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Check Out These Special Classes At Our San Diego Store

By Jolene Andersen

What in the world is H2OME?

In 2008, Brook Sarson began a business with the mission to be a resource to the communities around San Diego in the arena of water harvesting. You can learn more at our San Diego store on Oct. 8 at our 9am class.

Brook was determined to create change from the sky down by showing homeowners, educators and policy makers how simple the practice of harvesting rainwater and recycling grey water could be. His mantra, "individual contributions can, with a water conversation strategy, create impact in the effort toward water conservation".

Since H2OME's inception, Brook has installed and facilitated the conser-

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New Fall Finds

By Melanie Potter



Grevillia 'Long John'



Leucadendron 'Sunset Safari'

Photos: San Marcos Growers

Take a look at these fabulous fall finds! They are available in gallon sizes and perfect for fall planting.

Leucadendron 'Jester'

An evergreen shrub to 4 to 5 feet tall and wide with showy, rich red bracts that sit atop branches of variegated foliage late winter into spring. It sports colors of bright pink, cream and green.

Its other name, 'Safari Sunshine' is a reference to all of these colors and is a nod to it being a sport of 'Safari Sunset', though it is less vigorous and has a smaller mature stature.

Leucadendron 'Sunset Safari'

A vigorous, tall and erect grower to over 8 feet tall but can be kept shorter and more dense with regular pruning.

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Small Space Gardening

By Monrovia Nursery

Even those fortunate enough to have a huge yard may still have a small side yard or patio that needs an intimate design for a smaller space. Or you may desire to create an inviting vignette within a vast space. And, of course, there is certainly the trend of newly built homes having smaller yards—but that doesn't mean homeowners with a mini-garden can't create a fabulous retreat. And, condo and apartment dwellers can grow an array of plants in containers, or on a deck or balcony.

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Interesting container shapes with bright succulents and mums pack a punch in this garden spotted on a recent vacation in Thailand. Photo by Suzanne Barnett.

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Leucadendron Galpinii 'Silver Cone'
Photo: Obra Verde Growers



Grevillea 'Bonfire'
Photo: San Marcos Growers



Grevillea 'Peaches n Cream'
Photo: San Marcos Growers

It has green leaves and very deep red-colored bracts forming on long stems beginning in late summer that are great for cutting in fall and winter and even later into spring as the female flowers develop and terminal bracts take on cream tones. This plant is a tough cultivar that can handle frost, alkalinity and clay soils.

Leucadendron Galpinii 'Silver Cone'

Striking, large, multiple 2" pine-like cones are encased by fluffy 1" rounded leaves along erect, sturdy stems. Blooms are silver with foliage that ranges from medium green to blue-grey or silver.

Grevillea 'Peaches n Cream'

A small to medium sized shrub with a dense spreading habit to 4 to 6 feet tall by slightly wider. It has bright green foliage with bronze highlights in winter. Flowers are 4 inch long loose clusters that are greenish and age to shades of yellow, pink and orange that flower at any time of the year. Plant in full to partial sun in a well-drained soil and water occasionally and it will prove drought tolerant once established.

Grevillea 'Long John'

An upright rounded shrub to 10 or more feet tall by 8 to 12 feet wide with thin, long, somewhat soft, needle-like leaves along vertical branches. Large, dark rose-pink and orange flower clusters form on the ends of branches.

Grevillea 'Bonfire'

An upright evergreen shrub to 6 feet tall by 4 to 5 feet wide with dark green, narrowly divided leaves and coral red spider-like flowers held upright at branch tips from spring to early summer. Plant in full to partial sun in a well-drained soil and water occasionally and it will be drought tolerant once established.

Grevillea 'Kings Fire'

Deep red exotic looking blooms that flower year-round in Southern California are enhanced by deep green foliage. 'Kings Fire' does great in containers or in the landscape and is a favorite of hummingbirds. Grows 5'-6' tall and wide.

Grevillea 'Kings Rainbow'

Multi-colored blooms set on dark green foliage bloom year-round in Southern California. Grows 5'-6' tall and wide.



Grevillea 'Kings Rainbow'



Photos: Star Roses and Plants

Grevillea 'Kings Fire'



WAN To Partner With NCL At Holiday Time

We are pleased to work again with the Poway chapter of the National Charity League in conjunction with their annual holiday home tour. The event, to be held Dec. 3, allows ticket holders to view three Poway homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. Tickets will be available for sale at our store in Poway. Tickets will include a coupon for that evening's holiday open house at the Poway store. •

Brunia albiflora

Known as coffee bush or stompies, this shrub blooms with white flowers. It will grow to an average mature height of 9' and a width of 6.5'. Plant where it gets six or more hours of direct sunlight every day. It does best in dry to moist soil such as loam or sandy loam.

