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Rose Show A Hit!

Walter Andersen Nursery in Poway has been hosting the Poway Rose Show for 10 years now so we'd like to think we're getting pretty good at it. According to the grape vine, the show held May 16-17, was one of the best. There were nearly 100 roses entered and roses ranged from old favorites to some newer varieties. There were some new participants to the show as well as seasoned veterans. For the second year in a row, Jack and Bonnie Shoultz took top prize with their 'Queen of Show' entry, Flower Girl. Look for next year's show to feature a Children's Category.

This year's winners included:

Best Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora
Marie Cashion with Orange Passion

Best Single Stem Floribunda
Kristi Sutherlin with Lavaglut

Best Old Fashioned Type
Dick & Sue Streeper with Grace

Best Miniature/Mini Flora
Ira & Marie Fletcher with Sugar n Spice

Best Bouquet
Sandy Campillo with Wild Blue Yonder & Julia Child

Best Mini Bouquet
Dick & Sue Streeper with Fresh Pink

Best Floating Bowl
Pete Bompensiero with Diana, Princess of Wales

Most Fragrant Rose
Marilyn Wojdak with Tradescant

Best Non-Classified Rose
Dick & Sue Streeper with Twomey's Mistake. The Streepers also won the Andersen's Choice Award. ●



Persian Mulberry Trees

If blackberries grew on trees, you'd have, well, a fruiting mulberry tree. The nurseries sell black or Persian fruiting and non-fruiting mulberry trees, but in this article we'll focus on the fruiting kind.

The black mulberry was imported to Britain from its native Southwestern Asia in the seventeenth century in the hope that it would be useful in the cultivation of silkworms which feed upon the leaves. It is a fast-growing deciduous tree that can reach 40 ft. tall. Trees begin fruiting almost immediately with the fruit becoming purple to black when ripe.

Black mulberry fruits are large and juicy; with a good balance of sweetness and tartness that is described as being reminiscent of grapefruit, although some descriptions you may come across describe the taste as bland.

Mulberries need full sun and also adequate space. The root systems can be invasive so be sure they are planted



in an area where this will not be a problem should it occur. The distance between trees should be at least 15 ft. The trees should not be planted near a sidewalk. The fallen fruit will not only stain the walkway, but are likely to be tracked indoors, so consider them messy. They are best planted in a grassy area where the fruit won't fall on anything it can stain. The trees are quite wind-resistant. Plant in a warm spot with well drained soil. Although somewhat drought-resistant, mulberries need to be watered in dry seasons. If the roots become too dry, the fruit is likely to drop before it has fully ripened. ●

An Easy Way To Plant Containers—Try Using One Plant

by Melanie Potter



Cordyline

I think we can do better and I have decided to remove the calla lilies that have tried so hard for years and replace them with cordyline. The plant is upright, which will work in the tall vase-like pot and has bright pinkish-purplish foliage that will contrast nicely with the blue.

That inspired me to think about other one pot wonders that could be out there for gardeners like me who are lazy, uninspired and have brown thumbs.

Planting a dwarf citrus tree in a terra cotta container will give you a Mediterranean look which is very desirable given the increased awareness over water usage we are all facing. Plumeria do best in containers in San Diego because they need excellent drainage and our soil just doesn't provide that. You can also move them to warmer locations in the winter.

For a cottage garden or a French country look, try Penstemon parryi 'Desert penstemon' with thick grey leathery leaves and dark pink hummingbird attracting flowers. It looks great in glazed or terra cotta containers with softer hues such as light blue, light yellow, or light green. Penstemon 'Margarita BOP' has green foliage with violet blue flowers. For a more contemporary look Agave 'Blue Flame' (a smaller more elegant hybrid of the larger blue agave) stays 2.5' tall and wide and looks beautiful in terra cotta pottery.

