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Pine Needle Art Workshop



If you woke up thinking that you would love to make a trivet from pine needles, today is your lucky day. You can sign up for the pine needle art workshop that the Poway store will hold on Nov. 11 at 9:30am.

Artist **Tom Grubbe** will lead the workshop and teach attendees how to make a trivet using a pine needle coiling technique. Pine needle art

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Don't Miss Bulb Season!

By David Ross



Our staff is ready to help you with your bulb selection.

Bulb season is upon us and bulbs may be just the bullet proof bloomers you have been waiting for!

Bulb is the catch-all word we use for rhizomes, corms, and true bulbs. Stored inside, is all the energy and information needed to produce beautiful blooms within just a few months! With a little help from you, these ugly bulbs will be

growing and blooming in no time.

One of my favorites is the **Sea Squill, Urginea maritima**. This durable Mediterranean native has upright flower spikes covered with hundreds of small white flowers blooming from the bottom up and continue blooming for six-eight weeks. The lush foliage grows

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Grow A Salad Garden With Spinach The Star Of The Show

By Botanical Interests

Growing salad greens can take as little as 20 days from sowing to harvest, and radishes can be harvested in 24 days. Why not plant a salad garden? These not only withstand frost, but they'll be sweeter for it, and keep on growing! Spinach, carrots, leeks, collards, and other frost-tolerant veggies are great winter crops for our area.



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Freesia

during winter, and then dies down in spring, followed by summer flowers. The enormous bulbs store so much energy that they will thrive with rain-water only, but accept garden water as well.

If fragrance is a must, look for specialty bulbs such as **freesias** which make beautiful cut flowers and are nicely scented. We have the fragrant *Amaryllis belladonna*, or **naked lady**. These South African bulbs are usually pink, occasionally white or almost red pink. We have special **Amarcrinums** that bloom with fragrant pink blossoms all summer long and will grow in dry areas, but look better with summer water. Re-blooming **Bearded Iris** are here as well. These bulletproof plants will take the hottest area in your yard and reward you year after year with more plants and more blooms.



Narcissus

They are fragrant, make outstanding cut flowers, and are easily divided for friends, or to plant elsewhere in your yard.

Paperwhites and many other varieties of **Narcissus** are available now. Not only will they be up and blooming in just a few months, but they multiply and you will get more and more blooms year after year. **Leucojum**, or **Summer Snowflake**, will remind you of Lily of the Valley with two important differences. First, *Leucojum* grows quite well here (*Lily of the Valley* doesn't) and second, it is not fragrant.

We also have **Saffron Crocus**, **Ranunculus**, **Anemones**, **Tulips**, **Hyacinths**, and many, many more.

In addition to all the flowers, you will find **onions**, **garlic**, **shallots**, and **potatoes**. •

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 **December 2**, allows ticket holders to view three Poway homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$25 and are available for sale at our store in Poway. Tickets will include a \$25 coupon for that evening's holiday open house at the Walter Andersen Nursery Poway store, to be held from 5:30-7pm. [See page 6](#) in this newsletter for information regarding both stores' holiday open houses. •

TO DO LIST: November

FERTILIZE

For **lawns**, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Bonide DuraTurf Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds. **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. **Do not feed Camellias!**

PLANTING

Look for fall bulbs, California natives and drought-tolerant plants. Fall color selections include Violas, Pansies, Snapdragons, fragrant Stocks, Poppies, and more. **Look for** *Pyracantha*, *Cotoneaster*, *Camellias*, *Azaleas*, and holiday plants. You'll find vegetables as well as potatoes, garlic and onions. **Looking for more edibles to plant?** How about caneberries, strawberries, kiwi, asparagus, and olives? **Look for** potted bare root trees to arrive—Pomegranates and Figs. We don't have an arrival date so call the store of your choice to check.

PEST CONTROL

This month **start dormant spraying** with Liqui-Cop and Oil Spray. The wetter the winter, the more crucial dormant spraying becomes! **Clean up all foliage** from beneath deciduous fruit trees and roses.

