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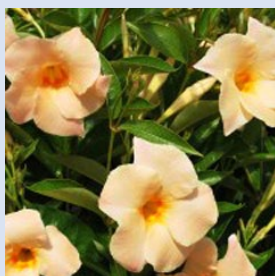
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## What's New?



Mandevilla SunParasol® 'Giant Apricot'

**Super hot peppers and an apricot colored mandevilla are here for spring.**

If you are looking toward the top of the Scoville Scale for the hottest of the hot, we have **Carolina Reaper**, **Bhut Jolokia**, **Butch T Scorpion**, **Habernero** (Red, White, Orange, and Chocolate), and the male anatomy shaped, humorously dubbed **Peter Pepper**, just to name a few.

**Hot peppers are popular edibles to plant in spring. Did you know**

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## Usually Hardy Pittosporum Has Lethal Enemy

By Melanie Potter



*You can see the white portions of the stem of the Pittosporum is where rats have stripped the bark to eat. Once exposed, the nutrients and fluids in the bark (the cambium layer) dry out, causing the plant to die.*

If you need a low water, evergreen, short and dense shrub that is as maintenance free as you'll find, then a pittosporum fits the bill. Since it is difficult to fail with this plant, we were surprised when some began dying at not only Ken Andersen's home, but in the parking lot at our Poway store.

Sure enough, from the center of the plant, leaves began browning and spreading outward. Sometimes you'll find a hole in the center of the plant.

After some analysis and thoughtful cursing, the culprit was identified. RATS! Those nuisance rodents find shelter in the bushes and dinner by chewing the stems. If your pittosporum begins looking like that, check the center of

the plant. Rats eat the outer layer of 'skin', or cambium off the stems or branches. If they eat all the way around a stem, they girdle it, effectively cutting off support to any growth beyond their chewing, killing that portion of the plant. If they chew close enough to the ground, they can girdle and kill the entire plant! If you have large holes in your normally dense plant, further inspection may indicate damage from someone stepping on it, or a skunk or opossum falling into it. When you look at the broken branches and see the bark is stripped, the culprit is rats.

We were able to combat further damage by setting rat traps and taking out the enemy! ●

## News To Make You Cry Over

By Melanie Potter

The news that there is a new, spectacular and unique ornamental to enter the tree market may leave you giddy. The fact that these **Western Weeping Fruitless Olive 'Hidden Springs Ranch'** are in short supply might make you cry, and act fast.

We will only receive 20 total and split them between the two stores. They are small now but grow fast.



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## Make You Cry continued from p1

This new variety has all the great qualities of olive trees such as being drought-tolerant, multi or single trunk, having beautiful bark, able to withstand temperatures of extreme highs (100-120) and periods of low teens. What stands out about this new fruitless olive tree is its exceptionally fast growth and little leaf drop.

These trees don't set olives, but a few may set 'shot berries' which is a very immature fruit that never matures or

drops to the ground. It requires little care and can be left natural for life or pruned for shape or laced to enhance the weeping characteristics. It doesn't need much fertilizer and grows in the same soil mix as other olives. It grows in zones 8-11.

If you live in windy conditions, the tree has been tested to withstand 70-80 mph winds without leaf tear, leaf loss or broken branches. As for wildlife, in tests, deer leave it alone. ●



Hot Peppers

## Poway To Hold First Ever Kokedama Class

By Melanie Potter

June 3 | 9:30am | Poway

### Create a Moss Ball based on Japanese Traditions

We think you'll have a ball at this class! A moss ball that is and June 3 (9:30 a.m.) at our Poway store is the date that you will learn about **Kokedama (Ko Kay Da Ma)**, a unique form of living art. It is simply a ball of soil covered by moss and then arranging plants that will grow in it.

Planting a moss ball has a long history, originally spinning off from a version of the bonsai tradition in Japan that began in the 1600s. Bonsai is usually for outdoor small trees, but a variety of flowers, wild flowers, grass and other plants can be arranged with Kokedama. Because the moss balls are small, the plants remain small and grow slowly with minimum nutrients.

Despite its long history, Kokedama is fading from culture because fewer and fewer artists in Japan are practicing the art.

