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We Are Open 7 Days-A-Week!

Shop In Store: Both stores are currently open 7 days-a-week! The Poway store is open 10am-3pm and San Diego is open 8am-5pm. We are following CDC guidelines for social distancing, limiting the number of shoppers in the building, and requiring facial coverings ages 2 and up.

Email an Order for Curbside Pick-Up: In Poway to info.poway@walterandersen.com and in San Diego to ordersd@walterandersen.com. Please include a phone number.

We are doing everything we can to give you a safe and pleasant shopping experience. We thank you for your patience through this time and we truly appreciate your support!

—The Andersen Family and the Walter Andersen Team •

Poway store will be closed July 4 & 5. San Diego will be closed July 4.



And, The Best Supporting Role Goes To...

By Melanie Potter

Cool Finds In The Nursery

By Melanie Potter



Lots of new containers

The months of lockdown have led to many surprises with our inventory. We place orders but don't always know what we will receive or when it will arrive. Vendors are struggling to get product to garden centers and if you happen to be in the market for milkweed or at times soil, bark or pest controls, the

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*Containers by
Proven Winners*

*Caladium,
Australian Sword
Fern & Schefflera*



*Supertunia,
Lobelia
& Sweet
Potato Vine*

Instead of actors sitting in the audience at the annual Academy Awards show, imagine plants in every seat. Do you know what would win Best Supporting role? It would be containers; whose jobs it is to support the star of the show and accent what it is holding.

Deciding what container to use can be overwhelming, given the variety, but it should always be something that you like. **Here's a quick look at what some garden centers are reporting when it comes to**

containers and customers:

> Simplicity is a leading container trend. Solid colors, plain or with texture or simple geometric designs are a hit this season as are white and charcoal gray being top picks for indoors.

> There is a trend of 180 degree planting rather than a 360 degree planting that are meant to be viewed from all sides. Using the 180 allows more depth and you can create

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Cool Finds

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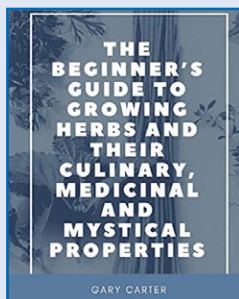


Floating orbs that light up

supply harkens back to when toilet paper and disinfectant wipes were scarce.

That said both stores have some nifty things to share with you.

Both stores have lots of new containers, some with legs and faces, and others with a new palette of color combinations. We were so excited to receive floating battery operated glass orbs that you can put in a pond that light up. They come in four colors—green, silver, black and hot pink. They don't look like much on display, but at night they are captivating. Ken Andersen tested one in his pool and it looked swell, but since glass and pools don't mix, it was given a thumbs up and sent on its way.



San Diegoan Gary Carter's new book

Are you up for reading one more book? San Diegoan Gary Carter has written "The Beginner's Guide to Growing Herbs and Their Culinary, Medicinal and Mystical Properties". Carter outlines the most popular herbs and how to plant them as well as instructs how to use them to make teas, incense, ointments and aromatherapy. You'll be able to pick up your copy at the Poway store. •

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more of a look by pushing the taller plants to the back.

> Four inch, 6" and 8" houseplant containers are the most popular sizes and from there it increases for floor plants and exteriors. Fourteen and 16" containers are palatable to customers because they are manageable yet large enough to make a statement.

> Concrete pots, matte finishes and those less embellished are popular.

> Plantings that focus less on blooms and more on foliage and texture are appealing to customers.

> Finally, expect edible plantings to increase. Just about every herb, fruit, or vegetable can be grown in a container! •

All About Grafted Gardenias

By Kate Karam, Monrovia Nursery

If you live in a warmer zone, gardenias are just one of the much-envied garden treasures you can grow. Once planted in partial to full sun, in the organically rich, slightly acidic, well-drained soil they love (yes, they have needs) and given a few years to settle, they bloom repeatedly from late spring through early summer.

But what if you could have a gardenia that performs better?

Monrovia is the only grower who offers a range of grafted gardenias. Gardenia varieties are improved when grafted onto *Gardenia thunbergii* rootstock due to its superior root system and its resistance to root-knot nematodes. This vigorous rootstock is also more efficient at soil nutrient uptake. Instead of slowly declining and dying, grafted gardenias grow and thrive.

If you've had difficulty growing gardenias, consider trying one of these four varieties:

Everblooming Smaller in size (so good for containers and borders) but with that same profusion of fragrant white blooms and glossy evergreen foliage. Up to 4' tall and 3' wide. Partial to full sun.

August Beauty A prolific bloomer with large, double, sweetly fragrant, velvety white flowers. Medium sized, it's ideal for mixed borders or a low



Everblooming



August Beauty



Mystery



First Love

hedge. Up to 5' tall and 3' wide. Partial to full sun.