You can grow invasive plants in a container and not worry about them taking over. A large pot of mint will be a cook's best friend. Plant horsetail or bamboo (you'll need to divide regularly so it doesn't become root bound and impossible to water) in a glazed pot for an Asian garden look. Put the bamboo in a terra cotta pot for a more tropical appearance. Birds of paradise offer a lot of interest with their foliage shape and flowers and would be appealing in a tall angular pot. Pennisetum, or purple fountain grass, would look great in a large, round container.



Maguey Agave



Pennisetum

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Successful Gardeners Share "Must Haves"

by Melanie Potter



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Both Walter Andersen Nursery locations are chock full of products including dry goods and tools. If you are new to the hobby of

gardening and wondering what you need to get started, or just looking for best practices, I sought advice from some of our most experienced gardeners as to what are 'must haves' in their tool sheds.

Tom Dougherty can be found in our Poway store where he shares his vast knowledge with customers and co workers. He is considered one of our specialists when it comes to citrus and fruit trees, ponds and plants, and cactus and succulents. He quickly rattled off his favorite products and began with what is an overwhelming favorite among staff, Felco shears.

"I've used them for about 10 years after switching from Corona shears," explained Tom. He likes the quality of them and the fact that you can buy a left handed product with rotating handle, and they are ergonomically friendly.

You won't find him without a Soil Scoop from Garden Works, either. Its strong selling points are the pointed end for digging, serrated edges for cutting, and it is ergonomically friendly and easy to use.

Tom is also quick to point out the cup-like structure is perfect for scooping and is more efficient than a flatter shaped trowel. His third 'must have' is GroPower fertilizer, which is a product you'll hear highly recommended from all staff at both stores.

Our next expert advice came from Greg Steffan, also in our Poway store. Greg is an avid gardener, even growing things in a greenhouse at home. You won't catch him without his Felco shears as he especially likes that when he cuts branches with them, they slice well and he doesn't feel resistance. His other favorites are a watering wand with 1,000 breakers on it so it is like a soft rain effect when watering, and his hula-ho, "I like the way it takes the weed off at the roots." Greg also gave an insight into how helpful a husband he is at home, "It cuts by pulling and pushing, it's like using a Swiffer."

It didn't take Ken Andersen long to make his list of recommendations. "Felco shears, whether you need a left or right handed pair," he said. "Gro Power, there isn't anything in my yard I wouldn't use it on, and a good quality shovel because it will last longer and a higher quality shovel is easier to dig with, it will make furrows, and level areas."

So there you have a short list of what folks who make their living in the business would recommend. Remember, that in most cases when you ask any Walter Andersen Nursery employee for advice, you'll likely hear their first-hand experience with a product, item or plant. ●



Felco Shears



What's New in the Stores



Here's a look at some new items you'll find in the stores.

If you are short on gardening space, here is everything you need in a box. An EarthBox, that is. The patented EarthBox was developed by commercial farmers

and proven in the laboratory and on farms. The inventors for this maintenance-free, award-winning, high-tech growing system claim the box controls soil conditions, eliminates guesswork and more than doubles the yield of a conventional garden, with less fertilizer, less water and virtually no effort. Grow all sorts of vegetables from artichokes to zucchini. Both stores will have a few of these.

Ethel Gloves are just for the ladies and only available in the Poway store. We're carrying a new line of gloves that are made to fit women's



hands, durable and tough, and designed to protect with an elasticized cuff and reinforced fingertips. They come in fashion forward patterns and a chic palette of colors, and best of all, they are machine washable. The gloves are made from four-way stretch Spandex and breathable, synthetic leather materials.



Getting rave reviews from one of the nursery's customers, who is an avid gardener, is SERENADE Organic Garden Disease Control. It effectively treats the diseases in your garden without jeopardizing the safety of your family and pets or introducing harsh pesticides in your yard and garden. This product provides protection against a broad spectrum of the most common fungal and bacterial garden diseases, yet it is completely non-toxic to bees and beneficial insects. It is so safe that you can confidently harvest and eat fruits and vegetables the same day they are treated. Unlike sulfur-based disease control products, SERENADE is non-irritating to skin and lungs. You'll find this product in both stores. ●

Find A Spot For White Sapote

by Melanie Potter



White Sapote

If you can grow oranges, you can grow White Sapote, so says the research I've found on this fruit I'd never heard of that is native to central Mexico.

