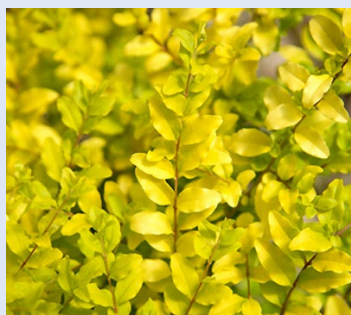




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## Bring Sunshine To Your Garden



Do you think there is too much sunshine in Southern California? The growers of **Ligustrum 'Sunshine'** don't think so and want to see more of it in your garden. **Ligustrum 'Sunshine'** offers sunny, year-round golden foliage. If you are looking for a low hedge, this will fit the bill and you can shear it like boxwood. Best of all, it is easy to care for, provides year round color, is non-invasive and is water wise!! Plant in full sun with room to grow to 3'-5' tall by 3'-4' wide. For those who are plagued by deer, this is a deer resistant plant. •

## The History Of Walter Andersen Nursery

*Second in a series. See December newsletter for first article*

By Ken Andersen



Walter Sr. standing next to the gates installed at the new Rosecrans location, circa 1937.

In 1932 after the nursery had been in business for four years, Walter Andersen, Sr., moved the operation to the corner of Pacific Highway and Taylor Street. Today, that is home to the Old Town State Park parking lot and Old Town Transit Center.

Once settled, Walter continued to develop the landscaping business and

the nursery. He began acquiring land for expansion; one purchase was the property at 3860 Rosecrans. In 1937 Walter opened the business there where it became the nursery's flagship location for the next 32 years. It's hard to believe that when the nursery opened, there wasn't a store building, merely a small office.

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## 2018 Rose Preview

By Melanie Potter

By the time you read this email, we will have nearly 1,000 roses in stock. You can see what will be available at <http://www.walterandersen.com/garden-tips/>. Click "Plant Lists" then select "2018 Rose List". Some of the roses we will be seeing for the first time as they are 2018 new releases. Here's a peek at them!

### Rosie The Riveter Rose

Linda Laurie with Spirit of '45 Organization talks about this new rose that honors the women who went to work during World War II to support the war effort. [see p3](#)



Bloody Mary

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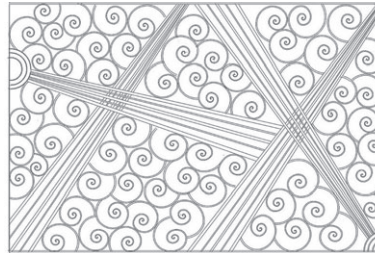
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*Landscape crew renovating a front lawn.*



*Christmas 1939 at the Rosecrans location. Note small office building by gates.*



*Rendering by Paul Hobson, 2014.*

It wasn't all business as the year before, Walter married Byrdie Sorensen, his childhood friend from Boelus, Nebraska. Walter Jr. arrived in 1940.

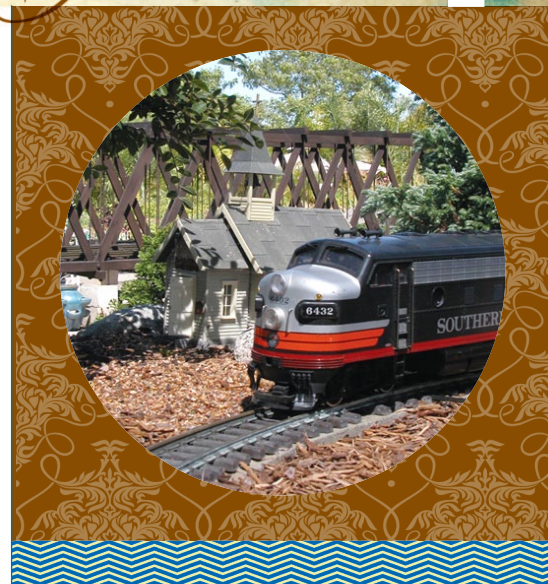
As the business grew, Walter added the store, offices and warehouse. One of the distinctive features of the site, was the massive steel gates that were installed at the entrance. According to Walter Jr., the heavy steel decorative gates were once sky light grates that were salvaged from a building earmarked for demolition. Walter Sr.'s brother, Lawrence, known as Corky, converted the grates into the gates that remained at the Rosecrans location until the nursery moved in 1969 to Enterprise Street. When they were removed, one of the gates made its way into storage where it remained until a couple of years ago when it was stolen, presumably for scrap. The fate of the other gate is unknown.

Around 2013, Ken Andersen commissioned local artist and friend, Paul Hobson, to redraw the gates to scale



*Pacific Highway location mid 1930s.*

from original photographs in hopes of some day recreating them for display at both locations. •



## Garden Railway Close Out

By Ken Andersen

After more than 15 years of selling garden railway merchandise and hardware, we are discontinuing this part of the business.