Chamelaucium 'Bridal Pearl'

Pearly, cupped, five-petaled 1/2" flower that evolves in color with maturity. It's the earliest bloomer of the Pearl flower series. It has a long vase life which makes it a wonderful cut flower. Foliage is needle-like and aromatic.

Chamelaucium 'Mullering Brook'

Fast and vigorous grower. Responds well to hard pruning and shaping and is popular in cut flower arrangements. Blooms are medium pink. •

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It must have been quite a challenge to landscape on space-challenged Balboa Island. Similar containers and well chosen plants break up the brick hardscape of this garden that was thoughtfully planned with outdoor seating.

Choose the Right Containers

There are more container styles and material choices than ever before. The most important thing is to be sure the container is large enough for the plants you want to grow. Generous rooting space means plants will grow quickly and perform well.

The good news is that there are so many dwarf plants on the market that are ideal for containers or specimen plants in small gardens. And for many, designing a smaller space can be much less intimidating than tackling a larger space.

Keys to Designing Small Gardens

Consider the various ways you look at your garden. The vignette from your kitchen or dining room window or the views you encounter as you walk to and from the garage should be factored into your plan. Often, you can take advantage of a neighbor's tree as an element for your own space. Use an adjoining specimen to help create a focal point and build around it. The areas you see most often can be designed as all-season beds and include an array of plant types, including evergreens, deciduous shrubs with interesting branch structure, and early- and late-blooming perennials.

Sometimes, a space is so tiny that it needs a little extra help. Remember,

less is more in environments that are space-challenged. Just as in a small interior room, clutter can make an outdoor space feel cramped, so keep your accessories to a minimum. A mirror in the garden is one décor element that really pays off, as it reflects light and adds a multiplier effect to the plants and colors in your space. Painting perimeter walls or fencing dark green can also create an air of expansiveness.

Hiding unwanted views may be a concern. If garbage bins or a neighbor's window intrude, plant a compact screening hedge. Or build a lattice corral for the bins and enhance it with a short vine or small evergreen shrub.

Consider planting a tree to divide you from your neighbor, a deciduous variety is a good choice if you only desire a screen during the summer months when you use the patio. Come winter, you'll appreciate the sun that shines through the tree's bare branches. If you use a common variety of conifer for a screening hedge, plant the fewest number needed. If three will do the job, it will leave you with room to plant a diverse selection of ornamental shrubs and flowers that provide ongoing interest. Short screens are just as useful in pots on a deck as they are in the ground. Use a long rectangular container for a formal display of three plants, or a single specimen tree planted in a good-sized pot. If you are lacking room for a large screening plant but need to camouflage a blank wall, apply creativity. Woody vines, such as Climbing Hydrangea, *Hydrangea anomala petiolaris*, or shrubs such as *Pyracantha*. *Pyracantha* can be espaliered on a trellis to provide a fan-shaped design.

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Special Classes

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variation of hundreds of thousands of gallons of rainwater through grey water systems and landscape design changes. Brook has an engineering background which complements the permaculture design framework that emphasized workshops, speaking venues, school curriculum and work with the San Diego Sustainable Living Institute's biannual PDC course.

Brook was awarded "The Water Warrior Award" from the Surf Rider Foundation in 2012 and continues to inform change in rain water and grey water attitudes and practices.



Keyhole Gardening

Don't Stop Learning! Join us for Keyhole Gardening

Close your eyes and picture no-dig permaculture vegetable gardening. It's not just a dream, it is a reality transplanted from arid Africa called keyhole gardening. On Oct. 15 at 9am at the San Diego store, guest presenter Nate Bazdio will share this concept with you.

Keyhole Gardening is a new (to us) method of raised bed gardening that is affordable and self-sustaining with continual natural (compost) feeding. Composts include manure, vegetable scraps, paper, and other brown and green matter.

