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Mark Calendars for Rose Show Preparation Class and Exhibit

Walter Andersen Nursery will hold its sixth annual rose show April 24-25 at its Poway location. This popular event continues to grow with last year seeing more than 100 entries.

To help participants ready their entries for the show, a rose preparation class will be held April 10 at 9:30 a.m., also at the Poway location. At the class, professionals from the Rose Society will be on hand to show participants how to present roses, provide tips as to what the judges look for in entries, and will assist in preparing participants for this show as well as the national rose show to be held in May in San Diego.

The rose show gets underway April 24 with entries being taken from 8-10 a.m., followed by judging from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Roses will remain on display until noon on April 25.

Last years winners included Jack Shoultz, Linda Clark, Doug Kalal, and Pete Bompensiero who competed in categories such as Best Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora, Best Old Fashion Type or Old Garden Rose, or David Austin, Best Bouquet, Best Miniature Single Stem, Best Miniature (3 blooms any variety) and Queen of Show.

Walter Andersen Nursery is located at 12755 Danielson Ct. in Poway. Call 858-513-4900 for more information. ●

Pt. Loma Store Entrance Is Now Open

Customers, vendors and employees have had challenges this past year just getting to our Pt. Loma store as there has been construction in the area and the streets have changed somewhat. We have a new entrance on Enterprise Street (south of the nursery). For those truly long time customers you will remember this as our ORIGINAL entrance at this location. It is easy to reach from either north or south bound on Pacific Highway. If you are coming north, stay on Pacific Highway and note that there is a new traffic signal at Enterprise Street. Turn left at the signal and look for our sign at the gate. Turn right and go through the gate into the parking lot. If you're coming south on Pacific Highway, go under the footbridge to the new signal and turn right on Enterprise St. and then right again into the new gate, into the parking lot. This is the safest way to enter the nursery from Pacific Highway. If you are coming east on Rosecrans go to Kurtz Stand turn right. This is the corner that the Burger King is on. Go to Pacific Highway and turn right to head south and the directions above will get you there! For safety reasons our old entrance gate on South Sports Arena will be closing July 1 2004. ●

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PHOTO: NICOLE ANDERSEN

Wee Folk Make Big Impact In Fairy Gardens

by Ilene Sternberg



PHOTO: KEN ANDERSEN

Fairy gardens are being crafted in our Pt. Loma store and will feature items from new lines we're carrying. Fairies and accessories are available as well as help to make grass covered mushrooms.

With Tolkien's hobbits taking over Hollywood and Harry Potter flying out of bookstores faster than the Hogwarts Express, the fairy-garden phenomenon may be part of a general trend in popular culture toward the fantastical. Revived interest in herbalism may also be spurring curiosity about plant mysticism and lore. Whatever the reason, gardens are rife with fairy life—or at least fiberglass representations of it.

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Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Have you noticed "wee folk" running loose in people's gardens lately? Horticultural "pixilation" seems to be quite chic these days. Why are fairies, elves, pixies, devas, fauns, brownies, gnomes, trolls, sylphs, sprites, and spirits suddenly invading our backyards?

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Moss Hanging Baskets Add Easy Color



PHOTO: NICOLE ANDERSON

A moss basket with colorful plants and flowers spilling from it is hard to resist. It's a look that transports us to Europe, along a sun splashed, cobblestone lane where streets are narrow and garden space is scarce. Not willing to forego flowers, Europeans turned to container gardening, window boxes and hanging baskets.

Creating a hanging basket is a fun project; one that can be done with the family or on your own and is a rewarding hobby. Here are the basics.

Select a basket in the size you want. Remember, there are wall baskets also if you don't have the space to hang one. Using the largest basket possible for your space will be more impressive and easier to care for. You'll also need to purchase enough moss to line the basket and pick up a bag of potting soil too.

Start by wetting the moss. It usually comes in a plastic bag. Poke a hole in the bag and insert a water hose to add enough water to thoroughly wet the moss. Squeeze the bag for several minutes to work the water in.

Work from the top rim of the basket and take a handful of wet moss, working it in between the top layers of wire. Gradually fill the basket with moss from the top down. Push the moss through the wires so it stays in place. You will end up with a wire basket lined with about 1" of moss.

