>Reminder: Both Stores</i>	<i>Reminder: Both Stores</i>
Closed 7/4	Closed 7/4
7/12	7/12
Summer Fruit Tree Care with Tyler Trimble	Vegetable Seed Saving with Adams
7/19	7/19
Aquatics with John Clements	Tropical Plants with Mike Letzring
7/26	7/26
TBD	Summer Fruit Tree Pruning with Tyler Trimble



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