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Heat-Loving Plants Work Hard In Hot Summers

By Monrovia Nursery & WAN Staff



Marina Strawberry Tree by Monrovia
Photo: Doreen Wynja

We hope we aren't speaking too soon or aiming to jinx ourselves, but doesn't it seem like summer has been fairly mild? Ordinarily to combat the heat of summer, we would tell you to mulch (that keeps the water in) and to check your sprinklers to ensure they are working properly and watering the stuff that needs to grow rather than hardscape. We will most certainly tell you that it is unlikely you are providing sufficient water to plants trying to survive on drip irrigation. Finally, we will suggest you grow

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Let's Extend Strawberry Season!

By Monrovia Nursery



If you planted day-neutral or everbearing strawberries which don't send out many runners, they are staying busy. They've been putting their energy into producing multiple harvests right into fall. (If you planted June-bearing strawberries, well, they've mostly come and gone.)

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Plant Fall Bulbs For Spring Blooms

By WAN Staff

The fall bulb season is upon us and that means both our stores will soon be well stocked with Bearded Iris, Daffodils, Narcissus, Tulips, Hyacinth, Ranunculus, Freesias, Watsonias, Hyacinth, Allium, Amaryllis, lilies, and Ixia.

We call them fall bulbs because that is when they are available to be planted, though most of these will bloom during winter and spring. Many will naturalize here and bring flowers year after year with minimal care. **Look for the following:**

Bearded Iris

Bearded Iris will have many varieties of one of the most durable, drought-tolerant perennials you can plant. These strong, upright bloomers are fragrant and make excellent cut



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A bit of extra work during these hot days will help keep the harvest coming. **A few quick tips:**

- > **At the end of August or early September** remove and compost dead leaves. Also remove weak new runners that you don't want to keep.
- > **Water Regularly:** Regular watering is especially important while the fruit is forming, from early bloom to harvest. Water regularly at a rate of 1 – 2 inches per week in most soil types. Strawberries planted in pots might need a daily drink.
- > **Keep Mulching:** Strawberries generally prefer spring and early summer when the soil is still cool. During summer the soil heats up. You can help to keep it a bit cooler with applications of organic mulch. An extra layer now can encourage late fruiting. Apply about a one-inch layer around berries. Be sure to pull the mulch back from the crown of the plant to avoid rot.
- > **Feed Sparingly:** Apply a balanced fertilizer after the second harvest of day-neutral

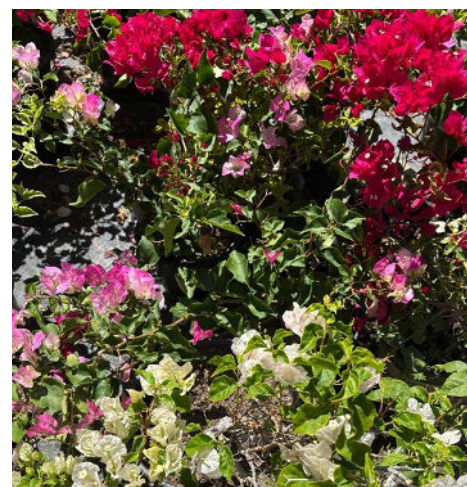
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plants that thrive in our climate and suggest some California natives along with plants that are adapted to San Diego's climate or from similar regions around the world. Those would be plants from areas with dry summers, such as Central Chile, South Africa, the Mediterranean, and regions of Australia that do well in California. That list includes:

Bougainvillea

It thrives in hot, sunny conditions in well-draining, slightly acidic soil with regular watering and fertilizing.



Bougainvillea

Agapanthus

Short, tall, dwarf, white or various shades of purple!

Blue Chalksticks

This low-growing, branching succulent creates a carpet of upright, powdery blue-green leaves. Rooting itself as it grows, Blue Chalksticks is perfect for preventing erosion on sunny, dry hillsides. It's also a great choice for covering any bare spots in a landscape filled with other succulents, grasses, and waterwise perennials. Tuck it in a border, a container, or rock garden and enjoy. It requires very little care, and tolerates poor soil and coastal conditions.



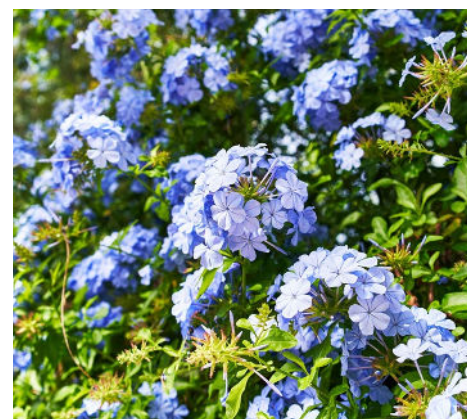
Blue Chalksticks by Monrovia
Photo: Doreen Wynja

Marina Strawberry Tree

If you have a small space, consider the arbutus. This small tree has it all: attractive bark, rosy pink flowers, strawberry-like edible fruit, it's a habitat for birds, with a low canopy of deep green leaves. It's tough, too, tolerating poor or acidic soil and needing very little water.