BERMUDA LAWN CARE

De-thatch and over seed Bermuda lawns with annual Rye. •

Salad Garden With Spinach continued from p1

Spinach grows best in cool weather and overwinters in much of the U.S., allowing for three or four successions of harvest. Spinach packs plenty of nutrition in its succulent leaves; it is rich in antioxidants and an excellent source of vitamins A, C, and K, and folate. All this and only seven calories per cup!

You can grow spinach from starter plants or by seed. If growing from seed, sow a group of three seeds 1/2" deep 6"-8" apart in soil that is well-drained and rich in organic matter. If growing for baby greens, you can sow as close as 1" apart.

Keep evenly moist, but not soggy; spinach is 96% water and has shallow roots.

Spinach likes a soil rich in organic matter with a pH between 6.5 and 7.5. You will notice yellow/brown leaf edges and tips if your soil is too acidic. Fertilize lightly and regularly with Gro-Power or E.B. Stone Organic Vegetable Food.

When it is ready to harvest, pick individual leaves from outer edges of the plant as they become big enough to use or cut the whole plant 1" above the ground; new leaves will grow. When picking individual leaves, remove the leaf stem at the same time as well;

this reduces vulnerability to disease, which would occur during die-back of the stem, and conserves plant energy. Harvest before the plant bolts (goes to seed). Just prior to bolting, leaves take on an "arrowhead" shape, adding small keel shapes to the base of the leaf.

Spinach is vulnerable to a few pests. You might spot leaf miner damage that appears as winding trails and light-colored blotches in leaf tissue. Remove and dispose of infested leaves. Floating row covers may help to screen out the fly that lays the eggs on the leaves. Aphids are among the most common and troublesome garden pests. They feed by sucking plant sap, which causes distorted leaves, buds, and flowers, and sometimes spread plant viruses in the process. Aphids excrete sticky honeydew that attracts ants and is a host for black sooty mold. Knock aphids off plants with a strong stream of water; repeat frequently as needed. There are many native predators and parasites that can control aphids; attract them by planting pollen and nectar plants. For heavy outbreaks, spray insecticidal soap or neem oil. Oil sprays work by smothering the insects and mites, thus, thorough coverage is important. •



Holiday Cacti



Cyclamen

Holiday Plants Not Limited To Poinsettias

By Home & Garden Showcase

The **Holiday Cacti** or **Cyclamen** are great alternatives to the traditional poinsettia. These plants offer colorful holiday blooms, plus you can enjoy them all year 'round.

The **Holiday Cactus**, also known as the **Thanksgiving Cactus** (*Schlumbergera truncata*) or the **Christmas Cactus** (*Schlumbergera*), can be bought during the holiday season already in bloom. It should sit in indirect sunlight, in regular indoor temperatures. Keep the soil moist and fertilize weekly.

Cyclamen, available in white, red, and deep pink, generally lay dormant during summer months and bloom indoors during winter. It's possible to have Cyclamen bloom from late fall to early spring. •

Pine Needle Art

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is as old as mankind. It uses the needles of the pine after they have been boiled, dried and had the caps removed. The needles are bundled then coiled into tight spirals. Row after row are then bound together.

The workshop is limited to six attendees and a wait list will be created so that another workshop may be held later that day. There is a \$30 materials fee and attendees will take home their project. Call 858-513-4900 to pay for and reserve your spot. It is anticipated that a second class will be held at 1pm that day. The class will last about two hours. •

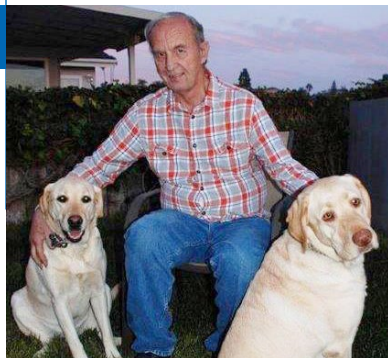
Holiday Shopping Starts At Walter Andersen Nursery



If just thinking about preparing for the busy holiday season leaves you feeling frazzled, mark (in ink) **Dec. 2** and **Dec. 9** on your calendar and spend some party time at our stores.