In 2008, the market changed dramatically, including huge increases in the cost of track and parts. This was compounded by multiple bankruptcies of major players in the industry including LGB and Marklin. The additional loss of Aristo Craft as a supplier eroded a large part of what was once a thriving department in the Poway store.

We have special close out pricing on all garden railway merchandise in stock while supplies last. Now is a good time to add some new rolling stock, or just pick up some spare parts. **All merchandise if 40% off retail while supplies last.** Shop early before the best pieces are gone. No other discounts apply and all sales are final.

This is in the Poway store only. Don't worry though; we are committed to keeping the outdoor layout fully operational at that store for the foreseeable future. •



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Lemon Drift



Easy On The Eyes



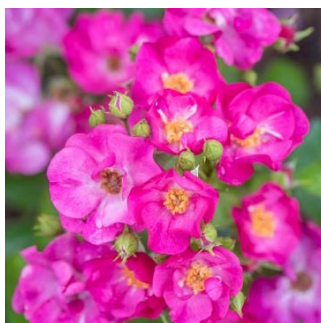
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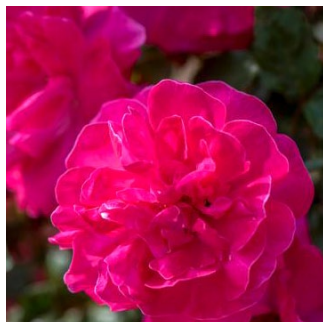
Eyeconic Mango Lemonade



Frida Kahlo



Grape Jelly (climber)



Highwire Flyer (climber)



Coral Knock Out



Peachy Knock Out



Moonlight Romantica



Rosie The Riveter (see story to right)

## Rosie The Riveter Rose

By Linda Laurie

National Events Coordinator,  
Spirit of '45 Organization



What could be a more beautiful tribute to the women who went to work during World War II than a rose named in their honor? Such a movement is underway to honor these women in a very special way, beginning with a very special rose.

Partners from Spirit of '45 worked with the American Rosie the Riveter Association and Weeks Roses to create this memorial rose. It is described as having old-fashioned flowers of orange-gold suffused with pink. The foliage are glossy and dark. Fragrant blooms are moderately fruity and spicy.

Nearly 19 million women reported to work to fill jobs left vacant by soldiers. They supported the war effort in every capacity, yet the work they did and the essential role they played in winning the war has been overlooked. No official memorial for these working women has been created.

Spirit of '45 is a non-profit collaboration of partners who want to honor the women, known as Rosies, by building living rose garden memorials that would be planted in network gardens around the country. Collectively these gardens would be known as the Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden. •

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Parade Day



Sweet Mademoiselle



Top Gun

## Pantone's 2018 Color of the Year Is...

By Melanie Potter



We love it. It's **Ultra Violet** and should be a snap to add to the yard. Think salvia, pansies, and Bacopa.

Ultra Violet communicates originality, ingenuity, and visionary thinking that point us toward the future.

"Enigmatic purples have also long been symbolic of counterculture, unconventionality, and artistic brilliance. Musical icons Prince, David Bowie, and Jimi



Verbena

Hendrix brought shades of Ultra Violet to the forefront of western pop culture as personal expressions of individuality. Nuanced and full of emotion, the depth of **PANTONE 18-3838 Ultra Violet** symbolizes experimentation and non-conformity, spurring individuals to imagine their unique mark on the world, and push boundaries through creative outlets", according to the Pantone website.

Want more Ultra Violet colored plants? Look for Pride of Madeira, Agapanthus, Lobelia, Alyssum, Lantana, Verbena, Stocks, Statice, Scabiosa, and more! •

## TO DO LIST: January



### PLANTING

**This is the ideal time to plant** bare root roses, fruit trees, and ornamentals. Shop early for the best selection.

#### Plant These Vegetables Now:

Artichoke, Asparagus, Beets (seed), Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots (seed), Celery, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi (seed), Lettuce, Onions, Parsley, Parsnips, Peas, Radish (seed), Spinach, Swiss Chard, and Turnips (seed).

### LOOK FOR

Camellias, Azaleas, Holly, Pyracantha, roses and fruit trees. Don't miss Pansies, Violas, Stocks and Snapdragons.

### PRUNING

**Now Is The Time to Prune:** Roses, deciduous trees, shrubs, and vines including fruit trees, grapes and berry vines.

**Pruning Tools:** Use well-maintained, sharp shears. Replace worn Felco pruner blades and springs with new ones for easier pruning.

### PEST CONTROL

**Dormant Spray** for diseases and over wintering insects. Use oil spray to control overwintering insects and insect eggs.