Near the bottom of the basket, poke a few holes in the moss with your fingers and perhaps widen the wires a little so you can put plants through the holes. It is best to push the root ball through the moss from the outside. Once in place, tuck the moss around the plant and push the wire back in place to anchor the plant. Fill the first layer with potting soil and pack slightly. Work on the next tier up by adding plants and filling with soil. Continue until you are at the top of the basket.

Once at the top, you can use larger plants, from 4" to 1-gallon in size. Put several plants in. Don't skimp because this will give you instant color and the basket will be presentable immediately. Fill the remaining holes on top with potting soil.

Once completed, water the basket thoroughly and place in a slightly shaded area to give the plants time to adjust. In a few days you can hang the basket where you want, depending upon the plants you've selected.

More Tips: When designing hanging baskets, consider some basic rules to guarantee success and lasting impact:

- Plant Needs
- Color
- Proportion

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NEW

HYDRANGEA

IS MUCH ANTICIPATED

We've been getting a lot of requests for a soon-to-be released hydrangea from one of our superior growers, Monrovia. The much anticipated Endless Summer hydrangea (Hydrangea macrophylla 'Bailmer' Plant Patent applied for) is expected to be available in our nurseries the end of April or early May.

This exciting discovery flowers on new wood to extend color throughout the season. Dead head promptly for repeat bloom. It has clear blue mop-head blooms about 8" in diameter that may turn pink in alkaline soils. Its deep green foliage is lush and mildew resistant. It is an excellent cold hardy addition to dappled shade under tree canopies. Deciduous. Shade or part shade. Moderate growth to 5' tall and as wide.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF MONROVIA

WAN to Create Train Exhibit for San Diego County Fair's Seussentennial Celebration

*Trains will chug up hills slowleus
Past a coniferous garden and coleus
As Horton hears a who
The grinch steals a Christmas or two
Our train display will be wondrous
Complete with caboose and whistle thunderous*

There you have it, a sneak preview of Walter Andersen Nursery's exhibit for the 2004 San Diego County Fair.

This year's event will celebrate Dr. Seuss, Theodore Geisel would have been 100 years old this year. With his revolutionary style and fun-filled stories, Dr. Seuss has been credited with 'raising the bar' of literacy and therefore 'Dr. Seuss' is the theme for the fair.

The nursery has exhibited at the fair since 1938. In fact, the nursery is the longest running exhibitor.

This year's exhibit will feature trains and Dr. Suess characters



PHOTO: RICHARD WRIGHT



Fairy Gardens
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A Victorian Legacy

These tiny, innocuous (some would say effete) creatures found a semblance of immortality through the ever-popular Flower Fairies books of Cicely Mary Barker. Starting in the 1920s, Barker created eight volumes filled with illustrations of, and poems about, pint-sized fairies frolicking inside and among botanically correct flowers. Barker was influenced by the Victorian enthusiasm for fairy stories and, no doubt, by Louisa May Alcott’s Flower Fables of 1854. “The summer moon shone brightly down upon the sleeping earth, while far away from mortal eyes danced the Fairy folk,” reads the introduction to Alcott’s book. “Fire-flies hung in bright clusters on the dewy leaves, that waved in the cool night-wind; and the flowers stood gazing, in very wonder, at the little Elves, who lay among the fern-leaves, swung in the vine-boughs, sailed on the lake in lily cups, or danced on the mossy ground, to the music of the harebells, who rung out their merriest peal in honor of the night.”

Miniature Statues and Gardens

But for most people living this side of never-never land, a fairy garden is simply a whimsical miniature landscape with elfin plants, often designed on the same scale as a model-railway garden, or even tinier. It’s a rare thing to see an entire garden given over to the fairies. A quiet corner usually suffices. Or sometimes fairy-gardeners will plant their entire “smurfer’s paradise” in a trough or planter—picture a terrarium without the bottle.

Fairy-garden enthusiasts find itsy-bitsy trowels and teensy-weensy garden hoses in craft stores and dollhouse furniture catalogs to incorporate into their mini landscapes. And instead of waiting for actual fairies to arrive and take up residence in their hobbitry habitats, they purchase fairy statuary.

As far as design goes, fairy gardens take their cue from bonsai gardens or the Vietnamese miniature landscape art of hon non bo. They also get inspiration from rock gardeners, who have long been crawling around on beleaguered knees pruning their plants with cuticle scissors and grooming their dwarf conifers with chopsticks.

Imagine a lilliputian village, arranged around a dwarf river birch tree, Betula nigra ‘Little King’. Couched on a bed of sphagnum moss, the village’s pinecone-shingled houses are furnished with tiny twig chairs for brownies to sit upon while they leaf through their abridged copies of Peter Pan.