Plumbago

This shrub is an overlooked workhorse in the landscape. It is a fast-growing evergreen that blooms with blue or white flowers. Perhaps one of the best plants to sprawl on banks and slopes in need of coverage and evergreen foliage. With slight



Plumbago

trimming, this makes an elegant foundation plant that hides any unsightly utilities. It provides superior filler for tropical gardens and around pool areas, where the green foliage looks bright and lush.

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and everbearing types and every four weeks thereafter. Stop fertilizing in early fall in order to prevent new growth that will be damaged by frost.

> **Pick 'Em:** Root around in all the foliage to hunt for stray berries. Fruit left on the plant becomes over ripe and can promote the twin strawberry spoilers: mold and insects.

> **Good To Know:** Everbearing do not continually bear fruit. They instead produce two to three harvests of fruit intermittently during the spring, summer and fall. Everbearing plants do not send out many runners. Day-neutral strawberries produce fruit throughout the growing season, but in smaller quantities than June-bearing plants. Like everbearing types, these strawberries also produce few runners. Everbearing and day neutral strawberries are great when space is limited and have a longer season of harvest. However, the fruits are often smaller than June bearers. •



Plant Fall Bulbs

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flowers. We are stocking Apollo, Eye of the Tiger, and Sapphire Beauty.

Freesias

Freesias are easy to grow, very fragrant, and come in many colors.

Daffodils and Narcissus

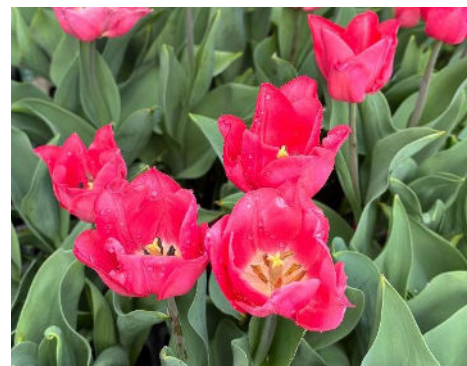
Daffodils and Narcissus are great planted in groups where they will get afternoon shade.

Tulips and Hyacinths

Tulips and Hyacinths will need to be refrigerated in paper bags, not plastic, for at least six and up to 12 weeks prior to planting. They all do great in containers. Tulip selections include: Candy Cane Blend, Doll's Blend, Fringed Blend, Pride Blend, Purple Blend, Red Hot Blend, Spring Break Blend, and Spring Essentials Blend. •



Freesias



Tulips

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Little John Dwarf Bottlebrush (Callistemon 'Little John')

Count on the blood red, bottlebrush-like-flowers to cover this small, mounding shrub from spring into summer. In the warmest regions, it will bloom intermittently all year, which is great news for hummingbirds, which find the flowers irresistible. With blue-green leaves and dense branching, Little John is handsome and versatile in the garden. Line up several for a hedge or mass them like groundcover in hot, dry planting areas where other plants tend to wilt.

Santa Barbara Mexican Sage (Salvia leucantha)

Woo hoo, what can't you use this plant for? This compact selection of the beloved Mexican bush sage is a no-brainer in a warm-climate waterwise garden. Rich purple flower spires top soft, gray-green foliage. Tough as nails, it's suitable for the driest climates in the west and fits in



Santa Barbara Mexican Sage by Monrovia
Photo: Doreen Wynja

to almost any landscape, from formal to casual. Tuck it into borders, mix it in with other flowering shrubs, let it naturalize along a dry slope, or even show it off in a container.

Agave

How to select just one?? There are so many and here's a favorite, Blue Glow' with its smooth, blue-green leaves with yellow-edged, red margins that form a single, symmetrical rosette. •

Save That Summer Flavor

By Jolene Andersen



Are your herbs fading fast?

Have you snipped, ripped and chopped enough basil, sage and parsley to last you until next summer? Well, just wait a minute. In the deepest part of the winter doldrums, you'll want some tangy basil or a little smidgen of sage to spark up your dishes, so don't ignore the remnants of your leafy herbs. Save some for winter.

Oh sure, drying can be tedious, whether you cut the stems and hang them upside down to dry them in some out of the way place or layer them in newspaper in the laundry room where everyone rifles through them and scatters them everywhere.

A much more simple method of harnessing summer's goodness is to wash and chop the leaves of your favorite herbs. Put one teaspoon of herb in each cube of an ice cube tray and fill almost full with water. Freeze, then pop the cubes out into a labeled plastic bag. Wow, you have captured a bit of summer in an ice cube to beat those winter blahs! Add to soups, stews, gravies, anything that will tolerate a bit of water and whatever herb is in it. You'll be surprised how flavorful the herbs remain in the cubes. •

Industry Icon Passes

By Ken Andersen



Photo: miloshammas.com

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Earth founder Milo Shammass. Milo took soil research to the next level by being one of the first to create a fertilizer that utilized soil mycorrhiza to boost the efficiency of organic plant foods.

