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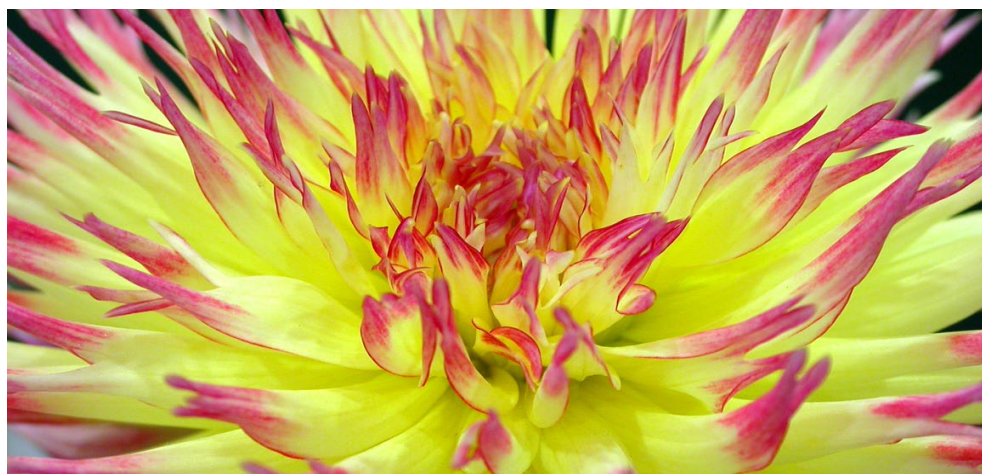


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Summer Flowers Cheat Sheet!

By Kate Karam, Monrovia Nursery



Dahlia

Flowers are the eye candy of the summer garden and if you're not already shopping for them, you probably will be soon. Who can resist all of those garden center racks and tables laden with instant color? Are you envisioning cascading window boxes, edge-spilling containers, hanging baskets, and blank spots instantly filled in with bright color? Every year you get to

create a whole new "plant painting" with minimal effort.

Here's a quick cheat sheet of a few heat-loving flowers you'll see in our stores and ideas about how to use them.

Sun Worshippers:

Many of the flowers we love to use for summer color originated in warmer cli-

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20th Annual Walter Andersen Nursery Rose Show

Walter Andersen Nursery will hold its 20th annual rose show May 11-12 at its Poway location. This popular event is free to enter and view, and continues to grow, with last year seeing more than 100 entries. Entry registration will be held from 8am-10:30am on May 11. Judging will take place that day from 11am-1pm. •

Love Our Unbelievable Sunbelievable Sunflower

By Melanie Potter

New to both stores as of May 1 is **Sun-Believable™ Brown Eyed Girl Helianthus**, a sun flower. It has extraordinary summer color with large, vibrant blooms. This award-winning, multi-branching, heat tolerant, non-invasive annual produces up to 1,000 flowers in a single season, throughout summer until first frost. Sunny yellow petals with a dash of rich red surround the large brown center of each sensational flower. It is excellent in borders and containers. •



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Angelonia 'Summer Snapdragon'



Calibrachoa 'Million Bells'

mates like the southern United States, Mexico, and South America. That's why (with a bit of care) they sail through the heat of summer, even in full sun. Here are just six of the amazing varieties available this summer. I like these for their chameleon-like ability to work in just about any design scheme.

Summer Snapdragon

Angelonia is a heat-lover that's perfect for upright, spiky interest. Mix the rainbow of colors—white, pink, purple, rose, red—or mass in a single hue. Deer and rabbit resistant! Up 14" tall and wide. **Ideas:** Plant them in hummingbird gardens, cottage planters, and rose gardens.

Million Bells

Calibrachoa's petunia-like blooms are a billowy mass of color that thrive all summer, even in heat and humidity. Great in pots, but also an excellent, unexpected bedding plant. Up to 15" tall and wide. **Ideas:** Suspend hanging baskets in groups of three at different heights.

Dahlia

Happy and carefree, bedding and bush dahlias are shorter and more compact, serving up ultra-bright, all-season color to borders and beds, and also as cut flowers. Up to 18" tall and wide. **Ideas:** Adds height to window boxes. Cut

when blooms are almost fully open for indoor bouquets. Both stores have tall varieties as well.