Favorite Fairy Flowers

Particular plants twine through fairy folklore. The wee ones are summoned to their midnight revels and dances by bluebells. In fact, bell-shaped flowers of any kind are appropriate. Pixies are especially fond of ferns and primroses. Foxgloves—also known as fairy thimbles, fairy caps, and fairy petticoats—are said to be a gift from the fairies to foxes, who wear the flowers on their foxy little paws so they don’t get caught raiding the chicken coop. Poppy petals make lovely fairy shawls for cool evenings. Infant elves sleep inside tulips, while grown-up elves think creeping thyme makes a much better bed than Craftmatic does. Other fairy favorites include apple trees, moss, toadstools, elms, clover, blue flax, anemones, daisies, hazelnut trees, forget-me-nots, hawthorn, buttercups, marigolds, pansies, hollyhocks, lily-of-the-valley, Saint John’s wort, wood sorrel, and rosemary. And I can’t imagine any sprite worth its wings not wanting to sit under a mayapple umbrella on a rainy day.

An Innovative Idea

Though fairy-gardening may not be everyone’s cup of mead wine, it—or, more precisely, miniature gardening—has a number of advantages over its more conventional counterpart. For example, if you have limited yard space, mini landscaping allows you to create the diverse and dramatic displays of a larger garden, but with minimal expenditure of energy and muscle.

A trough garden can be elevated to eye level with pedestals, making it easier to enjoy and maintain—a helpful feature if you’re physically challenged. You can even shift your horticultural attention to the tabletop and create portable landscapes to be enjoyed year-round on your deck, balcony, or roof, or inside your home.

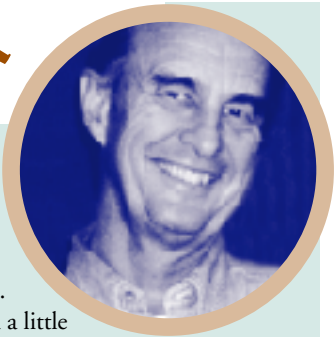
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Word From Walter
“Spring Has Sprung”



th Walter Andersen, Jr.



“Spring has sprung”, as they say. There is a lot going on at the nurseries this time of the year. Both nurseries are well stocked with beautiful citrus trees of many varieties. If you plant them now, keep them moist and fertilize regularly. The five gallon trees should be almost the size of 15- gallon plants by the end of summer. Some varieties will probably even produce some fruit, especially lemons and limes. We also have lots of other fruit trees such as peaches, plums, apricots, nectarines and apples. Most varieties we carry are well suited for our mild climate.

Spring and summer color is abundant in the “bedding section”. Difficult to beat the marigolds, petunias and zinnias for color most of the summer. Looking for something taller and very bright? Try cosmos as they are wonderful and will bloom almost all summer. Impatiens and begonias are ideal for shade or part shade. These also work wonderfully for color bowls on a patio or front porch.

This is also a great time to plant your summer vegetables. Tomatoes are the most popular home vegetable and we have at least two dozen varieties to select from. Don’t overlook peppers, squash, leaf lettuce, cucumbers and melons. Corn is probably best from seed, but we usually have the plants in six-packs too. Radish, beets, turnips and onions are all available from seed.

If you want to attract birds to your yard, try a wild bird feeder, of which we have several styles. I can guarantee if you install a bird feeder that within a week or so you will have many birds almost fighting for the best perch. They are great fun to watch and the kids love it. One of our customers has at least five hummingbird feeders that he says he fills about twice a week. Once they find the food source they will keep coming back so be sure to keep the feeders, in the same place.

Herbal Renaissance

by Cindy Pearson

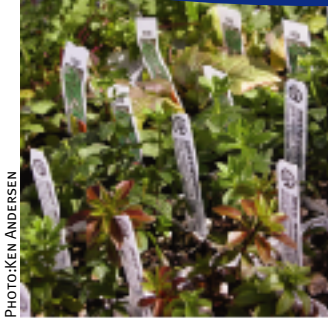


PHOTO:KEN ANDERSEN

Spring is an annual renaissance for garden variety and connoisseur herb enthusiasts! 2004 offers Southern California gardeners a plethora of varieties for cultivation. Gourmets, herbalists, and grass-roots gardeners are sure to find plenty to arouse interest.