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Choosing the Right Plants

For a compact garden to look its best, plants must be allowed to grow into their natural form, so choose plants that fit. Although you might love a wide-spreading tree, it will suffer if it is planted in too narrow of a space; you will suffer, too, when you have to continually prune it to make it “fit.” Dwarf cultivars of large species offer many of the same traits such as leaf shape or flower color that are admired in larger plants. Try the Thunder Head Black Pine which grows only four feet wide. Choose a dwarf plant for an accent in a container—such as Petite Plum® Crape Myrtle (‘Monum’), or the variegated Kaleidoscope Abelia (‘Kaleidoscope’). Generally, dwarf cultivars are excellent choices for small mixed landscapes. The Majestic Beauty Black Pine is easily combined with flowering shrubs and low-growing perennials as edging.

Evaluate how much sun reaches your garden. Small gardens typically are shaded by buildings or tall trees. To ensure color, take advantage of whatever sun does appear, choosing part shade plants for partial sun areas. Then plant the denser shade sections with variegated selections that will brighten the darkness. Variegated Dianella does the job for many months of the year; in winter, look for variegated evergreens, including Sedges (Carex) and Aucuba (Aucuba).

Small Space Gardening in Containers

A well-placed and planted container can be a focal point in the landscape throughout the year. A garden entirely made up of potted plants adds another design dimension—the containers themselves. For a pulled-together look, avoid a hodgepodge of pots; instead use containers of varying sizes in a single color or a complementary color scheme. Remember that small pots will need to be watered more

often—as much as twice a day in the summer if the pot is in full sun. Drip irrigation systems are lifesavers for container gardeners, because they don’t waste water and can be set up on timers. Don’t be afraid to use different types of plants in one large container. You can use a small tree or shrub, an ornamental grass, or several perennials with no trouble. As an alternative, use one plant per pot and then switch the pots around depending on what is in bloom. You will get a new look for the garden with little effort—a garden that will be pleasing to you on more than one level.

Small and potted gardens are beautiful, and they also have therapeutic benefits. In densely built cities and crowded suburbs, they connect us to nature and enhance the environment. Small gardens provide flowers for bees, food and cover for birds, they help lower temperatures, improve storm water flow, and clean the air. Such a small effort and such a big return! ●

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The prospect of not having to dig through the compost pile is an enticing method of gardening, especially for those of us wishing to eat soil-to-plate and make the least impact on the environment while doing so.

The term keyhole gardening comes from the overhead view of the space that appears to be a large circular plot with easy access to the central area where compost and water are added.

Most of the labor is done by micro-organisms which convert compost to healthy soil for amazing, natural and organic sustenance for your vegetables.

Be the first to enjoy this simple gardening method and set the trend for your neighborhood. It couldn’t be easier, cleaner or more efficient! ●

Fun Fall Thing To Do!



We still have some Scarecrow Kits for sale in our Poway store, now at 50% OFF! Supply is limited.

If you’ve never made a scarecrow, take a look at the fun Farmer Roy Wilburn of Sunshine Care Homes created when we gave him some scarecrow kits to put together with the families of residents. It’s a great fall project and our Poway store still has some kits for sale, now at 50% off (supply is limited and we will not be restocking this item!). This was a project perfect for all ages and everyone had fun stuffing and dressing the scarecrows. ●



Words From Walter

Suggestions For Color In The Cooler Months

By Walter Andersen, Jr.

If you want your yard and patio to be colorful this winter, you'll want to plant in October and November. There are lots of interesting annual options for bright colors. Quick and easy to grow, these will give wonderful color in your garden for the next many months:

Pansies & Violas

These all-time favorites are usually blooming in six-packs when they arrive. They are familiar faces in borders, mass plantings and hanging baskets. In containers, place near the edge with something larger in the middle (perhaps snapdragons). Violas are smaller growing and have smaller blooms than pansies. They typically grow about 5" tall, maybe spreading to one foot wide. Pansies grow a little larger, about 8" tall and one foot wide. Plant in full sun or bright shade for best performance. The flowers are edible too!

Snapdragons

Snapdragons are another great plant for winter color. Short, intermediate, and tall varieties are available. They grow best in sunny areas. Dwarf plants grow to about 8 to 12 inches tall. Taller "Rocket" varieties can reach 30" or more, and there are types in between. When you buy 'snaps', they might not be in bloom but they will be tagged so you know what you are buying. If you buy and plant tall growing varieties before they bud, you will get longer bloom spikes from them when they do bloom. Dwarf varieties are nice in rock gardens or in front of the larger



Pansies

varieties in the background. Often they come in mixed colors or look for a single color if you want something specific.