The class will be taught by **Kanako Yamada**, owner of Kodama Forest, who has lived in San Diego since 1997. She made her first Kokedama with a house



Instructor Kanako Yamada

plant when visiting her family in Japan after being inspired by her uncle and taught by her father.

**The class is limited to 15 people** and there is a \$28 materials and instruction fee. Call 858-513-4900 to RSVP and pre-pay for the class. Participants will have access to the supplies (moss, soils, materials, and plants) needed to make a moss ball and are welcome to bring gloves and an apron to wear. ●

## What's New?

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that they are harder to grow than the hybrid varieties? They are slow growing, tend to be perennial, and prefer the summer heat. Those are just a few reasons why you find an abundance of hybrid varieties. However, we think there is a pretty strong selection at our stores and customers love to plant them every year, with success.

Last year, we had a few **Mandevilla SunParasol® 'Giant Apricot'** hanging baskets and they were beautiful. Once again, we will have this plant; pots are expected to arrive by May 10, with hanging baskets following in June. Ready for some inside news? The grower shared with us that they are still being grown, will soon be pinched back after their first flush, and left to regrow. The eye-catching apricot flowers have deep orange and yellow highlights on 5" blooms that flower from summer to fall. The plant has a vigorous, upright habit reaching 36" tall and should be grown in a large container with a stake or trellis to climb on. Or, as you'll see in June, they make a stunning, exceptionally full hanging basket with multitudes of flowers. This plant has shown excellent heat tolerance during warm summer months. ●



## Tool Shed: Making Skeeters Scoot

By Melanie Potter



A few years ago, my family and some friends ventured to June Lake. We had a grand time with the exception of being outdoors where we fast became the food of choice for mosquitoes.

Now, I have a hankering to return and do combat with the pesky pests as I will be armed with products from Z Fence and am anxious to see how they work.

The ingredients used in Z-Fence products are made from a mix of plant extracts, including geraniol, thyme, geranium oil, peppermint oil, and citronella. These are all registered with the EPA as acceptable active ingredients with minimum risk. The products have also been tested at an independent lab in the U.S. to make sure they are both safe and effective.

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Look for kid’s bracelets and adult bracelets to wear. There’s also a nifty clip that attaches to backpacks, hiking packs, tents, or umbrellas. Refills are available, too.

I’m not sure if a trip to June Lake this summer will materialize so I’ve sent three items to family in mosquito abundant Florida to satisfy my curiosity. •

## Staghorn Need Remounting?



Do you have a staghorn fern that needs remounting? Our staghorn experts on staff at both of our locations can handle any job from a 12 x 12 inch board to a custom mount of any size! Rich Harrison in our San Diego store stands next to one he recently completed for a customer. •

## TO DO LIST: May

### CONSERVE WATER

**Mulch** under and around plants and open areas with decorative bark to reduce evaporation. **Water in the early morning or cooler evenings** to reduce evaporation. Consider replacing sprinklers with **drip irrigation**. We sell easy-to-use conversion products.

### FERTILIZE

For **lawns**, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall 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.

### PEST CONTROL

Watch for insects beginning to invade the garden. Pay close attention for **Aphids, Whitefly** and **Scale**. Use systemic controls from Bayer for longest control. Watch for **slug** and **snail damage** and apply Sluggo or Sluggo Plus as needed. Watch for and treat plants attacked by **Citrus Leaf Miner**, use Spinosad or Bayer, or Pheromone attractant.

### PLANT

**Bedding plants** for color such as Marigolds, Zinnias, and Petunias. **Trees, shrubs, fruit trees, tropicals, and roses**. Look for Ceanothus, Viburnum, Fuchsias, and Dipladenia. •



## Tips For Growing Squash

By Botanical Interests

### When to Grow or Sow

Available as seedlings now at garden centers, or grow from seed. Sow outdoors now. Squash and pumpkins are sensitive to root disturbance so plant carefully if transplanting.

### Prevent Pests

Covering the seeded area or newly transplanted seedlings with row covers can prevent pests. 'Tatuma' summer squash and 'Waltham Butternut' winter squash are resistant to squash vine borers.

### Stop Powdery Mildew

Stop the spread of powdery mildew by treating the plants with Daconil or neem oil.

