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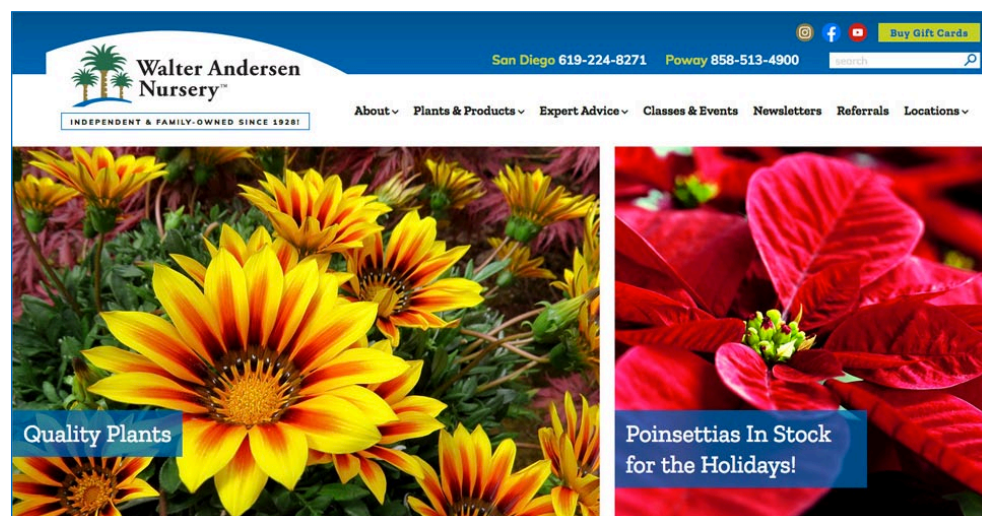
Garden Talk

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Our New Website Is Up & Running!

By Ken Andersen



It's Not Always Pretty Flowers

By Ken Andersen



When looking for plants and trees for your garden, don't just seek out those with pretty flowers, exquisite foliage or fall color. Sometimes the trunk of the tree can make a unique statement.

Take for instance *Leptospermum laevigatum* or Australian Tea Tree. As the name implies, this is an Australian native and it has lots of character! The small 1/2 - 3/4 inch tear-drop shaped leaves with a dull gray green

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Check out our new website, updated with a fresh look and new content. Now you can purchase the latest edition of our book, *How To Prune Fruit Trees & Roses* online! Gift cards are also available for purchase on the site. You can peruse 16 years of archived newsletters and the 2020 rose and bare root fruit tree lists are

available for download. See all of our social media feeds at the same time on our home page. And don't forget to visit "Ask An Expert", a place for you to email and send a photo to our in-house staff for plant advice or questions you may have. Check out the new website at www.walterandersen.com. •

2020 New Roses

By Melanie Potter

It's a new decade and there are some new roses to greet it. In addition to the old standards and long time favorites, you'll find some new varieties at our stores for 2020. The following beauties will be available in both stores and are new introductions for 2020.

Burst of Joy

An orange rose accented with a sunny yellow reverse. This rose loves hot, dry climates.



Burst of Joy

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Not Pretty Flowers

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color provide the canopy while the trunk is the real show stopper. As they get older, the trunks will twist and turn and develop deep furrowed, brown bark. Sometimes the trees will lean or lie down and grow sideways which adds to their uniqueness.



Australian Tea Tree in Balboa Park

On a recent trip to Balboa Park, I happened upon a small stand of them just north of the Cabrillo Bridge on the Sixth Avenue side.

For some other plants with interesting trunks, consider *Leptospermum scoparium* (New Zealand Tea Tree), *Leptospermum petersonii* (Lemon Scented Tea Tree), *Erythrina crista-galli* (Cockspur Coral Tree), and *Chorisia speciosa* (Silk Floss Tree) known for the armored spikes on its trunk. •



Cork Oak Tree

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Love At First Sight

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A red rose that has ball-shaped buds that open into a less pointed bloom than the high centered hybrid tea bloom.

Queen of Elegance

Lots of pink petals give this rose a full flower form. It has a strong rose scent and the blooms retain their color as they mature.