**Use Liqui-Cop** to control fungus on fruit trees and roses, Peach Leaf Curl and more on peaches and nectarines.

### LAWN CARE

**Apply High Yield Weed & Feed** to prevent Crabgrass and other weed seed from germinating as the weather warms up.

### ROSES

**Ada Perry's Magic Formula:** Apply to established roses and add with fertilizer when planting. •



## Old Ben:

### Birds & Berries

By Old Ben



Berries are an important food source for many birds during the winter, especially when the ground is either frozen or extremely cold. Those conditions make it hard for the birds to find worms, snails or insects.

Some birds like thrushes, redwing blackbirds, and cedar waxwings secure most of their winter food from berries. Interestingly, some berries that are tasty for birds are poisonous to humans.

Some plants use berries as a clever way to entice birds and other animals to distribute their seeds. A plant that produces berries surrounds the seed in juicy, fleshy pith, rewarding the birds that eat them with vitamins and energy.

Some berry seeds, like juniper, will actually grow better after passing through a bird's gut, a process which removes natural chemicals that would otherwise prevent the seed from growing. Other berry seeds, like mistletoe, are sticky and must cause birds some frustration when sticking to their beaks. The birds

wipe their beaks on other trees, thus unwittingly sowing more mistletoe plants.

Most berries are red or black. This makes the berries easier for birds to find. Evergreens and plants that produce berries when their leaves are still green, generally produce red berries which show up well against a green background. Black berries are thought to be more visible against leaves that have turned yellow or brown.

Birds feed in different ways. Thrushes and waxwings feed in flocks. Many other birds will feed alone, hoping to keep the berries all to themselves.

Thrushes and waxwings prefer berries with smaller seeds, as they are really interested in the flesh. Other birds like grosbeaks can make use of the seed and are attracted to berries with large seeds, like hawthorn and cherries.

Winter is a good time to consider planting fruit and berry-bearing trees and shrubs in your garden. These plants

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## Hummingbirds are now nesting in San Diego!

### Old Ben's Hummingbird Nest Building Kit

Invite Hummingbirds to nest in your yard. The Hummingbird Nest Building Kit includes green moss, forest bark, lichen and 100% natural kapok tree golden silk fibers. The hummers will supply the spider web.

**Sale \$11.99** Reg. \$14.99

## Old Ben's Specials

Valid January 2-31, 2018

**Lowest Price Ever!**

### Old Ben's Dove & Quail Seed

A very popular blend in a 25lb size. Many other wild birds love this blend.

**25lb. bag**

**Sale \$19.99** Reg. \$24.99

### Old Ben's Economy Wild Bird Seed

A traditional blend that attracts a wide variety of wild birds. **20lb. bag**

**\$14.99**

### Old Ben's No Mess Wild Bird Seed

The no mess advantage. Seed is hulled, will not sprout, birds can eat all the seed which attracts fewer pests.

**20lb. bag**

**Sale \$34.99** Reg. \$39.99

### Old Ben's Nyger Seed

The staple food for gold finches and many other small birds.

**25lb. bag**

**Sale \$49.99** Reg. \$59.99



## Ask Old Ben!

Reach out and ask Old Ben all kinds of questions about birds, or show him your (feathered) bird photos, or share your birding experiences? Well, now you can by using this email.

[askoldben@aol.com](mailto:askoldben@aol.com)

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



## Garden Classes

## JANUARY

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/](http://www.walterandersen.com/calendar/).

## SAN DIEGO | 9:00AM

1/6

Last Chance Fruit Tree Pruning  
w/Tyler from Backyard Fruit

1/13

Selecting Bare Root Fruit Tree  
for YOUR Microclimate

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Camellia & Azalea Care

1/27

Cymbidium Orchids Care  
& Culture

## POWAY | 9:30AM

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Fruit Tree Pruning, Bare Root  
Trees with Richard Wright

1/13

Rose Pruning, Care & Culture

1/20

Fruit Tree Pruning, Bare Root  
Trees with Richard Wright

1/27

Winter Color

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are especially good for a wide range of birds: Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Berberis, Hawthorn, Honeysuckle, Holly, Raspberry, Viburnum and many more. Ask your Walter Andersen Nursery associate for other choices.

## Berry Benefits for Birds

**Calories:** High calorie berries provide critical nutrients, especially when it's cold out and other food is hard to find.

**Antioxidants:** Research indicates many species of berries for birds contain antioxidants that help them handle the stress of migration.

**Shelter:** Many berry shrubs provide essential nesting habitat throughout the year while protecting birds from bad weather and predators. •

## Hedge Fund\$™ Change

Beginning February 1, 2018 Hedge Fund\$ certificates will not be valid until five days after issue. Please make sure that you do not lose them as they cannot be replaced. We appreciate your patronage. •

## January Coupon!



Coupon Valid January 2-31, 2018

Buy a Bag of Ada Perry's  
Magic Formula and get a  
**FREE 5 lb. Box  
of Ada Perry's**

A \$9.99 Value!

COUPON #137663

Present printed coupon or on mobile device to  
receive discount.

Limited to stock on hand. No special orders. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.  
While supplies last. Hedge Fund\$ may be redeemed.



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