Verbena

When it comes to quickly softening hard surfaces or covering bare spots, few do it better than verbena. Pillow-y and spill-y, it's a spreading low grower. Butterflies go nuts for it. Up to 8" tall and 3' wide. **Ideas:** Hanging baskets, of course, but also gentle slopes and berms.

Geranium

Pelargonium (geraniums) are THE classic choice for containers and window boxes. Sun and heat lovers, they also tolerate partial shade. And the colors!! Up to 16" tall and 24" wide. **Use:** Juxtapose its formality by planting in a blowsy cottage garden.

Lantana

Continuous summer color from large flower clusters on a compact, water wise, sun-loving plant that tolerates heat and humidity. It is perennial in mild winter regions. Up to 16" tall and wide. **Ideas:** Use in wildlife gardens to attract bees and butterflies.

Who Likes Shade?

While few plants bloom enthusiastically in very deep shade, there are



Lantana

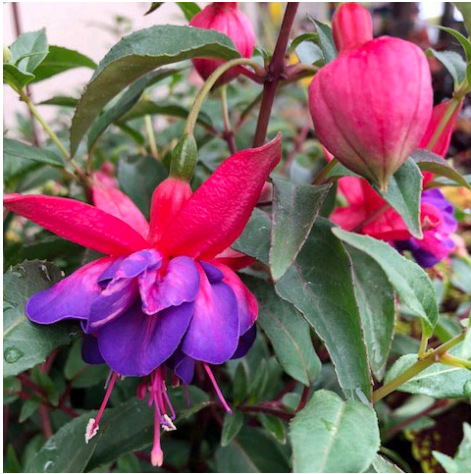


Verbena

many that actually appreciate a respite from summer's direct, overhead rays. When choosing plants for areas that are not full sun, it's a good idea to observe before buying. Note the light conditions at 8am, 11am, 2pm, and 4pm—this will give you the best information on how much sun your spaces gets, and at what time of the day. These sun lovers are a great place to start.

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Fuchsia

Fuchsia

A large family of flowering shrubs, several species are grown as frost tender container plants that are also ideal for hanging baskets. Seriously, look at those drooping, tubular flowers! Up to 1' tall and wide. *Ideas:* Add tiny white lights to a hanging basket of fuchsia for a lush, living chandelier.

Caladium

The only difficult thing about Caladiums is deciding which to choose. Splotted, striped—choose one that makes you smile. Perennial in temperate, frost-free regions, annual elsewhere. Up to 18" tall, 12" wide. *Ideas:* Use in low, trough planters where they can flutter in even a light breeze.

New Guinea Impatiens

Unlike classic impatiens which are shade lovers, New Guinea impatiens can tolerate up to half a day of sun in most parts of the country. Flowers are bigger, too. Up to 18" tall, 9" wide. *Ideas:* Use where you need a carpet of near endless color. And, in butterfly gardens!

Coleus

Such a valuable, colorful wonder for areas that always seem to be on the damp side (but that drain well). Many colors and leaf shapes—you could become a collector. Pinch often! Up to 18" tall and wide. *Ideas:* Lovely



Caladium

massed, but also use them to contrast taller, grassy foliage plants.

Sweet Potato Vine

A distant relative of the Morning Glory vine, sweet potato vine, whether it is black, green, or brown, grows big and fast. It works in sleek modern settings or cottage gardens. Trailing, 16" tall and 24" wide. *Ideas:* Tie the long stem up onto a trellis for a quick, green screen.

How To Keep Them Healthy & Happy

Choose carefully in terms of light needs and watering requirements. Look for well branched, bushy plants, and then get them into the ground ASAP!

- Feed regularly to keep them healthy and to ensure a near constant supply of blooms. Always make sure to water well before applying fertilizer (liquid or dry) to avoid shock.
- These plants do not have very deep root systems and can dry out quickly on a hot day. In the morning, grab your coffee, grab a hose and give them a good, deep soaking. In the evening, grab a drink and do the same! Water whenever the soil feels dry about one inch below the surface.
- Pinch (use your thumb and forefinger) to remove spent flowers as needed. Many newer varieties are self cleaning so the flowers sort of



New Guinea Impatiens



Sweet Potato Vine



Coleus

disappear, but the stems will get leggy. Around midsummer, prune back by several inches. You'll be rewarded with a fresh flush of new foliage and flowers. •



**Let Us
Remember
This
Memorial Day**

Daffodils, True Harbingers Of Spring

By Ken Andersen



Yellow daffodils, white daffodils, and red tulips let you know spring is near!