The fruit is apple-green to orange-yellow at maturity, depending on variety. It can be round, oval or ovoid, symmetrical or irregular in shape and the skin is very thin and smooth, with a waxy bloom, and is sometimes bitter. Green-skinned varieties have white flesh; yellow skinned varieties have yellow flesh. The flesh has a custard-like texture and a sweet flavor reminiscent of peach or banana, although sometimes with a hint of bitterness.

In California mature trees are found from Chico, southward. It needs well-drained soil with a pH between 5.5 and 7.5, but the tree will grow in almost any soil as long as it is well-drained. Established trees withstand occasional frost to 22° F, although young trees can be damaged at 30° F and it will need protection from wind.

The white sapote is an evergreen tree, 15 to 50 feet, according to cultivar and the soil it's grown in. It is deciduous under drought and other stress. Growth is rapid, in flushes. White sapotes have a taproot and other fibrous roots that are wandering and greedy like citrus.

The fruit ripens six to nine months from bloom with some cultivars being alternate bearing.

Before planting, consider the mess made by unpicked fruit and select a spot that gets full sun. White sapote trees are drought tolerant but produce better fruit with regular, deep watering. Deep watering is also necessary to keep those greedy roots deep in the ground. Shallow watering can encourage surface roots that will break pavement or ruin lawns. Drip irrigation is suitable for young trees. They will tolerate some salts, but gradually the health and look of the tree will decline. White sapotes are often most productive following wet winters. After planting, remove the flowers and pinch out the terminal bud to encourage branching, and then prune to eliminate weak joints. Too much pruning or heading-back, however, may encourage weak growth.

The fruit ripens in October (southern climates) to February (northern climates). A few cultivars will have fruit year-round, but the fruit from later blooms generally ripens poorly and is of lesser quality. The fruits taste best when tree ripened, but tend to fall first. The fruits must be handled with care even when unripe as they bruise easily and any bruised skin will blacken and the flesh beneath turns bitter.

The nursery stocks McDill and Suebelle Sapotes. ●

A Bulb To Think About



Ornithogalum thrysoides

At a time when the nursery is full of tropicals and drought tolerant plants, up popped some blooms amongst the Agapanthus that looked very dainty and elegant. It doesn't have the most attractive of botanical names, but it is blessed with some poetic common names. Ornithogalum thrysoides or Star-of-Bethlehem, Grass Lily, Nap-at-Noon, or Eleven-o'clock Lady, is a perennial bulbous flowering plant of the family Hyacinthaceae. It is native throughout most of southern and central Europe (north to Austria and Belgium), and in northwestern Africa and southwestern Asia.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, much of the show will have passed as the blooms look their best in late spring, early summer. The plant has bright green, strap-like foliage but the leaves droop downward. Information from the Sunset Western Garden Book indicates the plant can grow about 3 feet tall, and the spire of flowers will increase it to about 5 feet tall. The flowers are star shaped, white on top and green underneath.

You can plant these in the ground or in containers. They will require soil that drains well and a spot in full sun. The plants take the opportunity to grow in the winter and flower in the spring. When cut, they are ideal in a vase and have a long display life. Later in the summer, the leaves will yellow and die back as the plant slips into dormancy so foliage may be removed at this point. ●

What's NEW In The Garden?

by Melanie Potter

Leonotis

"Red Threads"

Anigozanthos

Palo Verde Tree

I'm spending more time outside and noticing that homeowners' yards are changing. There are still gardens full of bullet proof plants such as agapanthus, pygmy date palms and daylilies, but with the goal of reducing water usage, comes an increase in succulents, ornamental grasses, New Zealand flax, and salvias.

At home, we're replacing some of the thirstier plants with drought tolerant ones and that made me wonder what new things experienced gardeners are trying this year in their gardens. Gone from my yard is a messy Chorisia, or silk floss tree and in its place will be a Parkinsonia or Palo Verde tree. It's native to Mexico and to the Northern South Americas. This is a desert tree with spectacular yellow flowers and light green trunks. It is drought tolerant and will grow to about 15' tall.