State of Grace

This apricot blend has excellent disease resistance. Blooms are bronzy pink at the outer petal, melting into a golden center. •



Queen of Elegance



State of Grace



Cork Oak For Cork

By Ken Andersen

On a recent trip to one (ok, some) of our favorite wineries in Temecula, I spotted a Cork Oak planted in the landscape. While not really rare, these unusual trees do grow quite nicely in San Diego. These trees are the source of cork which is derived by harvesting the bark of the tree. Fossil records of the tree go back millions of years. The trees can reach a height of 60 feet or more.

Highly cultivated in Mediterranean areas, the cork can be harvested when the trees reach about 25 years old and then again every 8-12 years. The harvesting of the bark is done entirely by hand, without machinery. Harvesters use small axes to remove the bark from the trunk of the tree without severely damaging the tree. Approximately 300,000 tons of cork is harvested annually in the European cork industry. While only 15% of the crop is used for wine bottle stoppers, (corks!) that segment of the industry generates more than 60% of the revenues! •

Generous Hearts Help Orphans

By Melanie Potter



Last November, our stores held a holiday supply drive to benefit Mexican orphanages aided by Corazon de Vida. The generosity was overwhelming and the supportive messages we received from customers were heartwarming. We collected about a pallet of cleaning supplies, diapers, and snack items the orphanages requested. George Perez, a board member for the organization drove down from Orange County and with the help of Poway store manager, Chuck Carpenter, he loaded up his minivan and headed south. Learn more about Corazon de Vida at <https://www.corazondevida.org>.



Pantone Announces 2020 Color Of The Year

By Melanie Potter



It's Classic Blue! "Instilling calm, confidence, and connection, this enduring blue hue highlights our desire for a dependable and stable foundation on which to build as we cross the threshold into a new era", say the leaders at Pantone. Add Classic Blue to the garden with

planters, furniture, umbrellas, flags, or create backdrops that you can build and paint. So many colors pair with Classic Blue! For ideas, follow this link to Pantone at <https://www.pantone.com/color-intelligence/color-of-the-year/color-of-the-year-2020-palette-exploration>. •

What Did We Spy With Our Little Eye?

By Melanie Potter

It was so tiny that I don't know how Tony in our Poway store spotted it. While working with the water plants, he found a freshwater **Pea Clam**. These are itty, bitty, measured in millimeters and are deemed critically endangered by the Protected Species Act. They are also called **Pill Clams** or **Fingernail Clams**. After a quick look at this Pea Clam under the microscope and a photo, it was returned to where we found it. •



Old Ben's Specials

Valid January 1-31, 2020

No Mess Wild Bird Seed

The No Mess Advantage. Seed is hulled and chopped, will not sprout, birds can eat all the seeds which attract fewer feeder pests.

20lb. bag

Sale \$34.99 Reg. \$39.99

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

Premium Finch Blend

Attracts Finches like a magnet.

Sale \$39.99 Reg. \$49.99



Barn Owl Nest Box

January and February are the best times to put up an owl box!

A breeding pair can consume up to 2,000 rodents per year. Constructed of high grade exterior plywood and stained using a semi-transparent water-based product. The owl box is vented for air circulation and water drainage.

Sale \$99.99 Reg. \$119.99

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

Old Ben: Raccoons—The Little Bandits

By Old Ben



In the last few months, these guys have been tearing up my yard and eating my koi. If you have a similar problem and need expert help, email me at askoldben@aol.com.

The raccoon, also spelled racoon, is primarily a nocturnal North American mammal. They are considered omnivores (meat and plant eating), although they will eat almost anything, including garbage.

General Facts

Raccoons in the wild can live up to 16 years and records report a captive raccoon living for 21 years. However, many don't make it past the age of three. Some deaths are attributed to predators like, cougars, bobcats, wolves, foxes and owls. Disease, hunting, trapping and cars account for the majority of deaths. Raccoons range in weight from 12-30 pounds and up to 50% of their weight can be made up of fat. They are known for their masked face and the distinguishing ring markings on their tail. Anywhere from 5-7 dark colored rings appear on the tail in an alternating pattern in brownish grey colors. Their tails often make up over half of their body length, which can often be over two feet. Raccoons are very agile tree climbers and do not mind climbing or falling from elevations as high as 40 feet. They are considered to be quite intelligent and skilled animals. They use their paws to open trash cans and doors, and pick up their food and eat it similar to the way a human does.

