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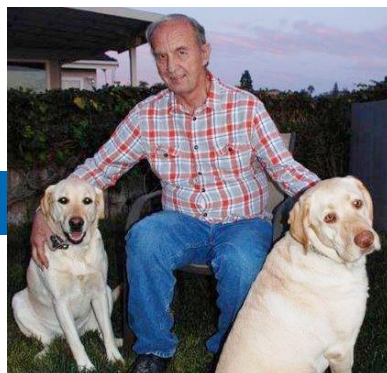
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Warm, Colorful Days Outdoors

By Walter Andersen, Jr.

Words From Walter

I have some easy and inexpensive plants to brighten your yard and patio during the warm days ahead.

Marigolds are sure to please. One can't miss them with their very bright orange and yellow blooms and a few varieties have both colors. Most popular are the larger blooming varieties but there are very neat, dwarf Marigolds also.

Petunias are a close second in my mind. Fast growing and they spread to at least 18" wide. Many, many colors to choose from, white, blue, purple, pink,



Petunias

red and more. Marigolds and Petunias are best in full sun and add a little Gro-Power for fast growth and more blooms.

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WAN At The Fair

There's still time to see the San Diego County Fair where, once again, we have a display. This year, we have two displays. One includes a water feature and the other is all about our history with the fair. Did you know that this year's fair theme is "Oz-some" inspired by L. Frank Baum's classic tale, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz"? •

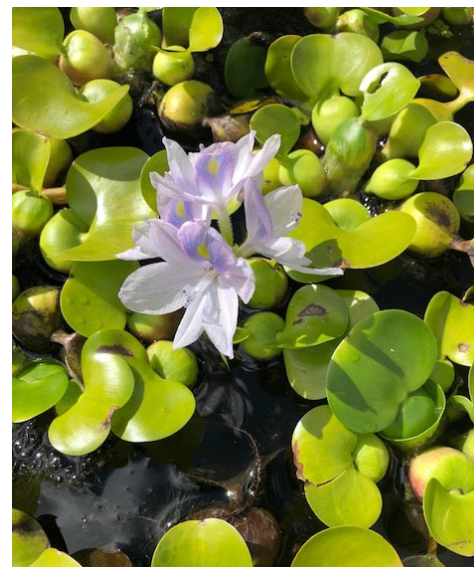
Water Plants

By Melanie Potter

San Diego County is home to poor soil. For plants to flourish, our nursery professionals recommend you amend the soil, add products to help build it up, and they boast about the benefits of compost.

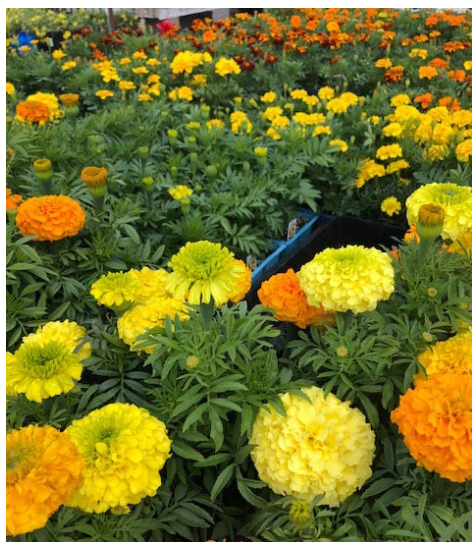
If you have a water garden, you don't have to mess with that. Many plants will thrive in the wet environment and they'll require little to no care. At this time of year, water plants and marginals are at peak selection. Marginal water plants grow in shallow water or in moist soil around the

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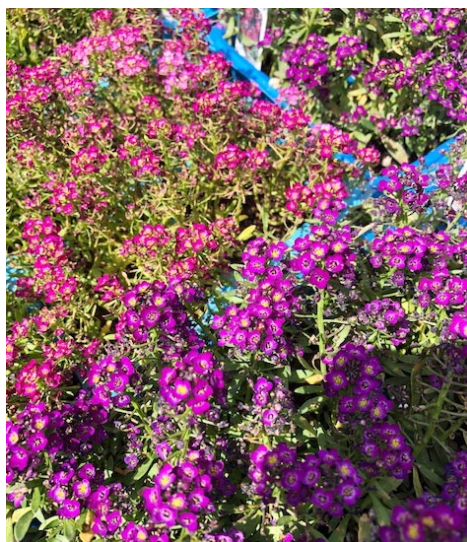


Water Hyacinth

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Marigold



Alyssum

Alyssum and **Lobelia** make wonderful lower growing plants (about 6" to 8" high) spreading to about 12" in diameter. These are great filler plants to cover the soil in between other flowers. They are available in many colors from snow white to deep blue and purples. They perform well in full sun if you keep the soil moist.