Another new find we'll be planting along a path is Alternanthera ficoidea 'Red Threads', a slender-leaved perennial that forms a mounding carpet in shades of deep burgundy that grows about 8 inches tall and 14 inches wide. It should be planted in moist but well-drained soil in full sun (for best leaf color) or in partial shade.

Some of our Poway staff members were eager to share their new finds, too.

Delone Coult has removed all but about a third of her grass in the back yard and she added Anigozanthos 'Harmony' varieties (Kangaroo paws) and found them to be impressive. She's also experimenting with growing peppers in her new raised planters. Edibles were a favorite of the employees. John Alstrand is trying Thompson Pole Beans and Sweet Million tomatoes. Donavan Lewis prefers exotic fruit so he is growing a Miracle Fruit. When eaten, the berries cause sour foods subsequently consumed to taste sweet. It is an evergreen plant that produces small red berries, with white flowers. A find at an Asian market was Arrowhead root, an edible tuber, that he is growing in an aquarium. He also said he has lots of lychees, some mangoes and recently acquired a black currant bush.

Our bedding supervisor Jennifer Merzgian is growing things that she can't even spell. She planted for the first time, an Australian native, Ptilotus, which resembles a lupine and is a perennial herb. It is heat and drought tolerant. She's also propagating Plumeria, epiphyllum and hedychium (gingers) for their fragrance.

Word on the sales floor was, "you gotta talk to Greg". That would be Greg Steffan and he is becoming well known for his exotic and broad taste in plants. This experienced gardener said he has about 11 cuttings of plumeria as well as pelargoniums and is successfully growing orchids on wood. He also planted a Thevetia evergreen shrub with bright yellow funnel-shaped flowers. This is also known as Yellow Oleander and the plant is poisonous. Some other finds in his yard include lots of Cleveland sage, Leonotis (Lion's Tail), which prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade, and is drought tolerant. He recently added an Emu bush which is an Australian native that likes full sun and sandy soil.

If you are interested in trying some new plants, just tell our customer service representatives about your growing conditions, and we'll make some suggestions that may intrigue you. Remember, it's a good time to add some drought tolerant choices to your landscape and the selection is varied. ●

Fuller's Finds

BY CAROL FULLER

Summer is here; the garden is in full bloom and doing great! But, you know there is always room for one more plant. What could that be?

A friend of mine was able to attend the Chelsea Flower Show in 2007 and she sent me pictures of some of the plants and, of course, the designed gardens. A plant in one of the pictures stood out to me and now it has "crossed the pond" and is available to you. Now, I know that Cordylina is not new but this is a new cultivar called "Torbay Dazzler" Cordylina australis. Do not confuse the Cordylines with Phormiums. They have similar leaf structure but they grow entirely differently. Cordylines are members of the Dracaenaceae family. Cordylina australis 'Torbay Dazzler' (Torbay Dazzler Grass Palm) is a palm-like, sub-tropical tree that grows with an upright habit from 10' to 20' tall but will start out great in a container. With age, it will branch to produce several heads of green strap-like leaves that have a strong cream variegation along the leaf margin. If left to its own devices it will grow between 5' and 10' wide and will produce a white panicle formed sweet-scented flower in late spring to early summer. It would be a great addition to a tropical garden scape.

Like most Cordylines it is pretty adaptable to light situations and will take full coastal sun but some light shade in an inland garden. Being a native of New Zealand, it works well here in our climate and our alkaline soils. It also seems to perform well in coastal conditions if offered some protection from salty air. With our upcoming (I told you so) water issues, it is useful in dry gardens but as always, looks better with a little water. Of course, drainage is key to keeping this plant happy and healthy. It is hardy to around 15 degrees F, growing well in USDA zones 9-10. This plant came from Torbay Palm Farm near Cornwall, England and was a Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit winner in 2004. In its native New Zealand it is known as by the Maori name of Ti Kouka.