I met Milo at a trade show in City of Industry almost 40 years ago. He was a young guy selling a new fertilizer he had formulated and packaged in plain brown paper bags. At the time organic fertilizers were in their infancy and the ones on the market were slow to release nutrients which delayed the results people wanted so they were not popular compared to traditional fertilizer.

Milo took the time to explain to Walter, Jr. and me his new formulations and how they worked.

Shortly after this meeting we started carrying his products. His product line began to grow and people started asking for it after seeing the results. Over the following years, Dr. Earth became our most recognized and sought after line of organic plant foods. A dynamic speaker and author, Milo was a pleasure to know and spend time with at trade shows and industry events. The nursery industry has lost a real innovator and facilitator of change. Milo will be sorely missed but we hope his legacy will live on in the Dr. Earth brand he worked tirelessly to build over the years. •



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Is Ken Andersen Smarter Than A Rodent?

By Melanie Potter



You may recall that in last month's newsletter, Ken Andersen boasted about the half barrel planters he augmented with handles and how he planted them up. One flourished and the other, not so much. Every time he planted a zucchini, it was missing the next morning. A Tom Cat trap caught the culprit a few nights later when Ken landed the biggest rat he'd ever seen. Mystery solved, time to plant another zucchini. Clutch your pearls, plants continued to disappear and traps yielded nothing. After a week of losing more zucchini, Ken devised a trap system, thinking the predator was burrowing into the barrel and also set up a trail cam. This yielded some results as the trail cam revealed that the culprit was a vole and was living in the barrel. Every method Ken uses to trap the vole has met with failure but he's not giving up. It seems the vole is smarter than the farmer and the Andersens continue to buy zucchini at the supermarket. •



To Do List: September



Plant Mums, Pansies and more



Look for fall bulbs



Plant carrots and more!

Fertilize

- > For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue. Use Bonide DuraTurf Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds.
- > Feed ornamentals, vegetables, citrus, avocado, fruit trees, palms and tropicals with E.B. Stone or Dr. Earth.
- > Last feeding for Camellias, Azaleas, and roses for the year.

Plant

- > Plant Sweet Peas, winter annuals like Calendulas, Stocks, Pansies, Violas, Mums, and Snapdragons.
- > Plant winter vegetables. For your veggie planting,

don't miss broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, lettuces and greens, potatoes, radishes, peas and beets too.

- > Cool-season tomatoes are here!

Later This Month Look For Fall Bulbs

- > Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, Crocus, Saffron Crocus, Ranunculus and Freesia. For the best selection, buy them early. Tulips, Hyacinths, and spring-blooming Crocus will need to be pre-chilled in the refrigerator for 6-8 weeks to 'fake' winter before planting outdoors.

Look For:

- > Crape Myrtle, Bougainvillea, Arbutus, and Agapanthus. •

Not Happening!

By WAN Staff



Ken Andersen planted a small crop of catmint in a planter and now he knows why it's a struggle to grow herbs in what was thought to be a tricky planter. No, the plant didn't grow a cat but the family cat, Giselle, enjoys sitting in the herb box and because she's a cat, she doesn't care if she squashes the plants. Ken keeps planting and she keeps trampling. •



Make A Note

Labor Day is Monday,
September 1st. **Both stores
are open regular hours.**

It's Parade Time!

By WAN Staff

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Walter Andersen Nursery is pleased to once again be a Gold Sponsor for the Poway Rotary Parade to be held September 13 along Poway Road. We have lost count of the many years the nursery has helped sponsor the parade.

This year's parade theme is 'Celebrating Heritage & Unity'. Paul 'Bear Dog' Rodriguez will serve as grand marshal. Rodriguez is a spiritual advisor to his tribe and has spent his life immersed in Native tradition, ceremony, and community serving as a bridge between generations, cultures, and spiritual paths.

The parade will be held from 9am-11am. Parts of Poway Road will be closed. After the parade, come see us at the nursery! •



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9/6 – Ken, George & John

9/13 – Kean, George & John
with Brook Sarson from
Catching H₂O

9/20 – Ken, George & John

9/27 – Ken, George & John
with Shea O'Keefe from USDA

*Guests subject to change
without notice*



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Garden Classes: September

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
9:00AM	9:30AM
9/6 How to Grow Dragon Fruit: History, Best Practices, and Trellis Building with Ahron Duben (My Dragon Plug) & Paul Erickson (Rare Dragon Fruit)	9/6 Dragon Fruit with Alan Ridley
9/13 Camellias 101 with Constanze	9/13 Waterwise Gardening: How Much & How Often To Water Your Plants with Local Author Richard Restuccia
9/20 Staghorn Care & Remounting with Olivia	9/20 Common Pests of Backyard Trees with certified arborist Pedro Berry
9/27 Grafting Techniques with Richard	9/27 Implementation of Greywater & Rainwater Capture for Residential Homes with Brook Sarson from Catching H ₂ O



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