### Small Space Ideas

Making space can be a challenge in a small garden, but smaller-fruited, vining, winter squash and the uniquely vining 'Tatuma' summer squash can be grown vertically on a trellis. Summer squash can also be grown in a large container big enough to accommodate a 3' x 3' plant. Some winter squash grow bushy rather than vining and would be well suited for a container too. Try; 'Gold Nugget', 'Sweet REBA' acorn squash, or 'Table King' acorn squash.

### Heat-Tolerant Options

The species, *Cucurbita moschata*, is more heat-tolerant than other squash and pumpkin species. In hot summer areas, you may want to try 'Waltham Butternut' or the pumpkin, 'French Musquée de Provence'. •

### Squash Comparison Chart

<div> <i>Botanical</i> INTERESTS®           Summer Squash         </div>		
Variety	Description	Pest and Disease Resistance
Baby Round	French <b>heirloom</b> , <i>Ronde de Nice</i> is known for its mellow, sweet flavor. Can also be matured to a winter squash, with the outside turning a light, burnt orange mottled with green and the inside developing a spaghetti squash texture and savory squash flavor. <b>Compact bush</b> , great for small gardens or containers. Light green mottled on ivory, rounded fruit. Best by 3". <b>45 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Black Beauty	This 1920's <b>heirloom</b> won the All-America Selections award in 1957. Classic, widely grown <b>bush</b> plant. Dark green skin means more lutein (antioxidant for eye health). Cylindrical fruit, best harvested by 8". <b>55 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Cocozelle	19th Century Italian <b>heirloom</b> with a slightly nutty flavor. <b>Compact bush</b> , small size is excellent for small spaces or containers. Mottled light green on dark green with light green stripes, becoming slightly ridged. Cylindrical fruit, best harvested by 10". <b>50 Days to Maturity</b>	
Cube of Butter	Won our company taste test. <b>Hybrid</b> . Easy to harvest and find due to color, few spines, and the plants open growth, <b>bush</b> habit. Bright yellow, cylindrical fruit. Best harvested by 8". <b>50 Days to Maturity</b> .	Zucchini Yellows and Cucumber Mosaic Virus
Dirani Lebanese	<b>Hybrid</b> , also called <i>Koosa</i> after a popular Mediterranean stuffed squash dish. <b>Compact bush</b> growth, with mottled light green and medium green, slightly ridged, cylindrical fruit. Best harvested by 7". <b>50 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Early Prolific Straightneck	<b>Heirloom</b> , 1938 All-America Selections winner. A long-time, early-maturing garden standard that performs in small spaces or containers. <b>Bush</b> growth with bright yellow fruit, long and wider at the blossom end. Best harvested by 7". <b>45 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Emerald Delight	Lutein-rich <b>hybrid</b> squash are easier to pick on plants with reduced spines and an open growth habit. <b>Bush</b> growth. Dark green, cylindrical fruit. Best harvested by 8" long. <b>55 Days to Maturity</b> .	Powdery Mildew, Zucchini Yellows, Cucumber, and Watermelon Mosaic Virus
Max's Gold	Straight, yellow squash is easy to find and allows for uniform chopping and cooking. <b>Hybrid, bush</b> growth. Bright yellow, cylindrical fruit. Best harvested by 8" long. <b>55 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Scallop (Patty Pan) Blend	'Early White Bush' and 'Golden Scallop' are Native American <b>heirlooms</b> and 'Benning's Green Tint' is a 1920's heirloom combined in this blend for a colorful harvest. <b>Bush</b> growth. White, yellow, or light green, scalloped saucer shaped fruit. Best harvested by 3". <b>55 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Sunstripe	Nearly ornamental, vivid, shiny, striped squash on spineless plants make harvest much less of a "pain". <b>Bush</b> growth. Cylindrical fruit, bright yellow with white-yellow striping. Best harvested by 8" long. <b>50 Days to Maturity</b> .	
Tatuma	<b>Heirloom</b> . Called <i>Calabacita</i> (little squash) in Mexico and sometimes spelled <i>Tatume</i> , this long time staple of the South is said by many to have better flavor and texture than other summer squashes. This heirloom is unique in that it is a <b>vine</b> , allowing for trellis growing, saving space, and if allowed to mature, it can be enjoyed as a winter squash. Dark green mottled over light green and rounded fruit. Best harvested by 3". <b>50 Days to Maturity</b> .	Squash Vine Borer resistant

## Mother's Day Is May 14th!

There's still time to shop for Mother's Day. Both stores have blooming plants, gift cards, and gift items for the special lady in your life.