From the Old World tropics of Asia through the Pacific islands, comes Dianella, an attractive group of plants, possibly numbering 20-30 species, named after Diana, the Roman goddess, of hunting and Queen of the woods. Collectively, we call them Flax Lily which indicates – you guessed it – they are related to Phormium and are now placed in the Phormiaceae family. In New Zealand, they are called Blue Berry in reference to the beautiful blue fruit they produce. Dianellas are perennial

herbs that form tufts or spreading colonies by spreading rhizomes. They grow best in full sun to light shade and tolerate moderate frosts and drought. As always, they look best with a little water.

Dianella revoluta 'Little Rev' or Baby Bliss Flax Lily is a new cultivar. It was discovered in 1996 in Clarendon, New South Wales, Australia, during a seedling selection. It is small and very cute. It is a compact clumping grower to between 14" and 18" tall and about as wide. Its 1/4" strap-like leaves are a yellow green on the upper surface and a blue-green underneath. How cool is that! It is a little more upright than other Dianellas. The flowers and berries (blue in color) are similar to those produced by other varieties of Dianella. They are a nice addition to a border garden. Plant in full sun to moderate shade in well draining soil and irrigate regularly until it is established, then it only needs occasional water. This little cutie will tolerate our high inland temperatures and dry conditions as well as temperatures down to 21 degrees. It also tolerates salt spray so it will do great in coastal conditions. It is pretty maintenance free, but will benefit from a trim down to 2" high about every 3 years. The trim is best performed in fall to early spring. It is a great small plant for an accent planting or used in mass planting in low irrigated locations. You'll want to plant 18 to 24 inches on center for mass plantings.



Now, I know this next one looks like an Agapanthus but it's not. It is a member of the Iris (Iridaceae) family and it comes to us from South Africa. Nivenia corymbosa (Woody Iris) is an attractive shrubby Iris. This unusual plant has iris-like foliage, with fans of eight to twelve narrow, 4" to 8" long sword-shaped leaves that are borne at the woody branch

tips of a shrub. It can grow from 2' to 6' tall to 3' to 5' wide with the slim, above-ground woody stems arising from a thicker caudex.

In its native habitat, the species has a fairly restricted range. It grows along streams in an otherwise hot, dry environment. It would seem best to plant this Iris in moist, moderately well drained, neutral to slightly acidic soil though plants are reported as surviving for several years in alkaline clay soils. Regular water is best, but to maintain water control, plant this in a pot, or in an area of your yard where water congregates, like at the edge of a pond.

Terminal flat-topped clusters of white throated gentian blue flowers appear in mid to late summer. Plant in full sun to light shade, as the midday the spot, the more flowers. Hardiness data is somewhat lacking but the plant is noted as surviving moderately cold temperatures of between 20-25 degrees.

Hope you enjoy what I found this time around! ●



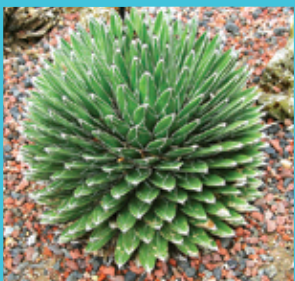
Let Succulents Help You With A Water-Wise Garden

by Ken Andersen



Agave "Blue Glow"

Agave "Victoria"



Kalanchoe orygalis



Madagascar Palm



With water restrictions already in place in the city of San Diego and looming in other areas of the county, everyone is looking at ways to cut back and conserve. Walter Andersen Nursery has long been a source for native and water wise plants for landscape use and we continue to expand our selections as the drought situation remains.

On a recent trip to one of our vendor's nurseries, I was amazed to see the new diversity of the water wise plants they were growing. This grower had been known for their tropical plant selections that were grown mostly at their facility in Hawaii, but now probably 70% of their operation is geared toward more water wise plants.

Driving around the property in a golf cart, it was easy to order batches of this and that. Once it arrived to the nursery, in two truckloads, I became convinced that if given the right item, men can shop just like women. Do we ever have a lot of succulents to share with you!