When the first bloom spikes fade, cut them off below the lower flowers and new bloom spikes will develop off the sides of the original flower stem. Try to irrigate from below and avoid overhead watering if possible. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are great for this. This will help reduce the possibility of rust, a fungal disease that may damage your plants. Immunox, a fungicide commonly used for rust on roses, will work on your snapdragons as well.

Stock

Stocks are also taller, vertical growing annuals for winter color in San Diego. They grow best in full sun in well draining soils with a good planting mix added in. They also have a very pleasant fragrance when in bloom. They come in a wide range of colors.

The taller Stock varieties will reach up to 3' tall and are quite impressive. There are dwarf varieties that only grow to about 12" -14" tall. Remove faded bloom spikes to promote new growth from below.

English Daisies

English Daisies are great for color all winter long. The foliage stays low, almost hugging the soil with blooms on 6" stems above the plant. Blooms are daisy-like in pink white and rose. Full sun to bright shade is the best spot for them. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are great for these as well. Be sure to add a good planting mix to the soil and keep the soil on the moist side. Great as a border plant, or fill an area where you want something low. Best planted close together, maybe 6" to 8" apart.

English Primrose

English Primrose are bright, colorful choices for shaded areas. Close to the coast they can take full sun, but if you are more than ten miles inland, afternoon shade is better. These are low clumping plants with fairly large leaves, 2" wide and perhaps 8" long. Blooms of many colors are held above the plant on stems about 12" long. They are colorful container plants also. They are easy to



Snapdragons

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Ornamental Kale

grow without many problems but keep an eye out for snails or slugs. You can control those pests easily with Sluggo, which is a safe, natural control.

Alyssum & Lobelia

Alyssum or Sweet Alyssum and Lobelia, both are very low growing, almost groundcover-like plants. They are versatile as border plants, in rock gardens and hanging baskets. They do best in full sun. Blue is the most common color for Lobelia and white for Alyssum. Pink shades are also popular. In a container or hanging basket, you might want to plant a Cineraria or Richmondensis Begonia in the center. The Alyssum or Lobelia will cascade down the side, providing the spiller element to your container (remember the 'thriller, spiller and filler' rule?).

Ornamental Cabbage & Kale

For something different, check out the Ornamental Cabbage and Ornamental Kale plants. These thrive in cool weather, and are very showy. The plants are low growing, perhaps 8" to 10" tall and about the same width. At first, small plants generally are kind of a grey green, but as they mature, whites and purple shades develop. These are

grown for the bright foliage as the blooms are not much to get excited about. By the time they are ready to bloom, the plant starts to fade. They grow best if planted in sun to very bright shade.

For best results on all of the above plants, be sure to amend the soil with a good planting mix such as Sunshine Planting Mix in the green bag. Perhaps a 50-50 mix with your soil before you plant. In baskets or containers, use Sunshine container mix (the blue bag) right out of the bag. In a month or so, start feeding with Gro-Power general purpose plant food every six weeks. Gro-Power tablets are very good for feeding plants in containers or baskets. •



End-of-Season Clearance!

At both locations in San Diego & Poway. Selection Varies by Store.

TO DO LIST: October



PLANT

California Natives

Drought-tolerant plants are best planted this time of year to get root systems established.

Bulbs

Daffodils, Ranunculus, Freesias, Anemones and more.

Winter Annuals

Stocks, Snapdragons, Pansies, and Primrose in the shade.

Grass

Overseed Bermuda lawns with Annual Rye. It's a great time to plant Fescue from seed or sod.

Also, Look For...

Winter Bedding, Cool Season Vegetables, Early Camellias & Azaleas, Cotoneaster, Liquidambar, and Ginko.

WATER

Santa Ana Winds

When the Santa Anas arrive, make sure to get extra water on plants and lawns as needed, especially container plants.

FERTILIZE

Lawns

Use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Hi-Yield Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broad-leaf weeds.

Ornamentals

Feed with Gro-Power.

Vegetables, Citrus & Fruit

Feed 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.

Palms and Tropicals

Feed with Gro-Power Palm Tree and Tropical Food.

Wait To Feed...

Camellias and Azaleas until after they are finished flowering in spring. •

Old Ben: Benefits Of Being A Birder

By Old Ben



Birding is Popular

There are more than 50 million birders in the U.S. and millions more in the world, making it one of the most popular and rapidly growing hobbies. Birding is easy for all ages to enjoy; it is a popular family activity.