Impatiens are another summer color blockbuster, but these perform best in part sun or full shade. There are many colors of blooms but not in yellow.

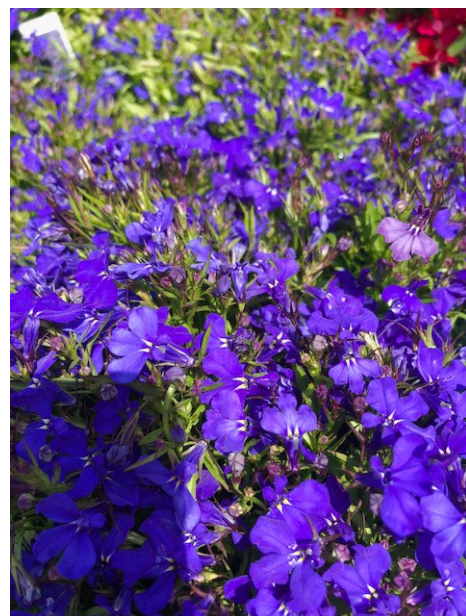
Bedding Begonias are very colorful and bloom and bloom. The ones with the burgundy foliage can grow in more sun than the green leafed varieties. Blooms are pink, white or red. These can make great border plants to highlight other plantings.

Tuberous Begonias produce spectacular larger blooms. The colors are so pure

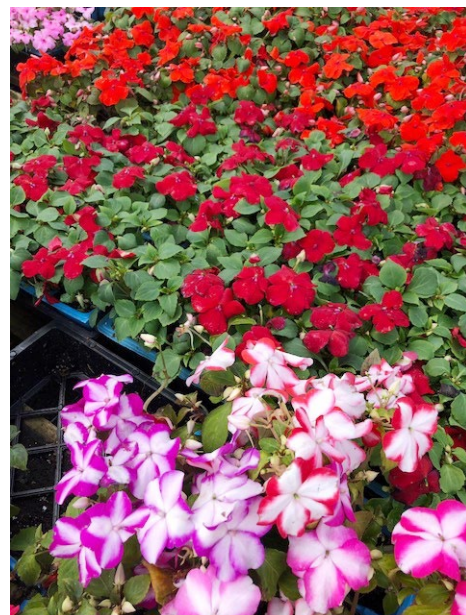
and bright, it looks like the flowers have been dipped in paint. The foliage is deep green and generally larger than the bedding begonias mentioned above. Tuberous Begonias do best in medium to deeper shaded areas.

All of the above look wonderful in **hanging baskets**. To make a basket, use Edna's Best or Recipe 420 potting soil and plant directly in that, no mixing required. For a 10" hanging container you can crowd the plants just a little (5 or 6 plants to a pot) and they will look finished and perfect in only a week or so.

Take a peek at our bedding plant selections in both stores; I'm sure you can find other plants for summer color as well. Just remember to water hanging plants a little more often to keep them happy. •



Lobelia



Impatiens

Workshop: Lemon Tree Bonsai

July 13 | 9:30am | WAN Poway Store



Learn how to train a Meyer Lemon Tree with Tony. The cost of the workshop is \$35 and you'll take home the lemon tree! Attendance must be prepaid by calling 858-513-4900 or you may pay in the store. Enrollment is limited to 20 people so space is limited. •



Begonia

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Water Lily



Ruffled Leaf Snowflake (L) and Primrose Creeper (R) are also good choices for a water garden.

perimeter of the water garden. While they like their feet wet, they do not grow in deeper water like other water-loving plants. Marginal water plants can usually only handle growing in six inches of water at the deepest.

Marginals include: Cattails, Japanese Sweet Flag, Papyrus, Canna lilies as well as the related Thalia, Parrot Feather, Marsh Marigold, Pickerel (loved by butterflies), Sagittaria, Water Celery, Nymphoides geminata (a big seller at our stores and they bloom with yellow or white flowers), and Horsetail. Many of these are sold in dwarf sizes which are a better fit for the size of most ponds.