Look for an unprecedented array of gourmet greens including French Purslane, Erba Stella, and Miners Lettuce.

Basil aficionados will find a broad selection of this most popular herb. Pesto lovers are informed—the best pesto Basil without a doubt is Genovese Sweet Basil. If you’re looking for large wraps to contain you’re scrumptious fillings, try Mammoth or Napolatano. For contrast in the garden and on the plate, try Dark Opal, or the novel All American Purple Ruffles. And, Cilantro fans are advised, for a constant harvestable supply throughout the year, plant three plants per person every three to four weeks. Alternatively, you may try these Cilantro mimics: Vietnamese Coriander (available year-round), Culantro, and Papalo (available from late spring). This spring will also debut a grand assortment of Thyme and Oregano cultivars characterized by unique scent, foliage, and texture. Watch for Creeping Lemon Thyme, English Wedgewood Thyme, Goldcrisp Oregano, Betty Rollins Oregano, and Dwarf Greek Oregano.

In May and June, with the heat of summer approaching, colorful and water-wise Lavenders, Sages, and Scented Geraniums will be abundant. Look for Lavender varieties that are well suited to Southern California with superior fragrance and bloom such as Abrialli, Tuscan, and Royal Velvet. The Native California Sages—Cleveland, Black, and White are always excellent choices for drought tolerant planting that will bloom repeatedly throughout the year. And, don’t overlook the fanciful Scented Geraniums Peacock, Pineapple, and Mrs. Taylor with their delightful fragrances and year-round flowering!

Cindy Pearson is co-owner of Pearson’s Gardens & Herb Farm in Vista. Walter Andersen Nursery is pleased to offer a large selection of herbs from this wonderful nursery. ●

Asparagus with Toasted Pine Nuts and Lemon Vinaigrette (Serves 4)

Snap off tough ends of asparagus. Remove scales from stalks with a knife or vegetable peeler, if desired. Steam spears until they are crisp-tender. Transfer to a serving platter. Saute pine nuts over medium heat, about 2-3 minutes or until lightly browned. Set aside. Combine olive oil and remaining ingredients in a medium saucepan, stirring with a whisk to blend. Cook over medium heat 2-3 minutes until thoroughly heated, stirring constantly. Pour the vinaigrette over the asparagus. Sprinkle with pine nuts and pepper.

Cycads Give Personality to a Landscape



PHOTO:PETER HOGG

You might be hard pressed to find another tree that can evoke a mood as the cycad can. Whether it is swaying in the breeze and bringing a tropical feel to a landscape or standing at attention forming an elegant entry way, cycads say it with style.

Sago palms (Cycas revoluta) add lushness to this landscape and are interspersed with taller growing palms.

Cycads are one of the oldest living plant families. They’ve been around for millions of years.

These plants will do best if planted in a soil that drains well. They can be grown in the ground in most of the San Diego area. They do best if they get full sun along the coastal areas, however inland they usually look better if they get a little shade. They are a little darker green under those conditions. Cycads also make excellent container plants. They will require watering weekly unless it is unusually warm.

They usually send out only one set of leaves each year from May through August. Feeding is only necessary from March to October. Generally a multipurpose fertilizer, high in nitrogen is preferred. A 16-16-16 formula dry fertilizer every two months is about all you need. Be careful not to overfeed, especially if plants are in containers.

When a new set of leaves is about 75% developed, remove all of the old leaves, cutting them as close to the trunk as possible. Old leaves will turn yellow and brown rapidly if left on the plant. If the plant is in a pot, in a shaded area when new growth starts, try to move it to a brighter area or the new growth will be weak and spindly. After the new fronds have “hardened”, you can move it back to a little more shade.