**MAY 13-14, 2017**

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# Poway Rose 18th Annual Show



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**ENTRY REGISTRATION:** May 13 from 8am-10:30am

**JUDGING:** May 13 from 11am-1pm

**HOURS:** May 13 from 1pm-5pm

May 14 from 9am-4pm

**POWAY LOCATION:** 12755 Danielson Court





## Old Ben:

### The Parasitic Jaeger

By Old Ben



The Parasitic Jaeger is the medium sized of the three Jaeger species. It is also as its name implies quite a keen kleptoparasite, and often focuses on terns as well as smaller gulls when trying to steal food. Like the other jaegers this is an arctic breeder. They winter as far north as Florida, northern Mexico, and southern California.

Of the three jaegers, this is the one which is most likely to be seen from the coast. Perhaps the fact that terns are preferred victims for its chases keeps them close to shore. To see this Jaeger chase down its victims is to see something acrobatically exciting and exhilarating. The Parasitic Jaeger is big enough to look powerful, but slim enough to be incredibly maneuverable. Hands down, it is the king of the chase, more so than its relatives.

The Parasitic Jaeger has a tremendous range, an estimated 10,000,000 square miles. This bird can be found in native populations on all inhabited continents and many island groups as well as vagrant populations in locations that include Antarctica. Its preferred habitat is grasslands and tundra or marine environments and estuaries. The global population of this species is estimated to be around 500,000 to 1,000,000 individuals.

#### Feeding Behavior:

At sea, does much of its foraging by chasing other birds and forcing them to drop their catch. Also dips down in flight to catch fish at the surface. On breeding grounds, also hovers and swoops down to catch prey, and feeds while walking.

#### Diet:

Includes fish, birds, and rodents. Diet at sea and coastal nesting areas is mostly

fish stolen from other birds. On land, eats many birds and their eggs, rodents, insects, and berries.

#### Nesting:

Usually breeds at age of 4-5 years. May nest in colonies or in isolated pairs. Early in breeding season, pairs or groups perform acrobatic display flights. Courtship includes upright posturing, calling, and male feeding female. Nest site is selected by the male. Nest is on open ground, sometimes on a slight rise. Nest built mostly by the female is a shallow depression, usually with a sparse lining of plant material.

#### Eggs:

One to three eggs, olive brown, dotted with brown spots. Incubation is by both sexes, 25-28 days. Young: Downy young may leave the nest a few days after hatching, but remain nearby. Both parents feed the young. Young can fly at 25-30 days, but remain with parents for a few more weeks.

#### Identification Tips:

Length 16 inches, sexes similar, medium sized, not heavyset or dainty. Powerful, yet agile flight, juveniles take several years to reach adult plumage. •

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## Garden Classes

MAY

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

5/6

Dr. Earth Organics  
with Oscar Fortis

5/13

No Class (Poway Rose Show—  
Take Your Roses to the Poway!)

5/20

Containers & Small Space  
Gardening

5/27

Cacti & Succulents  
with David Miller

## POWAY | 9:30AM

5/6

Your Own Food Forest, Elieha

5/13

Poway Rose Show  
No Class Scheduled

5/20

Summer Lawn Care  
with Richard Wright

5/27

Citrus Varieties & Care

## Date To Remember

Our Poway store will close at 5pm  
on Memorial Day, May 29th.

## Spring Bloomer



Pretty as a picture is this Kwanzan Flowering Cherry with a blue sky in the background. A beautiful spring bloomer they are world famous for profuse blossom displays and festivals. •

## A Nod Of Appreciation



Walter Andersen, Jr. and San Diego store manager, Mark Mahady, accept a plaque from the **San Diego Floral Association**, "In Appreciation for Your Many Years of Support to the San Diego Floral Association. For the last 15 years, the nursery has provided about 40 Christmas trees for December Nights and Christmas on the Prado. The nursery also supplies decorative plants for other special events the Floral Association holds. The plaque was presented by **Kay Harry**, a dedicated volunteer for the Floral Association. •



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