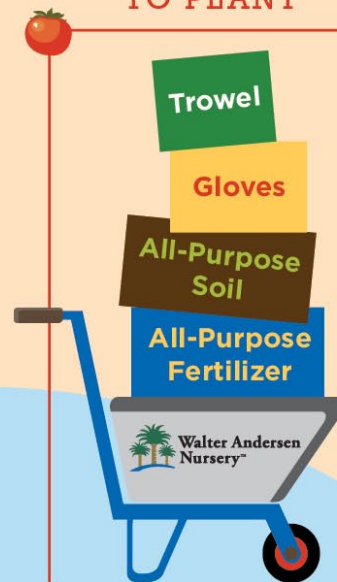
Mystery This most popular, upright gardenia is an excellent single specimen capable of scenting an entire courtyard or patio garden. Up to 5' tall and 3' wide. Partial to full sun.

First Love Fragrant white blooms are larger than any other gardenia and the first to bloom. It's a superb evergreen landscape accent or container plant for courtyards or patio. •

A Beginner's Guide To GROWING A KITCHEN GARDEN

Anyone can be a gardener, no matter the size or space of the area available. You can plant in the ground or in raised beds, or containers. Growing a kitchen garden can be a hobby, it is environmentally-friendly, and you have the added benefit of having produce available when you need it. Here is a batch of tips to help you get started.

USE THESE ITEMS TO PLANT



START WITH THESE HERBS & FRUITS

> **HERBS**
Rosemary
Basil
Parsley
Oregano
Chives



> **FRUITS**
Blueberries
Strawberries
Raspberries
Blackberries



GET STARTED WITH THESE VEGETABLES



WHY GROW YOUR OWN GARDEN?



- > Kitchen gardens can help improve **mental health**.
- > Homegrown produce can help improve **nutrition**.
- > Gardening can count as **exercise**.
- > Getting kids involved in the process **educates** them.

Old Ben's Specials

Valid July 1-31, 2020

— OLD BEN'S BRAND —



New! Parrot-Shaped Face Covering

All masks display various bird prints. Reversible, made in San Diego of pre-washed 100% cotton, machine wash & dry. Paracord ties are adjustable, won't break, won't put pressure on your ears. Photo is an example and may not be available.

\$16.99



Wren Nesting Box



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Attracts Lesser Goldfinches and many other small birds. **25lb. bag**

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Classic mix that attracts a wide variety of wild birds. No fillers in this mix. **20lb. bag**

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Attracts Finches like a magnet.

Sale \$39.99 Reg. \$49.99

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

Old Ben: Lesser Goldfinch Facts

By Old Ben



> A group of goldfinches may have been pirates or miners at one time for a few of their species names are 007, Treasury and Vein.

> An American naturalist by the name of Thomas Say was the first to define the lesser goldfinch in 1823.

> Lesser goldfinches are most common in California and Texas. The male California lesser goldfinch has a green back and a black cap. The male Texas lesser goldfinch has a black back and cap.

Main Characteristics

The lesser goldfinch is one of the smallest American song birds. They are between 4 and 4.5 inches in length, they have a wingspan up to 8 inches and they weigh about .33 ounces. Males have a yellow colored underside and olive green upper parts with a yellow rump. Their wings are dark with white wing bars and they have a black capped head. Females are duller than males and lack the black capped head.

Habitat

Lesser goldfinches are found in grasslands, woodlands and gardens of the west and southwest United States and northern South American. They are usually found in flocks and it is common for them to be seen at garden feeders.

Diet

Lesser gold-finches mainly feed

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birds at
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upon a variety of seeds. They love to eat sunflower seeds. They also like buds of elderberry, cottonwoods, alders, sycamores, willows and oaks. During breeding they will occasionally supplement their diet with insects. Their favorite seed is Nyger. Nyger is used in feeders to attract lesser goldfinches.

Nesting

During the nesting season, usually June and July in San Diego, a cup shaped nest is constructed of small twigs and other plant material in a bush or low tree. Lesser goldfinches love to line their nest with kapok. Females lay 3 to 5 pale blue eggs and she incubates them for 12 to 13 days. During this time and for the first days after the chicks hatch, the male brings food to the nest, but after this period both parents feed the chicks. When the young are two weeks old, they are ready to leave the nest but their parents continue to feed them for at least another week.

Predators

Predators of the lesser goldfinch include birds of prey such as the American kestrel and the sharp shinned hawk. •

Old Ben's Promise

— I believe ingredients should come from nature, not a lab.

— I believe wild bird food should be made only with ingredients I am proud to share.

— I believe wild bird food should be simply prepared with as little processing as possible.

— I believe wild bird food should be made with a commitment to quality.

— Nature has nothing to hide; neither should your wild bird food.

Colorful Gardens To Elevate Your Mood

By Melanie Potter



James Deforest has been getting his steps in wandering through North Park, City Heights, University Heights, Kensington and Talmadge. Those neighborhoods are alive with color.

Have you ever seen as much of your neighborhood as you have during these months of lockdown? For Easter, our neighbors gave away sidewalk chalk and challenged the cul-de-sacs to draw Easter pictures on their driveways. It sure was a mood lifter when you walked by and saw all of the family-created art. We wondered what you are seeing in your neighborhoods that brings a smile to your face? For our August issue, send us your latest harvest or what you made with it to roseshow@walterandersen.com! •

"All smiles over here!"



