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Palm Weevil On The Rise

By Ken Andersen



The South American Palm Weevil was discovered in San Diego County in 2016 in San Ysidro. Since that time, it has been ravaging Canary Island date palms throughout San Diego. This 1.5-inch-long weevil can take down these massive palms if left untreated. Female weevils are attracted to fresh wounds on the

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Rosie Is Still Making History

By Melanie Potter



Women can do anything! It's a good time to agree with that statement but it's not like that is new news.

Remember the time during WWII when the men went to war and the majority of women remained state-side and went to work, taking on the responsibilities that were 'men's work'?

They were nicknamed Rosie the Riveter, and in 2018 Weeks Roses introduced a rose named in their honor. The rose boasts old-fashioned flowers of orange-gold, suffused with pink and enhanced with a moderately fruity and spice fragrance.

In an effort to help ensure that the contributions of women who worked on the Home Front during WWII are fully acknowledged,

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Is Your Garden On Trend?

By Burpee



The folks at Burpee have given thought to what 2021 will bring as far as garden trends. Burpee estimated that the pandemic has inspired more than 18 million new gardeners and here are the trends that they think those new and already experienced gardeners may be moving toward:

The Immunity Garden

The importance of wellbeing and a healthy immune system will be more top of mind. The more colors on your plate, the better off you'll be. Planting a garden full of vibrant vegetables fosters a diverse diet

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Palm Weevil

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A healthy Canary Island date palm

trees and lay their eggs near the base of young fronds. The larvae hatch and bore into the crown and trunk killing fronds and eventually the entire tree. Symptoms of an infestation are yellowing foliage, flattening of the crown, holes, tunnels, accumulation of frass at the base of fronds, and pupal cases on the ground near the base of the trees. According the University of California Cooperative Extension, keeping trees healthy, reducing pruning, and using a systemic insecticide may provide the best control. Research is still ongoing. Evidence of this damage can be seen all around San Diego with many examples in Presidio Park and the San Diego River bed. •

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loaded with antioxidants and nutrients that support your immune system, while a dazzling medley of squash, colorful peppers, Swiss Chard, radishes and tomatoes add appetizing eye candy to your garden and your plate. The colors of your vegetables reflect the different phytonutrients and antioxidants inside.

The Quiet Garden

Awash in calming colors and swaying grasses, a Quiet Garden is the perfect place to find inner peace. The deeply soothing hues of blue Petunias and lilac Impatiens instantly evoke a feeling of well-being, while ornamental grasses like Panicum and Carex have the ability to lull you into a serene state of mind as they move in the breeze.

Garden of Joy

We'll all be looking for ways to bring more joy, happiness and laughter into our lives this year. Nothing delights quite like a bed of flowers with bright, cheerful "faces and eyes" that are sure to make you smile in return. Well, not any smile. Are you familiar with the Duchenne smile? Studies have shown that a presentation of flowers always elicits such a smile which is an eye-crinkling smile of pure happiness and enjoyment. This mood-boosting expression, first identified by French neurologist Guillaume Duchenne, is characterized by a raised mouth and cheeks, and lines formed around the eyes and mouth.

With their boldly bicolored faces, Pansies and Violas both seem to perpetually grin back at you, while Violas have a subtly sweet fragrance that can instantly boost one's mood. If you're looking for a surefire way to keep your spirits up, simply surround yourself with gorgeous blooms that inspire smiles for days like sunflowers, zinnias and cosmos!

Rise of Meatless Monday

More and more of us will embrace plant-based eating in 2021, and many households across the country will include "Meatless Monday" in their weekly meal planning. By growing a hearty harvest of vegetables with dense flesh and succulent textures, you'll always have the makings of a satisfying meal right at home.

Fill your Meatless Monday garden with crunchy turnips, flavorful summer squash and plump egg-plants that can be the centerpieces of your favorite plant-based recipes. How about turnip gratin, stuffed peppers, or add Brussels sprouts to rice bowls?



World Herb Garden

With international travel still uncertain in 2021, we'll all need to get creative to satisfy our wanderlust. Go globe-trotting without leaving your backyard by growing a garden of aromatic herbs from around the world. Cultivating an herb garden full of fresh basil, lemongrass and cilantro turns out to be surprisingly simple and low maintenance. The culinary possibilities are endless. You'll need lemongrass for fragrant Thai or Vietnamese dishes, cilantro brings your Mexican dishes to life, Lavender scones will have you waiting for the next episode of Bridgerton, and dill can be used when pickling or in your favorite Mediterranean dishes. •



BURNING WAN

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The Blooms Are Booming

By Melanie Potter



Beaucarnea recurvata

Before spring sprung, we were treated to some spectacular blooms at our Poway store. What caught our eye? If you ventured out to the succulents you would have seen the *Beaucarnea recurvata* and *Beschornelia yuccinoides* 'Flamingo' in full bloom. After the rain we had, the



Beschornelia yuccinoides 'Flamingo'

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members of the Spirit of '45 Day collaborative led a national grass-roots campaign to create a "living"

memorial by planting a network of Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Gardens. For the past two years, Rosie the Riveter Gardens have been under construction around the country. Hundreds of organizations have designed and constructed extraordinary gardens that make up the living Memorial to the Rosies.