You'll find lots of color, from blues to various shades of green and variegated choices from Agaves such as Agave Victoria reginae and Agave 'Blue Glow'. 'Blue Glow' has beautiful blue-green, thick stems that are edged in burnt orange. Enjoy a tree-like feature with a Dr. Seuss looking Pachypodium lamerei (Madagascar Palm), and get the look of a shrub with Kalanchoe hildebrandtii or Kalanchoe orygalis. Kalanchoe orygalis will give you some interesting color with its sage green and light orange foliage. For an interesting foliage, look at Crassula 'Blue Waves' as the leaves resemble curly lettuce. If you want to add color that blooms nearly year round, don't miss Euphorbia 'Jerry's Choice'. Small, bright red flowers provide a blast of color that you get from a thirstier Impatiens or Begonia. ●

You'll Sing Success with Song of India

This newsletter would be remiss if it didn't share with readers the truly lovely houseplant, known by the lyrical name of Song of India. This is a dracaena that is native to Madagascar and the Solomon Islands.



If you want to see the dramatic potential of this plant, rush to our Poway store and see the large tree that has been in stock for a while now. It is the one plant we are secretly glad that hasn't sold.

Song of India has long, narrow, bright green leaves that are edged in white.

They grow in clumps from a center stalk and the plant can be very dense with an upright habit. The plant is used in both the floral trade and the house plant industry. In its native environment it is used as a hedge.

Both nurseries carry these plants as small as a 4" container. The largest in stock, in the Poway store, is a tree that is just over six feet tall and about as equally wide. It has a beautiful, spreading habit and will need quite a bit of space to make its statement.

Song of India requires moderate to bright light and likes to stay on the dry side. You can let the plant dry out between watering, but if you are too stingy with water, you'll see the tips of the leaves turn brown. Feed it once a year. ●

Garden Railroading Is Rolling Again!

by Ken Andersen



As many garden railroaders know, LGB's bankruptcy put the industry into a tail spin. Availability of track, rolling stock and parts all but disappeared during the company's reorganization. That combined with the high price of oil and raw materials, increased prices on the merchandise that was available. We thought that things would change late last year when European model train manufacturer Marklin purchased LGB. Unfortunately, shortly after the purchase went through, Marklin filed for reorganization protection before a new US distributor was appointed.

Earlier this spring it was announced that LGB would be distributed in North America by Milwaukee based Walther's Trains. Furthermore, Ron Gibson, formerly with LGB, would cover our region, which is great news for us and the hobby. I met with Ron and another representative of Walther's earlier this spring and I was given an update on availability of product. As it turns out, the pipelines are opening up again and merchandise is arriving. Our Poway store is nearly fully restocked on track and track supplies, we have orders of repair parts on the way, and more merchandise will become available as the year progresses.

For those of you with LGB products that are broken or require repair, replacement parts will be arriving soon. We have been told that some items have been discontinued so that may create some problems in the future, but those will be addressed on an item by item basis.

We are hopeful that new holiday items will be available for the Christmas season closer to the fourth quarter of 2009. Starter sets will also become available shortly. New 2009 LGB catalogs are on the way as well and Walther's is hopeful that LGB will continue to add to the product line as resources permit. If you have been thinking about building a garden railway, or just picking up a train for the holiday season, this may be the year to do it. If you are in need of specific replacement parts, we will be happy to try to order them for you; just let us know what you are looking for. Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for more information as it becomes available. And use this coupon for additional savings on garden railway products! ●

COUPON

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Genista Lydia Ruins The Best Laid Plans

by Melanie Potter



Genista Lydia

Caesalpinia

Our back yard was coming together nicely, in our heads, yet without even digging a hole our best laid plans were briefly up in the air. The fault lies with Genista lydia.

This plant is also known as Broom or Sweet Broom, and is a low growing version of it. With its green foliage and bright yellow sweet pea shaped flowers, it reminded me of the Parkinsonia or Palo Verde tree that was going into a planter in the back yard. Now that I've seen this alternative, I'm wondering if I shouldn't select another tree and instead use the Genista Lydia as a Palo Verde look alike in a groundcover.