Birding is Educational

Birders observe new species and not only learn about different birds, but they also learn about migration, bird behavior, food preferences, courtship, and bird territories.

Birding is Versatile

Birding is a hobby that works well with other pastimes, including:

Photography: Many birders photograph the birds they see to help identify them or just to enjoy their observations.

Gardening: Avid birders are frequently experienced gardeners who plant trees, shrubs, and flowers specifically to provide food and shelter that will attract birds.

Travel: Enthusiastic birders will travel to festivals, conferences and fantastic birding destinations to keep adding new species to their life list.

Woodworking: Anyone who enjoys building wood craft projects can also enjoy building bird houses, nesting boxes, and bird feeders to see their work put to practical use.

Hiking: Hikers have opportunities to see species of birds that do not usually visit backyards, including rare species, and birds of prey

Pets: Wild birds are great pets that can be nurtured and enjoyed without

requiring veterinary care, indoor accommodations, or behavioral training.

Birding is Good Exercise

It's great exercise for all fitness levels. Seeing many different types of birds may require long hikes and walks over uneven and hard terrain while carrying a field bag with guides, binoculars, scopes, and other equipment. Backyard birders get great exercise as we heft large bags of seed, clean feeders and keep up landscaping to benefit wild birds.

Birding is Inexpensive

All it takes to get started is good eyesight, a simple field guide, and an interest in watching birds. Even birders who would like a field bag, binoculars and other supplies can find options for small budgets.

Birding is Challenging

Some bird species such as Sharp-Shinned Hawks and Cooper's Hawks or the difference between species of gulls, can be very hard to identify. These types of challenges urge birders to continually improve their hobby, leading to even more fun.

Birding is Fun

For an enthusiastic birder, nothing is more exciting than spotting a new or rare bird, or learning to distinguish birds through their personalities. Taking in the fresh air along a birding trail can be invigorating. By nurturing wild birds through conservation efforts and personal birding practices, birders can feel a sense of pride and accomplishment to be part of one of the most popular hobbies in the world. ●

Old Ben's Specials

Valid October 1-31, 2016

Old Ben's Blackoil Sunflower Seed

One of the most popular wild bird seeds of all time.

20lb. **\$24.99** Was \$34.99

Old Ben's Economy Wild Bird Seed

Attracts a wide variety of wild birds.

20lb. **\$14.99** Was \$17.99

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

Old Ben's Jumbo Finch Socks

NEW paracord closures, expanded colors, double stitched seams. Hand washable.

\$6.97 Reg. \$9.99

All specials limited to stock on hand.

No special orders. Cannot be combined with any other discount or offer.

DIG Irrigation Class Scheduled



Attendees Must RSVP

Mark your calendar for Oct. 8 and join the folks from DIG Corporation for an irrigation class at our Poway store. The two-hour class will begin at 9:30am. Attendance is limited; attendees will receive complimentary irrigation products. You may RSVP by calling the Poway store at 858-513-4900. ●

Garden Classes

OCTOBER

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

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We're All About the Bulbs!

10/8

Harvesting Rainwater

10/15

Keyhole Gardening "What A Concept!" with Nate Bazdio

10/22

Super Yummy Fall Vegetables to Plant Now

10/29

Fall is Optimal for Planting Natives—Why?

POWAY | 9:30AM

10/1

Fall Vegetables with David Ross

10/8

DIG Irrigation
Attendees must RSVP

10/15

Fairy Gardens as Gifts?
with Richard Wright

10/22

Edible Landscapes

10/29

Fruit Tree Pruning with Joshua
from Down the Road FarmsCome See **Our Barrel**

Our Poway store is one of six businesses sponsoring and hosting a hand-painted wine barrel to preview before the 4th annual Ramona Art and Wine Festival where one of the many events includes an auction of the barrels.

The festival will be held at Begent Ranch, 18528 Highland Valley Road in Ramona on Nov. 5 from 11am to 5pm. Tickets are available at www.ramonaartandwinefest.net.

The barrel we are sponsoring was painted by artist Lynette Bredow and features a western theme, with a little nod to wine! •

October Special!

Valid October 1-31, 2016

50% OFF
**Deciduous Fruit Trees,
Grapes & Cane Berries**

Excludes citrus, avocados and tropical fruit.

Limited to stock on hand. No special orders. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. While supplies last. No coupon needed. Hedge Fund\$ certificates do apply.

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