At the end of 2020, a 2.5-year effort to obtain a Congressional Gold Medal in honor of the Rosies was passed into law. The medal is now in the design phase and soon it will hang in the Smithsonian to inspire future generations with the story and legacy of six million women who made history during.

For more information on this story, visit rosiememorialgardens.org. •

Where Has All The Citrus Gone?

By Ken Andersen

The pandemic has left a mark on businesses all over the country and the nursery industry is no different. In California, nurseries were deemed essential due to the supply of fruits and vegetables, crop cultivation and protection products. The stay-at-home orders attracted many new gardeners which increased the demand and severely strained many of the supply lines. One of the biggest problems facing garden centers is a lack of supply in the semi dwarf citrus and avocado inventories. Our biggest supplier miscalculated demand and did not get enough into production. While we watched availability dwindle, we assumed the next crop would be available in a month or two. As it turns out this is not the case and we were informed by the grower that it will be up to two years before supplies return to normal. We are purchasing as much citrus as we can from other suppliers but it is difficult



With semi-dwarf citrus in short supply, our buyers have managed to source a grower that is providing us with these beautiful and prolific citrus trees. That's a 24-gallon pot they are in so, yes, you will need to dig a big hole.

due to the Asian Citrus Psyllid quarantine restrictions in the state. So, there you have it, that is why citrus is in short supply! •

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Sedum



Petunia 'Night Sky'

succulents looked terrific and the sedum was ablaze in yellow flowers. Don't miss this new variety of Petunia, called Night Sky. It is sprinkled with white dots against a deep purple background that does indeed resemble a night sky. •

To Do List: April

Fertilize

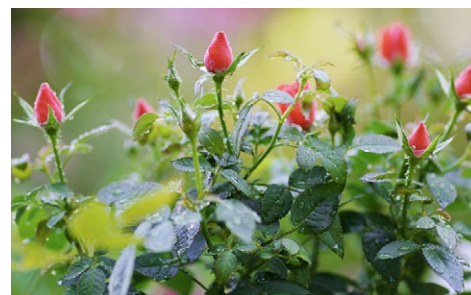
Feed Lawns, Palms & More. Use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Bonide DuraTurf to feed grass and control broad-leaf weeds. Feed ornamentals with Gro-Power or Gro-Power Plus. Feed vegetables with Gro-Power Tomato and Vegetable Food or Dr. Earth Organic Tomato and Vegetable Food. Feed citrus, avocado, and fruit trees with Gro-Power Citrus and Avocado Food. Feed palms and tropicals with Gro-Power Palm Tree and Tropical Food.

Plant

- > Warm-season bedding plants
- > Dahlias, annuals, and perennials
- > Warm-season vegetables and vegetable seeds
- > Tomatoes, tomatoes, tomatoes!
- > Specialty hot peppers are here

Look For:

- > Flowering deciduous trees & shrubs
- > Blooming roses & bulbs
- > Ceanothus
- > Tropicals



Look for blooming roses



Plant Dahlias, annuals and perennials

Pest Control

For edibles & ornamentals, keep insects under control by hitting them early. On edibles, use Bonide Bon Neem or Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew. For ornamentals, use a systemic control like Bayer 3-in-1 Insect Disease and Mite Spray. •

Fountain Butterfly Bush Puts On A Spring Show

By Craig Childs, Palomar Mesa Growers



Are you ready to see a breathtaking spring show? How about this *Buddleia alternifolia*, the 'Fountain Butterfly Bush'? It will produce cascading wands of powerfully fragrant lavender blooms in early

spring. It is a vigorous, deciduous and hardy (0 deg F - Sunset Zones 2b-24) perennial shrub from China which blooms for 3-4 weeks on last year's growth. It can tolerate many soils thriving in poor, dry gravels and requires little irrigation after it is established. Prune after bloom during the summer growth phase, training it to grow up and trail over espaliers, arbors or as a small tree. It can also be used as a large hedge up to 12 feet tall. The multitude of nectar-laden flower clusters on arching willowy branches are irresistible to hummingbirds, bees and butterflies! •

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Both stores will be closed for Easter on April 4th.