On a recent trip to Borrego Springs to view the Super Bloom, our family took the route over Wynola Road down to the 78 which bypasses Julian proper. While on this very scenic stretch of road, we noticed thousands of daffodils in bloom along the roadside. Julian and the surrounding areas are known for their abundance of daffodils in the spring. Some time ago, the Poway store was supplying daffodil bulbs by the hundreds for planting in and around Julian. They would purchase them in bags of 500 bulbs each and the results of the planting are truly spectacular at the beginning of spring.

Daffodils are a fantastic addition to landscapes. They easily naturalize and do not need to be lifted each year for storage during their dormant season. When planting in your landscape where annual color is used, plant them at least 8" deep. At that depth you can change out your annual color without disturbing the bulbs beneath. If pansies or other cool season bedding are planted over daffodils, just as their

season is ending the daffodil flower spikes will come up through them letting you know spring is close at hand!

Easy to care for, they like feeding with a good rose and flower food while blooming, then resting once they go dormant. The most popular daffodil variety in the Julian area is the King Alfred type yellow which both stores stock during the fall bulb season. If you would like to enjoy some of these early bloomers in your garden, make a note to pick some up this fall! •



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 Bonide DuraTurf 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 Bonide 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. •



Old Ben:

Facts About Bats

By Old Ben



Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight. With extremely elongated fingers and a wing membrane stretched between, the bat's wing anatomically resembles the human hand. Over 1,200 bat species can be found worldwide. Bats make up a quarter of all mammal species on earth.

Diet

Seventy percent of bats consume insects, thus doing their part toward natural pest control. There are also fruit eating bats, nectar eating bats, carnivorous bats that prey on small mammals, birds, lizards and frogs, fish eating bats, and vampire bats of South America.

Population/Range

Some bat populations number in the millions, others are dangerously low or in decline. Bats can be found almost anywhere in the world except the polar regions and some deserts.

Behavior/Echolocation

Bats have a highly sophisticated sense of hearing. They emit sounds that bounce off of objects in their path which sends echoes to other bats. From these echoes, the bats can determine the size of objects, how far away they are, how fast they are traveling and even their texture, all in a split second. Bats find shelter in caves, crevices, tree cavities and buildings. Some species are solitary while others form colonies of millions of bats.

Reproduction

Gestation is from 40 days up to six months for the larger bats. Litter size is usually one pup. For their size, bats

are the slowest reproducing mammals on earth. At birth, a pup weighs up to 25% of its mother's body weight, which is like a human mother giving birth to a 31 pound baby. Offspring are cared for in maternity colonies, where females congregate to bear and raise the young. Male bats do not help to raise the pups.

Some Amazing Bat Facts

- Bats are more closely related to humans and other primates than they are to rodents.
- The world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat of Thailand which weighs about as much as a dime and is critically endangered due to habitat loss.
- Giant flying foxes (Fruit Bats) that live in Indonesia have wing spans of nearly six feet.
- Bats are VERY clean animals, and groom themselves almost constantly to keep their fur soft and clean.
- The Pallid Bat of western North America is totally immune to the stings of scorpions and centipedes upon which it feeds.
- Providing bat houses can help build populations of valuable bat species that eat many crop damaging insects. Bat houses furnish places for bats to roost, hibernate and raise young, which can offset the dwindling number of natural sites available to them. •



Old Ben's Specials

Valid May 1-31, 2019

Old Ben's Premium Finch Blend

Attracts finches like a magnet with their two favorite seeds. Fine sunflower chips and Nyger seed. Seed will not sprout.

20lb. bag

Sale \$39.99 Reg. \$49.99

Old Ben's Classic Wild Bird Seed

Classic mix that attracts a wide variety of wild birds. No fillers in this mix.

20lb. bag

Sale \$24.99 Reg. \$29.99

Old Ben's No Mess Wild Bird Seed

The No Mess Advantage. Seed is hulled and chopped, will not sprout. Birds can eat all the seeds which attracts fewer feeder pests.

20lb. bag

Sale \$34.99 Reg. \$39.99

Dove & Quail Seed

Great for these and other wild birds.