On **Dec. 2**, our Poway location will reopen from 5:30-7pm for its annual open house holiday event. The San Diego store will hold its open house on **Dec. 9** from 11am-1pm (*please note that the San Diego date was listed incorrectly in October's newsletter*).

This is a family-friendly event. Santa will make an appearance and there will be food and beverages. •



Words From Walter

Fall & Winter Bedding

By Walter Andersen, Jr.

'Angelwing Torch' Begonia

If you like Richmondensis begonias, I think you will love this one too. "Angelwing Torch" has similar blooms to Richmondensis but the foliage is at least twice as large. It's also shiny bronze and sports bright pink blooms. This plant is great in a pot or hanging baskets. They thrive in shade to part shade especially during the hottest part of the day. Use Sunshine planter mix for planting. Grows about 18" to 20" tall and wide.

Ornamental Kale

Ornamental Kale or Cabbage can catch the eye of almost anyone. These are best planted as borders or almost groundcover-like planted 6" to 8" apart. There are several interesting colors, from purplish, like the one pictured to very pale cream. Some varieties have foliage that is not so ruffled, but equally pretty. They are wonderful massed in containers, maybe with some Lobelia planted around the edges to droop



Ornamental Kale

over the side. They are very interesting plants that not everyone will have.

Calendulas

Calendulas will brighten your yard almost all winter long. They come in bright yellow and blazing orange colors. They grow to about 12" tall with double blooms about 2" to 3" in diameter. They can brighten containers and hanging baskets. They make a great replacement for Marigolds that will wither from the upcoming colder nights.

Snapdragons

Snapdragons are wonderful during the winter months in Southern California. They are easy to grow and they bloom and bloom. You'll find them available in many bright colors. To care for them, trim off spent blooms to encourage more bloom spikes in the near future. They come in dwarf, about 12" 14" tall and regular taller ones can reach 2' to 2.5' tall. These are very showy and make great cut flowers.

Stocks

Stocks are a favorite for color and fragrance in gardens. They bloom almost all winter long. In our climate zones, they are easy to grow and can be planted from six packs or 4" pots. There are many bright colors such as pink, red, yellow, white, orange and all shades in-between. Different types range from about 10" to 36" tall, and make ideal cut flowers for bouquets or arrangements. •



'Angelwing Torch' Begonia



Snapdragons



Stocks



Old Ben:

Plant A Honey Bee Friendly Garden

By Old Ben



Seventy percent of farm-grown crops, about one third of our natural food supply, rely on honey bees for pollination. Imagine peanut butter without jelly. If the honey bees disappear, so will grapes and strawberries, along with many of the other foods that have become not only our favorites, but staples of everyday living. You can help promote the honey bee population with a bee friendly garden.

It isn't difficult to make your yard, garden or even patio space a haven for beneficial bees. You'll be helping these important insects, as well as bringing more nature to your back door.

The greater the plant diversity, the more bees you will attract and support. Talk with Walter Andersen Nursery experts to find the vegetation that will thrive in your specific conditions.

Honey Bee Friendly Plants: Attract and nourish honey bees with nectar producing plants. Wild flowers, asters, African Blue Basil, and many others will provide food for the hives, and the native bee populations as well. Plant flowering vegetables and fruits.

Plant Long Blooming Flowers: Plant a variety of flowers and bulbs that will bloom at different times throughout the spring and fall. Honey bees need to eat until they retreat to their hives for the winter. Try to group at least 10 bee plants together.

Honey Bees Need Water: Provide a pond, a fountain, or some other fresh water source. Not only do bees need nectar, they need water as well.