How adorable are the rocks at the front door of Vi Sarachman's home? They were painted by the grade school students she tutors.



Steve and Ellie Cross shared a new stone and some garden friends.



Who isn't raising Monarchs? The Andersens had fun greeting a new Monarch that only a few hours earlier had been a chrysalis.



This may be the favorite sight captured by Artemis Spyridonidis who cracks up every time he sees this blue flamingo, wearing a mask!



You can't stop the "tennis ball smiley face man" from smiling even with his mask on. Ty Webb and Tom Hampton captured these 2 photos in Kensington.

Recipe: Strawberry, Basil & Goat Cheese Salad

with Balsamic Drizzle

By Melanie Potter



If you are looking for salad ideas, this is an inspiring website from a self taught cook and blogger, Cookie and Kate www.cookieandkate.com.

INGREDIENTS

1 pound fresh strawberries, diced

Optional: 1 to 2 teaspoons honey or maple syrup, to taste

2 ounces crumbled goat cheese (about 1/2 cup)

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, plus a few small basil leaves for garnish

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon thick balsamic vinegar

1/2 teaspoon Maldon flaky sea salt or a scant 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Spread the diced strawberries across a medium serving platter or shallow serving bowl. If the strawberries aren't sweet enough to your liking, toss them with a bit of honey or maple syrup.

2. Sprinkle the crumbled goat cheese over the strawberries, followed by the chopped basil. Drizzle the olive oil and balsamic vinegar on top.

3. Finish off the salad with the salt, a few twists of freshly ground black pepper, and the reserved basil leaves. For the most beautiful presentation, serve the salad promptly. Leftovers will keep well in the refrigerator, though, for about 3 days. •

To Do List: July

Fertilize

- > For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Bonide DuraTurf Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds.
- > Feed ornamentals with Gro-Power.
- > Feed vegetables with Gro-Power Tomato and Vegetable Food or E.B. Stone 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. Add Ada Perry's Magic Formula to your regular rose feeding schedule.
- > Mulch plants to conserve water and dress up planting beds.

Water

- > Through October, keep a close watch on watering to make sure plants do not suffer from drought.
- > Adjust sprinkler clocks or provide supplemental watering to avoid stress to plants.
- > Make sure lawn sprinklers are working properly to prevent waste and dead spots.

Prune

- > Coral trees and roses.

Plant

- > Plant anything! Just make sure it gets plenty of water! New plantings will require more frequent, shallower waterings than established plants.
- > Look for Plumeria, Hibiscus, Lantana, Plumbago, Gardenias, and bedding plants •



Feed citrus and fruit trees



Prune Coral Trees



Water to avoid drought through October



Plant Plumbago

Old Soil Gets New Life

By Melanie Potter



Remember the old days when kids used to leave the house to attend school? Well, just before academic life as we knew it stalled, a special project was underway. Take one retired teacher and give her a bunch of acorns to which you add bags of donated soil. Mix well with third graders and months later you have one gallon oak seedlings that are thriving.

When retired teacher, Lela Johnson, contacted our Poway store to request soil, we knew we found a home for some of the split bags we had laying around collecting dust.

Garden Classes: July

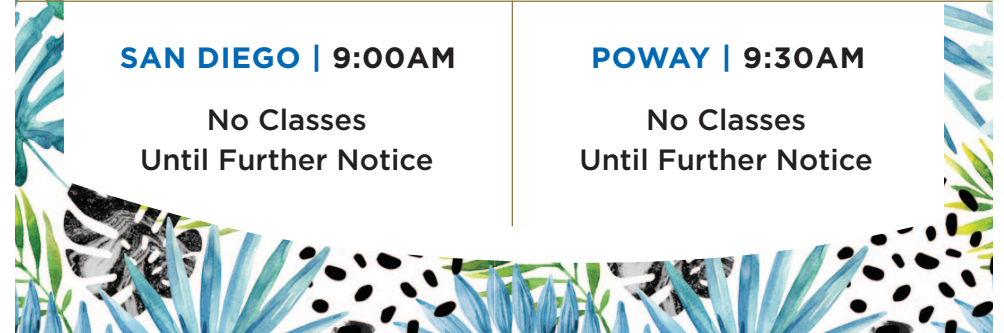
Saturday classes are **FREE** and last about an hour. Complimentary coffee is served. During inclement weather, classes are held indoors in San Diego and on the covered, heated patio in Poway. Topics are subject to change. See the full schedule at <https://www.walterandersen.com/classes-events/>.

SAN DIEGO | 9:00AM

No Classes
Until Further Notice

POWAY | 9:30AM

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Lela took them to Pepper Drive Elementary to use for a Kumeyaay Day project that would teach students about acorns and oak trees.

The students sorted, soaked, and refrigerated the acorns then planted them in early March. Skip ahead to the Coronavirus lockdown and it wasn't until early June that the students who participated in the project received a thriving baby oak tree in a one gallon pot! •

The 4th of July Holiday



The Poway store will be closed July 4 & 5 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The San Diego store will be closed July 4. •



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