Old Ben's Specials

Valid April 1-30, 2021

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Blue Bird Nest Box

Dove Nest



Double Jelly Feeder



Nests, Feeders & Food

Most wild birds are building nests and setting up homes. Look for Old Ben's Brand boxes and nesting materials. We have Western Blue Bird, Dove, Wren, Kestrel, and Barn Owl boxes, and nesting shelves for birds like Phoebe and Swallows. We also have Oriole feeders and food. Our cedar bird nests and feeders are made in San Diego and hand-painted by a local artist. Our Oriole and Hummingbird feeders are made in Rogers, Arizona. We make every effort to use only American-made products.

Bird Tip: Orioles like dried mealworms. Add a drop of olive oil to the mealworms to make them glisten and look alive!

Nyger Seed

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No Mess Wild Bird Seed

The No Mess Advantage. Seed is hulled and chopped, will not sprout. Birds can eat all the seeds which attracts fewer pests. **20lb. bag**
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Classic Wild Bird Seed

Classic mix that attracts a wide variety of wild birds. No fillers in this mix.. **205lb. bag**
Sale \$24.99 Reg. \$29.99

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

Old Ben: Why Birds Build Nests

By Old Ben

Just as houses have different styles to meet their resident's needs, birds also build different types of nests to suit their needs. Nests are amazing and come in a range of sizes and styles. Understanding why and how birds build their nest gives you insight into their lives. At the end of the day, all nests serve to protect the eggs and hatchlings. What makes a nest a home?

Cushioning: Many nests are lined with soft plant fibers, animal fur, fine grasses, moss and similar materials that provide cushioning for the eggs, even when an adult may be moving on top of the nest.

Shelter: Nests help shade and protect eggs and chicks from poor weather. Some nests include roofs or overhangs, but more often the nest is positioned in a sheltered location out of the wind and protected from the sun or drenching rains.

Camouflage: Eggs and chicks are vulnerable, and most nests are constructed to help keep the birds and eggs hidden from predators. Birds may do this by building their nest in a hidden location or by using materials to help conceal the nest.

Cup: A cup-shaped nest is the most familiar and common type of nest. The overall size, dimensions and depth of the cup may differ, and some birds build distinct inner and outer layers to the cup. Cups are usually positioned along tree branches, in tree forks, may be nestled on ledges, or in any number of places.

Scrape: A scrape is a shallow depression on the ground without much nesting material. The scrape may have a light lining of down, pebbles, weeds or other debris.

Burrow: A burrow is dug into the ground, and may be a shallow cave or have a long tunnel leading to a nesting chamber. The inner nesting chamber can be lined or could be bare. Birds dig their own burrows



or use suitable burrows from other animals.

Mound: A mound nest is built on the ground but is a relatively large accumulation of nesting material in a tall cone or bell shape. The eggs may be buried in the nest, which helps provide additional protection and insulation.

Cavity: Cavity nesting birds are common, and will either dig their own nesting cavities or use natural cavities in trees, cacti, telephone poles, gaps in houses, or will use bird houses. The interior may be bare or could be lined with a variety of materials.

Platform: A platform nest is large and bulky, often built of larger twigs or sticks. The surface is typically flat or many have a shallow depression. Many birds reuse platform nests for years, often adding material to the nest.

Pendant: Pendant nests are woven sacks that dangle from branches, giving birds in the nest great protection from predators. Some are not suspended very far from the branches while others may hang several feet down. Birds enter the nest through an entrance on the side.

Sphere: A sphere or dome nest is almost completely enclosed and provides great protection and camouflage. The tradeoff is that these nests are often on the ground or in low areas and are more easily attacked by predators. The nest entrance is on the side to provide protection from rain. •

— Ask Old Ben —

Send questions to askoldben@aol.com

What's New In Houseplants?

By Melanie Potter

If you asked me what the latest trend in houseplants is, I would say it is that they are in short supply everywhere. Everybody wants them and the more unusual, the better.

Let's talk about what is popular.

Aroids are the most popular houseplants on social media. These are monstera, anthuriums, philodendrons, and alocasias. If they are variegated, that increases their popularity. Rare plants are sought after but there is still a market for popular and reasonably priced plants because new gardeners are deterred by making a large investment on expensive plants that they may not be successful with. Sometimes it's not just the plant that appeals to people, it's the accoutrements. Macrame hangers are experiencing a surge in popularity and you can't go wrong with a moss pole to give your aroids something to climb up. Propagating is easy and with folks



Beaucarnia

having more time on their hands, they have the patience to make babies. You'll find choices for raising plants that includes glass cabinets or prop boxes. •



Philodendron



Macrame hangers are gaining popularity



Garden Classes

Classes at both stores are suspended until further notice.



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