Floating pond plants are of two types: those which are rooted with floating leaves (and those which are not rooted in the sediment, but just float on the surface, like **water lettuce, water hyacinth, bladderwort, and common duckweed**. Water hyacinth and water lettuce are invasive and in mass quantities will deplete the water of oxygen and will lead to fish dying. Don't let them take over your pond.

Water lilies and **Lotus** are grown from tubers and root into soil. In home water gardens, they are rooted into containers of heavy soil suitable for water gardens. For best results, plant them in a container, add gravel to the

surface of the soil to hold soil in while settling in the water then sink the container into the pond.

For an expert's advice, I turned to Tom Dougherty in our Poway store, who has more knowledge than an encyclopedia when it comes to pond plants. One of his favorites is **Water Hawthorne** because unlike most water plants, it does not go dormant. You'll have something floating on the surface of your pond year round. It grows from a small bulb; has long, narrow leaves and blooms profusely, with small red and green leaves that will stick up and out of the water when planted in shallow areas.

There's also **Vallisneria**, a large, grass-like aquatic plant with translucent pale green leaves that grow toward the surface like ribbons. Use this plant with weighted anchors, containers, or plant several bunches together in a pot with soil. •

Did You Meet New People At Our Vendor Events?



"Growchella" at our San Diego store.

Both stores held vendor events in May and it was a swell opportunity to meet many of the people behind our products. Our San Diego store held their first ever Growchella on May 4

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Rose Show Winners

By Melanie Potter



More than 100 entries were submitted for the 20th annual Poway Rose Show that was held last month.

The winning roses are:

Section A - Best Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora

Gary Bulman 'Col. Phil Ash'

Section B - Best Single Stem Floribunda

John & Barbara Lester 'Sparkle and Shine'

Section C - Best Old Fashioned Type

Bill & Elaine Ornelas 'Sparkle and Shine'

Section D - Best Old Garden Rose

Sue Streeper 'Mystic'

Section E - Best Climber

Sue Streeper 'Soaring Spirits'

Section F - Best Mini Flora/One to a Stem

Kay Clark 'Rainbow's End'

Section G - Best Mini/Mini Flora Spray

Bob & Marty Kolb 'Irresistible'

Section H - Best Bouquet

Lisa Blank 'About Face'

Section I - Best Mini Flora/Mini Floating Bowl

John & Barbara Lester 'Pumpkin Pie'

Section J - Best Floating Bowl

Kristine Russell 'Grand Prize'

Section K - Most Mini/Mini Flora Floating Bowl

John & Barbara Lester 'Powerhouse'

Section L - Most Fragrant Rose

Sue Streeper 'Secret'

Section M - Best Fully Open

Olga Batalov 'Miss Congeniality'

Section N - Best Novice Rose

Amber Fehling 'Strike it Rich'

Andersen's Choice Award for Best Non-Awarded Rose

Debbie Magnuson 'Neil Diamond'

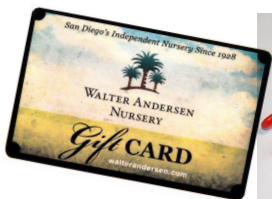
Queen of Show—

Best Horticulture Entry

John & Barbara Lester 'Lady of the Dawn' •

Don't Forget Dad!

Father's Day is June 16th and we have gifts for him. From gardening essentials, to plants and gift cards, you'll find treats fit for Dad. •



TO DO LIST:

June



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.

PRUNE

Ornamentals for shape. Dead head **roses, Dahlias** and other flowering plants. Prune **stone fruits** after harvest.

PEST CONTROL

Look for **slugs** and **snails**; apply Sluggo and Sluggo Plus. Watch for **mildew, rust** and **rose slug** on roses; spray with Bayer 3 in 1 Insect Disease and Mite Control. Eliminate **sowbugs, earwigs, cutworms, slugs** and **snails** in vegetable gardens with Sluggo Plus. Keep **flies** around trash cans under control by using fly traps that can catch them before they invade your trash.

PLANT

Plant bedding plants, Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Tropicals, fruit trees and shrubs. Look for Jacaranda, Magnolias, Hydrangeas, Star Jasmine, Dipladenias, Plumeria, Fuchsias, Roses, Summer Vegetables and Annuals. •



Old Ben:

The Western Bluebird

By Old Ben



Can you imagine eating bugs and berries and living inside a tree? Western bluebirds do just that. They are members of the thrush family, meaning that they are related to robins. Bluebirds eat mostly insects. Grasshoppers, earthworms, snails and beetles are among their favorite foods. They sit on perches and drop quickly to the ground to catch their food or they can catch insects in the air. Bluebirds also eat fruit and berries, especially during the winter when there are fewer insects.