Native Bees Will Make Their Homes In Sand: Provide a space in your garden for native bees to make their home. Native bees do not live in hives, but in single units underground. Leave a space in your garden unmulched for them to gain access and set up housekeeping. A pile of undisturbed sand will work as well.

Limit Pesticides and Herbicides: Some of them are toxic to bees. Many of them will leave a toxic residue for days or weeks. It is better to introduce good bugs to provide natural protection against pests, and to weed by hand. •

Old Ben's Porch Swing Feeder



A nostalgic look from the past, reminiscent of the 1930s and 40s. White painted swing made of white pine. Swing includes cotton rope and ring hanger. Hand decorated so no two are alike but similar to picture. Swing measures 14" wide x 6" deep x 5.75" high. Made in the USA.

Sale \$24.99 Reg. \$34.99

Old Ben's Specials

Valid November 1-30, 2017

Old Ben's Nyger Seed

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

25lb. bag

Sale \$49.99 Reg. \$59.99

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 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 Spray Millet

7 sprays per package. Grown on the Sacramento Delta. Wild and pet birds love millet. **20lb. bag.**

Must buy 2 to get sale price.

Sale 2 for \$11

Reg. \$10.99 ea.

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

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



Join us at our

Holiday

Open Houses

AT WALTER ANDERSEN NURSERY
POWAY AND SAN DIEGO LOCATIONS

Poway

December 2
5:30-7pm

(Poway store closes at 5pm and reopens at 5:30pm)

San Diego

December 9
11am-1pm

Get your **FREE** photo with Santa and enjoy food and beverages. Shop for your tree, holiday plants, ornaments and décor, as well as gifts for friends and family. As always, we are family and pet-friendly!

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Garden Classes

NOVEMBER

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**11/4**

Winter Vegetable
Garden Selections

11/11

Bare Root Berries
and More...

11/18

Bare Root Roses...
All the News on Roses
for 2018!

11/25

NO CLASS
(Thanksgiving)

POWAY | 9:30AM**11/4**

Staghorn Care & Remounting
with David Ross

11/11

Building An Aviary & Things You May
Forget! with Old Ben

11/11

Pine Needle Trivet Workshop: Limited
to 6 People, Must RSVP and Pre-Pay
\$30 Materials Fee, Call 858-513-4900

11/18

Fall Fruit Tree Care/Dormant Spraying
with Richard Wright

11/25

NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)

Dates To Remember!

November 22

Poway store closes at 3pm

November 23

**Both stores closed for
Thanksgiving**

December 2

**Holiday Open House at our
Poway store from 5:30-7pm**

December 9

**Holiday Open House at our
San Diego store from 11am-1pm**

December 24

Both stores close at 2pm

December 25

Both stores closed for Christmas

December 31

Both stores close at 2pm

January 1

**Both stores closed for
New Year's Day •**

Choosing A Holiday Tree To Last A Season

By David Ross

Success with cut Christmas trees starts with the tree itself. There are four primary types of trees available.

NOBLE FIR is our most popular selling tree, with evenly spaced, nicely layered branches that allow ornaments to hang freely. These stay the freshest.

FRASER FIR is short needled, and is sometimes called a "silverback" because of the silver color of the underside of its needles. It stays fresh almost as long as the Noble.

GRAND FIR has a distinct aroma, and looks like a Douglas fir on steroids. The needles are a little larger and of more substance, but it dries out faster.

DOUGLAS FIR is a very full, dense, fine needled tree which causes them to dry out the quickest.

Look for trees that are dark green and appear fresh. Frasers tend to be the 'thinner' of holiday trees. Use a stand that holds ample water. Put a fresh 2" cut on the bottom of the trunk to allow water to flow up into the tree. I add a few vertical slices into the base of the trunk to allow additional water flow up the trunk. When the tree stops drinking, re-slice up the sides of the trunk to allow water to flow again. Get the tree into water immediately, and keep your water bowl filled with water and a commercial tree preservative at all times. •



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