25lb. bag

Sale \$19.99 Reg. \$24.99

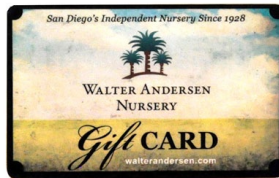
*All specials limited to stock on hand.
No special orders. Cannot be combined with
any other discount or offer.*

Ask Old Ben!

How cool would it be if you could reach out and ask Old Ben all kinds of questions about birds, show him your (feathered) bird photos, or share your birding experiences? Well, now you can at askoldben@aol.com

Don't Forget!

Mother's Day is May 12. Both stores have a selection of orchids, indoor plants, garden necessities, giftware, and gift cards, too. •



Cheerful Calylophus Brightens Up Sunny Spots



Meet the hard working **Calylophus**. This is a great heat loving, drought tolerant plant that gives you sunny yellow blooms from spring to fall. This lovely Southwestern native offers narrow leaves and soft cup-shaped flowers. It's an excellent choice for a rock garden, rocky slope, or dirt patches. It will need regular water to get established. Plants grow to 12" tall and 2'-3' wide. They thrive in lean to average soil. It is evergreen and loved by butterflies and birds (depending on the winter weather). •

Special Event: Growchella

May 4 | 11am to 1pm | WAN San Diego Store
3642 Enterprise Street, San Diego, CA 92110

GROWCHELLA WALTER ANDERSEN NURSERY SAN DIEGO, CA

GROWCHELLA IS A FREE EVENT TO MEET OUR VENDORS, AND OTHER EXPERTS, AT OUR SAN DIEGO STORE!

GROWCHELLA WILL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE PRODUCTS AND GROWING TIPS FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS. JOIN US ON **MAY 4TH** FROM **11AM TO 1PM** AND ENJOY IN STORE SPECIALS FOR THAT DAY ONLY.

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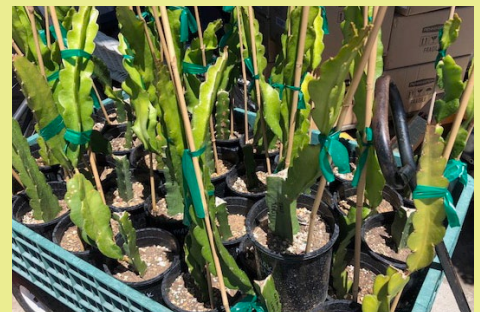
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TYLER TRIMBLE FROM BACKYARD
FRUIT TREE

MALIBU COMPOST

CHUCK MCCLUNG, AUTHOR OF
"HOW ORCHIDS REBLOOM"

What's New?



Look at these specialty gallon-sized **Dragon Fruits**. They are unusual cultivars, so get them while you can! The vividly pink tropical fruit, with yellow and green tipped spines, is actually a type of cactus, and is native to Mexico, Central America, and South America. Sometimes known as the 'pitaya' in South America, the dragon fruit's texture is often compared to that of a kiwi due to the tiny black seeds inside and many people describe the taste as somewhere between a kiwi, a pear, and a watermelon. For more on Dragon Fruits, see our March 2019 article, www.walterandersen.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/News0319_F1.pdf. •

Poway Rose Show

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20TH ANNUAL



Entry Registration

May 11th – 8am-10:30am

Judging

May 11th – 11am-1pm

Hours

May 11th – 1pm-5pm

May 12th – 9am-4pm

Location

12755 Danielson Ct.
Poway

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Garden Classes

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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/.

SAN DIEGO | 9:00AM

5/4

No Class but
GROW-CHELLA will be held
from 11am until 1pm

5/11

Trees for San Diego

5/18

Staghorn Remounting & Care

5/25

Organic Gardening

POWAY | 9:30AM

5/4

Rose Care with David Ross

5/11

Repotting Cymbidiums & Other
Orchids Demonstration with
Chuck McClung, Author

5/18

Caring for Fruit Trees
with Richard Wright

5/25

Custom Organics—Beyond NPK

6/1

Intro to Bonsai with Tony

Poway Vendor Day

May 18th from 10am-2pm



Stop by our Poway store for Vendor Day! Meet and talk to our suppliers and ask the experts your questions. The event will take place Saturday, May 18th from 10am to 2pm at our Poway location. •

May Specials *Valid May 1-31, 2019*

Buy One, Get One FREE!
Eight Insect Control by Bonide. Mix & Match.



Choose from:

Yard & Garden RTS
1 quart

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10 oz. or 3 lbs.

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