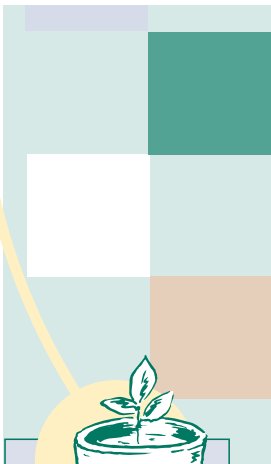
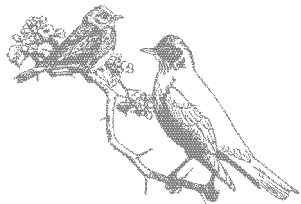
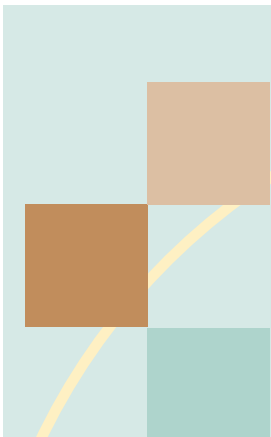
Cycads are dioecious, meaning there are male and female plants. Both are needed to produce viable seed. The blooms of each sex are different and they only bloom when mature (between 15-20 years old). The male bloom is a long cone, and comes out of the center of the plant (where new leaves are generally formed). The female plant forms a large “fuzzy ball” when it blooms, which will produce seed. There has to be a male bloom nearby to have pollination. In most cases a plant that blooms will not send out new foliage.

The most common insect is scale. It is usually not a terrible problem; however, if you see some, it is best to get it under control as soon as possible. Bayer Tree & Shrub Systemic Insect Control will normally control it with one application for up to one year. Follow the label directions carefully for proper mixing. ●

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Seasonal Recipe

- 1 lb fresh asparagus spears
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 tbs pine nuts
- 1/2 tsp dried basil or substitute 6-8 fresh leaves
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano (optional)
- 1 tbs fresh lemon juice
- fresh ground pepper to taste
- 1 garlic clove, crushed



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Citrus

Our Ever-Green, Ever-Changing Friends

have plenty of holes in the bottom of your container for good drainage.

For food, Gro-Power of course, at least four times a year, and a little Citrus Growers Blend by Grow More, to help enhance the taste.

Now which one, two, three, four or more do you choose. It's hard to pick, of all my 'children', which one I love the best? Using these suggestions, I'll let you choose.

Oranges
Navel (eating): Washington—old favorite, Cara Cara Pink—my favorite, Lane Late—for a longer harvesting season.

Sweet (drinking): Valencia: MidKnight—seedless, Blood Orange: Moro—exotic color and flavor.

Lemons
Eureka—strong taste, Meyers Improved—sweeter taste, Variegated Pink Lemonade—what a looker, inside and out.

Limes
Bearss seedless—for cooking, Mexican thornless/Key Lime—for pies or your favorite beverage.

Grapefruit
Oroblanco—white and very sweet, Ruby Red—red.


Mandarins
Seedless: Satsuma, Golden Nugget, and Kishu.
Few Seeds: Honey, Page, Algerian/Clementine.

All of them Taste Great!
The Odds and Ends
Minneola Tangelo, Nagami Kumquat, Kaffir Lime, all kinds of Pummelos and even the 'Budda Hand' all have something special to offer, from a unique taste to a unique look.


If you want citrus, we can help you fit them into your life, with style. These are just some of the many wonderful citrus that you can Win, Place and Show off with in your landscape. ●

New Grevilleas

Prepare for May Debut



Grevillea Misty Pink
A vigorous and hardy free flowering bushy shrub with grayish leaves. Spectacular rich pink and cream 15 cm brushes in terminal clusters of six or more. It flowers all year round with peaks during spring and autumn. Prefers open sunny position. These are easily kept to 4'-6' with pruning.



Grevillea Banksii White Variation
This is a popular Australian native shrub that has attractive deeply divided foliage and bears beautiful, lemon-yellow toothbrush flowers for most of the year. These can grow to reach 8'-10' in height, but with trimming, can be kept to 5'.

Once again, Walter Andersen Nursery will benefit from its special relationship with growers to bring you selections of plants that will not be widely available once they are released. This time, a grower will share two grevillea introductions with our nursery. We anticipate their release date in May.

Grevillea is a member of the Protea family (Proteaceae) and its close relatives include Banksia, Hakea, Dryandra, Isopogon and Telopea (the Waratah). Grevillea is named after Charles Francis Greville who was one of the founders of the Royal Horticultural Society in 1804. There are over 340 species in the genus, most of which are endemic to Australia but a few species occur in Papua New Guinea and islands to Australia's north.

The tropical G. banksii, related species, forms and hybrids are attractive and terminal flowering. They have a wide range of flower colors, including cream-white, yellow, pink, red and orange. They are a terrific choice as flowering plants for the home garden and landscape. Many forms are seasonal flowering (eg. winter and spring). Some forms such as G. Misty Pink flower all year. Inflorescences may vary in shape according to variety eg. Cylindrical or conical (tapered) or second (one-sided or tooth brush).