Raccoons have bad eyesight and are color blind, but have great hearing and a great sense of smell.

Raccoon Disease's

Raccoons have a reputation for carrying diseases that are dangerous to humans. Because they are not picky eaters and will ravage garbage cans and even dead and rotting animals, they are carriers of harmful bacteria and parasites. Raccoon roundworm is a microscopic parasite that is extremely dangerous to other animals and humans. If humans contact the disease from raccoon droppings, it can cause nervous system distress, blindness and sometimes death. Raccoon rabies makes up almost half of all wildlife rabies cases that are reported in the United States.

Raccoon Facts

- > Raccoons have a large array of vocalizations. Scientists have determined that they can make over 50 different sounds.
- > They purr, whistle, growl, hiss, scream and even whinny.
- > Raccoon's hands are so nimble they can unlace a shoe, unlatch a cage, and retrieve coins from your shirt pocket.

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— Ask Old Ben —

Ask Old Ben questions about birds, show him your bird photos, or share your birding experiences at askoldben@aol.com

2020 Bare Root Rose & Fruit Tree Lists Are Online

By Melanie Potter



Do you want to know what bare root roses and fruit trees are available for 2020? Head to our refreshed website at <https://www.walterandersen.com/plants-products/#plant-lists> to download the pdfs. •



To Do List: January



Artichokes

Planting

This is the ideal time to plant bare root roses, fruit trees, and ornamentals. Shop early for the best selection. **Plant these vegetables now:** Artichoke, Asparagus, Beets (seed), Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots (seed), Celery, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi (seed), Lettuce, Onions, Parsley, Parsnips, Peas, Radish (seed), Spinach, Swiss Chard, and Turnips (seed). **Look for these:** Camellias, Azaleas, Holly, Pyracantha, roses and fruit trees. Don't miss Pansies, Violas, Stocks and Snapdragons.



Felco pruners

Pruning

Now is the time to prune roses, deciduous trees, shrubs, and vines including fruit trees, grapes and berry vines. **Pruning Tools:** Use well-maintained, sharp shears. Replace

worn Felco pruner blades and springs with new ones for easier pruning.

Pest Control

Dormant Spray for diseases and overwintering insects. Use oil spray to control overwintering insects and insect eggs. Use Liqui-Cop to control fungus on fruit trees and roses, Peach Leaf Curl and more on peaches and nectarines.



Prevent crabgrass in your lawn

Lawn Care

Apply High Yield Weed & Feed to prevent Crabgrass and other weed seed from germinating as the weather warms up.

Roses

Ada Perry's Magic Formula: Apply to established roses and add with fertilizer when planting. •



Use Ada Perry's for roses

Old Ben: Raccoons

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- > On the mammal IQ scale raccoons rank higher than cats and just below monkeys.
- > Raccoons have the ability to rotate their hind feet a full 180 degrees to allow for their ability to climb down from trees head first.
- > A raccoon can run up to 15 miles per hour.
- > The heaviest weight recorded for a raccoon was 99 pounds.
- > They can live in storm drains and sewers.
- > Population densities in urban areas can be 20 times higher than for raccoons in rural environments.
- > Raccoons have 40 sharp teeth including four long canine teeth at the front of the mouth.
- > Christopher Columbus is the first person we know of to have written about the species.
- > And here's an interesting fact to leave you with; raccoons will not eat tomatoes. •

Garden Classes: January

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 <https://www.walterandersen.com/classes-events/>.

SAN DIEGO | 9:00AM

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Pruning Apples & Cherries

1/11

New Rose Variety
Introductions

1/18

Pruning Stone Fruits

1/25

Bare Root Berries
& Grapes

POWAY | 9:30AM

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Choice of 2 Classes:

Fruit Tree Pruning & Spraying
with Richard Wright (or)
Rose Pruning with David Ross

1/11

Rose Pruning & Care
with David Ross

1/18

Organic Insect Control

1/25

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