Why Bluebirds Need Our Help

Populations of western bluebirds have declined over the past 50 years. The main reason for their decline is competition for nest holes from European starlings and English house sparrows. Starlings and house sparrows came from somewhere else and don't occur naturally in North America. These birds were brought here and multiplied very quickly. They out compete many of our native birds for nesting habitat.

Creating Habitat

Bluebirds need places to nest. Old trees often have many woodpecker holes that they can use. To help them find a home, don't remove all of the dead trees in your area if possible. They are important for wildlife.

Nest boxes have greatly helped increase populations of bluebirds in many areas. Bluebirds will nest in boxes if they are well made and placed in a good location. Building bluebird trails is popular throughout the country. A bluebird trail is a series of bluebird nest boxes along a path planted with berry plants. The path should be near an open area where bluebirds can forage for insects. Small shrubs and trees with berries are important for bluebirds, especially in winter. Elderberry, juniper,

red cedar, bayberry, cherry and sumac have berries that bluebirds like. Because Western Bluebirds are mainly insectivores, they can be attracted to feeders if you offer mealworms. Bluebirds need places to perch while they look for insects, so tree limbs and brush piles near open areas make great perches. Don't forget a birdbath. Bluebirds like shallow birdbaths lined with flat rocks. Place the birdbath in an open area with a perch nearby so bluebirds feel safe.

Bluebird Facts

- Nesting occurs from March through August. Only the female incubates the four to six eggs, which she maintains at a temperature of 98 - 100 degrees F.
- Both sexes defend territories; the males tend to defend territory edges while females primarily defend the nest.
- A bluebird can spot caterpillars and insects in tall grass at a distance of over 50 yards.
- Bluebirds can fly at speeds up to 45 miles per hour.
- Bluebirds have no blue pigments in their feathers. Instead, each feather barb has a thin layer of cells that absorb all wavelengths of color except blue. Only the blue wavelength is reflected and scattered, resulting in their blue appearance to our eyes. •

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

Old Ben's Specials

Valid June 1-30, 2019

Save \$15.00!

Old Ben's Workshop Western Bluebird Nest Box

Designed and constructed exclusively for our western bluebirds.

Sale \$39.99 Reg. \$54.99

Dried Mealworms

Western Bluebirds Favorite. Attracts many wild birds. Chickens love them too.

Sale 2 for \$7.00

Reg. \$6.99 each

Must buy 2 to get sale price.

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

Old Ben's Nyger Seed

Attracts Lesser Gold Finches and many other small birds.

10lb. bag

Sale \$24.99 Reg. \$29.99

Old Ben's Anniversary Seed Blend

10 ingredients, 95% no mess, attracts small, medium and large birds like a magnet.

20lb. bag

Sale \$34.99 Reg. \$44.99

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

Garden Classes

JUNE

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

6/1

Drought Tolerant Plantings

6/8

Beat June Gloom
with Summer Color

6/15

Plumeria

6/22

Cymbidium Care and Repotting
with Guest Speaker & Author
Chuck McClung

6/29

Shade Loving Plants

POWAY | 9:30AM

6/1

Introduction to Bonsai with Tony

6/8

Grafting

6/15

Lawn Care, Keeping it Green
with Richard Wright

6/22

Extend Your Summer Vegetable
Harvest with Farmer Roy!

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Fruit & Vegetable Lore
with GeorgeDid You Meet
New People?

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Succulent display for Vendor Day in Poway.

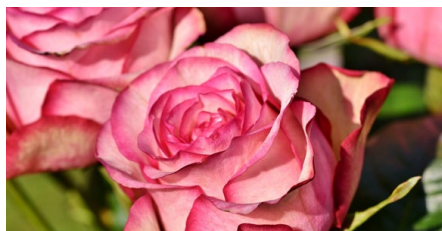
and just a few Saturdays later, it was Vendor Day in Poway. Thanks to all who participated in the show and to our loyal customers for attending. •

June Specials Valid June 1-30, 2019

Buy One,
Get One FREE!Bonide Infuse Lawn
& Landscape

Quart or 7.5lb Bag

Prevents
and
controls
over
30 plant
diseases.

50% OFF
In Stock Roses!
End of Season Sale

Excludes Bank's Roses, Cecil
Brunner, and Flower Carpet Roses.

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