We are seeing grevilleas increase in popularity and these plants thrive in the southern California climate. They like a sunny to partly shaded position, need well drained soils and are very adaptable. They tolerate most soils, mild frost and extended dry periods once established. The plants respond well to pruning and can be trained to take shape as a hedge, shrub or small tree. You will find hummingbirds attracted to your garden to enjoy these nectar rich flowers.

Our supply will be limited so you may order your grevillea now to ensure receiving one. Orders must be prepaid and you can call your closest Walter Andersen Nursery location in either Pt. Loma at 619-224-8271 or Poway at 858-513-4900 to complete your transaction.

Tips from the PROS

Five Ways to Create Better Container Gardens



PHOTO: PROVEN WINNERS

This Villa Roma garden is perfect for sunny conditions. Heat tolerant plants include Calibrachoa 'Million Bells Terra Cotta', Diascia 'Flying Colors Coral', Osteospermum 'Peach Symphony', and Hedera (Ivy) 'Yellow Ripple'.

by Marshall Dirks
Take a container, add a few plants and you've got an instant garden. While it's true that container gardening is about as simple as it gets, with just a bit more effort you can create something truly unique and wonderful. Here are some tips and techniques from our professional horticulturists and designers:

- 1. Think Big**
When it comes to growing plants in pots, the larger the container, the better.
- 2. When to Water**
This is one of those issues for which there is no set formula. The best indication that it's time to water is when the potting soil just beneath the surface feels dry. In hotter weather, this could mean watering every day, or as little as once a week during cooler temperatures. Correct way to water is to gently drench your plant until you see a trickle of moisture coming out of the drain hole. As you get to know your plants, you'll develop a "feel" for how much water they need. It's important that you don't allow a container to dry out completely as this can cause the plants to wilt, delay flowering and ultimately die. Too much water, however, can cause root rot.
- 3. Food for Plants**
Potted plants are always hungry. For best results, we recommend using both time release and water soluble fertilizers. While many people think that time release fertilizers react to water, it's actually heat that causes the capsules to release their nutrients. As a result, plants get food when they need it most—during those hot summer days. If you're potting up your own containers, add some time release plant food to your potting soil. You can also add a "top dressing" of time release plant food to ready-made planters, or before you go on vacation. As for water soluble plant food, try using it every time you water your plants. A good food supply will help prevent your plants from becoming "leggy," and will encourage flower production while maintaining a nice, compact habit.
- 4. The Dirt on Potting Soil**
The dirt in your garden beds may be great for growing plants in the ground, but plants in pots are a different matter. When used in a container, even the best garden soil has a tendency to settle and harden—a condition that stunts root growth. Garden soil also contains a certain percentage of insect larvae, weed seeds, and harmful spores. On the other hand, a prepared potting soil that is specially formulated for potted plants contains a mix of sterilized peat moss and perlite that provides the correct levels of aeration and water retention. If you are using an extra large container and want some additional weight, fill the bottom of the container with a layer of gravel/sand before adding the potting soil.
- 5. Favorite Combinations**
I'm often asked about which plants work best in containers. The answer is that any plant will work, provided it's used in the right conditions. But that doesn't help those gardeners who are looking for specifics, so here are four of my favorite container combos. For sunny conditions:

Calibrachoa 'Million Bells' Terra Cotta', Diascia 'Flying Colors' Coral', Osteospermum 'Peach Symphony', and Hedera (Ivy) 'Yellow Ripple'.

Shade is such a challenge that it merits two designs: For a patriotic theme in partial sun conditions, combine Lobelia 'Laguna' Compact Blue With Eye', Calibrachoa 'Superbells' Red', and Lamium 'White Nancy'.

For deep shade try Ceratostigma 'Leadwort' (a beautiful plant with an ugly name), with Heuchera 'Green Spice', Lysimachia 'Goldilocks', and Hakonechloa 'Golden Variegated Hakone Grass'.

And for window boxes in sun to part shade, here's an easy combo that requires less water: Geranium 'Fireworks' Collection Pink Bicolor' with Hedera (Ivy) 'Golden Ingot'.

Variations on a theme: For a subtle but stunning effect, try combining flowering plants in various shades of a single color. I suggest Ageratum 'Artist' Alto Blue', Calibrachoa 'Superbells' Blue', Verbena 'Superbena' Large Lilac Blue', and Sutera (Bacopa) 'Glacier Blue'.