A selling point of this plant is that it stays about 1 - 1.5 feet tall and spreads up to twice that amount. It is deciduous but will be covered in late May to early June with bright yellow flowers. Plants prefer acid soil, but adapt to any type, as long as it drains well, and it likes the full sun spot it is intended for. It is deciduous, but the green stems will give the appearance of it being an evergreen.

After much back and forth it was decided to keep the Palo Verde tree and underneath it we will plant Mexican Bird of Paradise (Caesalpinia). Such a combination is a frequent site in Arizona. A friend from Tucson who now lives in the bay area is envious that I can use these two plants in my landscape whereas she is trying desperately to keep her Palo Verde happy in a container that can be moved out of the cold. Caesalpinia need full sun and require little water once established. They are also tolerant of most soils. ●

Ducks & Geese Galore



It wasn't plants that were catching the eyes of customers recently but the life size mallards and geese inside the nursery. We got a great buy from a vendor on these decoys, that from a distance, can fool you into thinking you're seeing the real thing.

You don't have to be a hunter to enjoy the feathered friends from this 'Big Foot' series. You can use the floating duck decoys in your ponds or, add a grouping of geese to your lawn. Best of all, these fowl are quiet and clean. Made from rugged polyethylene and sporting flopped heads, these decoys have been manufactured by a company in Iowa since 1984. ●



Rose Availability To Change This Year

Businesses of all types are learning to adapt and change with the economic times we are facing. Walter Andersen Nursery and its vendor partners are no different. Even roses, a perennial favorite of many, are going to see a change in availability in this upcoming bare root season. The number of selections will be reduced and they will not be as available later in the season as they have been in the past. While not all the details have been worked out yet with our growers, we will have much more information in the next issue of GARDEN TALK. Keep an eye out for it so you don't miss out on your favorites. ●

Seasonal Recipe

Warm Spinach Salad

3 tbs extra virgin olive oil
4 slices bacon or pancetta, chopped
3 shallots, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic chopped
3 tbsp sherry vinegar
2 pounds spinach, cleaned and dried
Salt, pepper & nutmeg to taste
4 hard-boiled eggs, quartered lengthwise
Cheese for topping

Directions: Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Once hot, add bacon or pancetta to skillet and brown. Remove the bacon bits and drain. Add the shallots and garlic to the pan, cooking 3-4 minutes then deglaze the pan with vinegar. Toss spinach into the pan and wilt it down a bit, but don't cook it through. Season the spinach with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Place on a serving dish and top with quartered eggs, grated or shaved cheese and bacon bits.

Hedge Fund\$ Points Redeemable



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the wee corner



Rockwool

In preparing the nursery’s exhibit for the San Diego County Fair, we had a wee project to complete that was integral to the display, and that project caused a wee dilemma.

The project called for a mounted display of succulents. Once the display box was built, its architect,

Tom Dougherty (a customer service representative in our Poway store) believed that the box would be too heavy to hang after it was packed with potting soil, water and plants. He was also concerned the soil wouldn’t stay in place and, along with excess water, would run off the box. Literally thinking outside the box, he recommended using rockwool.

Rockwool is a mixture of rocks (basalt and dolomite) melted at high temperature to form a molten matrix, which is then passed through an air stream that cools the material and forms long fibrous strands. These strands are bonded together to form slabs, blocks, plugs, cubes and granulates (non-bonded). The material is chemically and biologically inert and free from plant pathogens.

It is a lightweight potting medium that is 97% (by volume) air. The greater volume of air will enhance root growth and as water and nutrients drain from the rockwool or are taken up by plants, the pores of the material again are filled with air. ●

One Plant Pot Continued from P1

For show stopping color, plant a big pot of Coleus, any variety, which will look outstanding in a contrasting color glazed container.

Succulents like Aloes, Aeoniums and Echeveria enhance the container they are in all on their own or with ‘Blue Chalk Sticks’ (Senecio Mandraliscae) as a cascading plant. They will work with any color pot especially a glazed or rustic looking one.

Patio trees can also make a good container plant, but they may look better if they are planted with other plants that highlight their form. If you are feeling confident about adding a second plant, choose something that will require the same light exposure and water. If you want to keep things neat, look for plants without blooms and just rely on interesting or colorful foliage. ●

Summer Class Schedule

All classes are free and begin at 9:00am in Pt. Loma at 3642 Enterprise Street, and at 9:30am in Poway at 12755 Danielson Court. On rare occasions, we may need to make a last minute change. If you have questions, call 619-224-8271 (Point Loma) or 858-513-4900 (Poway). Show up early if you don’t like standing, and have coffee on us!

POINT LOMA 9am

July

- 7/4 No Class – Closed For Holiday
- 7/11 Staghorn Ferns – Divide & Remount
- 7/18 Plumeria Care
- 7/25 Summer Rose Care

August

- 8/1 Xeriscape – Efficient Water Use Gardens
- 8/8 Soil Amendments
- 8/15 Indoor Plants
- 8/22 Gardenias
- 8/29 Bonsai – Think Small

September

- 9/5 Pest Control
- 9/12 Autumn Herb Care
- 9/19 General Orchid Growing
- 9/26 Fall Bulbs

POWAY 9:30am

July

- 7/4 No Class – Closed For Holiday
- 7/11 Citrus & Tropical Fruits with Richard Wright
- 7/18 Summer Rose Care with David Ross
- 7/25 Heat Loving Plants

August

- 8/1 Staghorn Ferns – Remounting & Care
- 8/8 Herbs
- 8/15 Xeriscape & California-Friendly Plants
- 8/22 Plumeria with Richard Wright
- 8/29 Dried Flowers for All Seasons

September

- 9/5 Container Gardening
- 9/12 Nan Sterman
- 9/19 Winter Veggies with Richard Wright
- 9/26 Fall Bulbs

what in the world?



When the customer service staff at our Poway store was presented with this, it took some investigating and great minds to identify what a customer was growing. The growth on these strawberries made them resemble broccoli, or were they aggressive aphids? A peek under the microscope showed that the seeds on the strawberries had sprouted. Our best advice was not to eat them.

TOOL SHED

Protect Citrus & Olive Trees



Here are two new products for your tool shed to aid in the fight against citrus leafminer and olive fruit flies. Both products are lure and trap systems.

You know you have citrus leafminer when you see leaves on your citrus plants that look like white lines on a map. Those lines indicate that larvae are feeding on the leaves which will lead to the leaves dying and the plant becoming unsightly. ISCA Technologies has created Iscalure-Citrella, a pheromone lure for the citrus leafminer. You just pull a paper trap apart so that the glue is exposed inside the trap and the pheromone bait is sitting flat. Build the trap then hang the trap in the tree where it will lure the male citrus leafminer for a period of 4-8 weeks.

The Olive Fruit Fly Trap & Lure from Monterey protects your olive trees from the larvae that feeds on its fruit. The fly lives all of its life stages solely in the olive fruit and emerges as a winged adult from unpicked or dropped fruit. The trap works much like the trap described above by using a pheromone bait that lures the male, thus sealing its sticky fate. ●

EVENTS around town



See You at the Fair!

If you haven’t yet made it to the 2009 San Diego County Fair, here’s a sneak preview of Walter Andersen Nursery’s award winning display. This year’s exhibit was designed by one of the employees, landscape designer, Maryon Kinsella. The display features a wall hanging made from succulents, as shown above. The design was awarded the Edgar Engert Educational Merit Award.



Coronado’s Flower Show

Walter Andersen Nursery was an exhibitor in the City of Coronado’s 85th annual Flower Show held April 17-18. The show attracted exhibitors from San Diego County and is considered a spring highlight for the local community and visitors alike.

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Store Closings

Both locations of Walter Andersen Nursery will be closed on July 4.

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