Foliage plants can be every bit as beautiful as flowering varieties. Try this combination; Coleus 'Sedona', New Guinea Impatiens 'Infinity' Scarlet', and Hedera (Ivy) 'Glacier'.

Plants with dark foliage or flowers are the biggest new gardening trend in years. I suggest Ipomoea 'Black Heart' with Acoros 'Ogon', Sedum 'Angelina', and Ajuga 'Mahogany'.

Marshall Dirks is Marketing Director of Proven Winners, an international marketing cooperative that offers new and unique plant varieties bred and tested to perform in North American gardens.

Summer Pruning

A Quick Nip-N-Tuck Around The Orchard

By Richard Wright, Walter Andersen Nursery

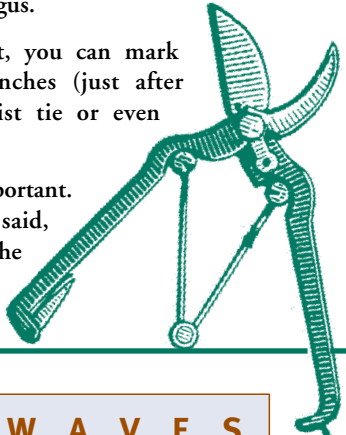
Old school thought is pruning only in the winter. The new school approach includes the summer and winter seasons.

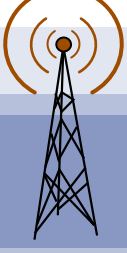
The idea for summer pruning is to shorten or bring down the length of the new spring growth of the branches. This helps keep the size of your trees more manageable.

Make your cut on the outside of an upward facing bud. Leave about a quarter inch or more of wood. If it's too close, die-back may kill the bud. Try to cut it at a 45 degree angle, more or less with the cut facing down. This helps keep moisture from settling on the face of the cut and causing fungus.

For the faint of heart, you can mark your cut on the branches (just after blooming) with a twist tie or even some Mylar ribbon.

Perfection is not so important. As a friend of mine said, Just do it, after all, the tree can and will grow back next year.





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Hanging Baskets *Continued from P1*

Plant Needs

The plants combined in one container should have similar water, fertilizer and light requirements. Hanging baskets can dry out more quickly than those planted in the landscape so be sure to check for dry soil often. With each watering, fertilizer gets flushed from the soil, so try working a time-released granular fertilizer into the soil at planting time.

Color

Color is an important part of designing high-impact combinations. It's the color that catches the eye first and draws attention to the hanging basket. Determine if you want to create contrast or harmony in your hanging basket then take guidance from the color wheel. Create striking color-contrast combinations by mixing colors like yellow and violet or orange and blue. These are the colors that are directly opposite each other on the color wheel. For contrasting combinations using three colors, mix the primary colors: red, blue, and yellow. White and silver combined with dark purples and blues create a striking contrast in cool colors. In combination plantings, harmony is achieved by mixing related colors-those that are close to or next to each other on the color wheel. You can also create harmony by combining different shades and tones of a single color. Don't forget to think about foliage when you're choosing colors for your hanging baskets. Create a combination of flowering plants and attractive foliage plants to add texture to any combination.

Proportion

Another important ingredient for an impressive display is the right proportion. As a rule of thumb, the plant portion should be at least twice as big as the visible part of the container.

Look From All Angles

Consider texture and vertical interest to create a well-proportioned basket. Work with different flower and foliage textures to give your design the right definition. And don't forget about vertical interest! Add height to your basket with upright plants, and use low growers for balance. ●

Make a Note!

Holiday Closings

Both Nurseries will be Closed on Easter **Sunday, April 11** and **Sunday, July 4**

Spring class Schedule

All classes are FREE and begin at 9:00am in Point Loma, 9:30am in Poway. On rare occasion we may need to make a last minute change. If you have any questions, call 619-224-8271 (Point Loma) or 858-513-4900 (Poway). Show up early if you don't like standing (some classes get crowded) and have coffee on us!

POINT LOMA

April

- 4/3 Tomatoes with Steve Goto from Goto Nursery
- 4/10 Bonsai
- 4/17 Soils, Amendments & Mulches
- 4/18 Special Event Children's Garden at 11 a.m.
- 4/24 Cymbidium Orchid Repotting

May

- 5/1 Houseplants
- 5/8 Epiphyllum 'Orchid Cactus'
- 5/15 Ornamental Grasses with Presentation from Green Meadows
- 5/22 Plant Propagation, Grafting & Cutting
- 5/29 Spring & Summer Color with Proven Winners

June

- 6/5 Staghorn Ferns
- 6/12 Cymbidium Orchid Repotting
- 6/19 Subtropical Shade Plants
- 6/26 Growing Sub-Tropical Fruits

POWAY

April

- 4/3 Citrus Varieties & Care
- 4/10 Garden Railroadng (Part 3 in a Series to Include Plant Selection, Care, & Planting)
- 4/10 Rose Show Flower Prep Class Starting at 9:30am
- 4/17 Goto Nursery Presentation "Growing Heirloom & Regular Tomatoes"
- 4/24 Rose Show!

May

- 5/1 May Flowers / Spring Color
- 5/8 Garden Railroadng-Part 4 in a Series "Bringing it all Together"
- 5/15 Orchids! Guest Speakers, Charlie Fouquette & Bud Close
- 5/22 Pruning & Maintenance of Landscape Trees & Shrubs
- 5/29 Achieve the Garden of Your Dreams: How to Use a Landscape Designer

June

- 6/5 Summer Rose Care
- 6/12 Staghorn Fern Remounting & Care
- 6/19 Plumeria Grafting & Care
- 6/26 Summer Fruit Tree Pruning / Dave Wilson Fruit Tasting!

WALTER ANDERSEN, JR. RECEIVES PROCLAMATION



PHOTO: KEN ANDERSEN

Walter Andersen, Jr. received a proclamation from the County of San Diego Feb. 18. The proclamation honored his leadership in the horticulture industry as well as recognized his contributions and those of the nursery in San Diego. The proclamation was made after Jr. was awarded the 2004 conservation medal by National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution for his outstanding efforts to educate people and promote horticulture in San Diego.

PHOTO: RICHARD WRIGHT

TOOL SHED



It's the "WEED-OUT" BY BACKER MFG. CO.

You use it to get those itsy-bitsy weeds out of those teeny-weeny places that your fingers can't reach! It's great for cactus collectors who still have tender fingers, and bonsai enthusiasts with that one pesky little weed that is in that hard-to-reach place! It can even get the nut or bolt you just dropped in that out-of-the-way place on the lawnmower. You can find it at both Poway and Pt. Loma stores in a NOT-so-hard-to-reach place. May the weeding force be with you!

Richard "The Green Man" Wright market.

New Products Debut in the Stores



PHOTO: JAKKI WEDDLE

Walter Andersen Nursery is pleased to carry Bayer All-in-One Flower Care for Roses. It is a combination fungicide insecticide and fertilizer. For the first time ever we have a product that controls all major rose diseases and most insect problems. It is applied as a soil drench every six weeks and one bottle will treat up to 16 roses or 200 sq. ft. of flower bed. An alternative 'must have' for roses, if you choose not to use the above, is Bayer Disease Control for Roses. It's a new fungicide that has the same active ingredient as the all-in-one product mentioned above. This one, however, is applied as a spray and controls all major rose diseases.

Super Spring Savings!

Save money all spring with these great products that you use all the time!

Save \$2.00 on (1) 5lb. Bayer 2 in 1 Rose and Flower Care

Save \$2.00 on Bayer Triple Acting Lawn Food

Save \$4.00 on Bayer Triple Acting Lawn Food plus Weed Control

Save \$2.00 on Ortho Bug Geta Snail and Slug Control

Save \$3.00 on Proven Winners Water Soluble Fertilizer

Save \$6.00 on Proven Winners Time Release Fertilizer

Save \$1.00 on 2.25lb. Ortho Bug Geta Slug and Snail Control

No Limits on purchases. Availability subject to merchandise in stock. Supplies may be limited. No further discounts apply. Prices valid April 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004

COUPON Valid April 1 – 30, 2004

\$4 OFF Bayer All in One Rose and Flower Care Liquid 32 oz. Limit 2

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Limit Two (2) per customer. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon must be presented at the time of purchase. Limited to stock on hand.

COUPON Valid May 1 – 31, 2004

\$3 OFF Any Whitney Farms Soil Product 1.5 cu.ft. or Larger Limit 3

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Limit Three (3) per customer. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon must be presented at the time of purchase. Limited to stock on hand.

COUPON Valid June 1 – July 5, 2004

\$4 OFF Any Greenlight Concentrate Limit 2

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