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## 2023 Garden Trends

By Garden Media Group



Photo: Doreen Wynja

What can you expect to trend garden wise in the upcoming year? Garden Media Group put some thought into that and fortunately, a lot of predictions work well with our San Diego climate and plant palette. Here is what you may see in 2023:

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## Thanksgiving Container Garden Inspiration

By Walter Andersen Nursery Staff



Do you enjoy container gardening? Have you ever thought of growing the flavors of Thanksgiving in one place? Here is a recipe that anyone can make.

In a large container, add one **Little Ragu Sweet Bay** (bay leaves). **Bay laurels** can grow to 60' tall but Little Ragu will only reach 6'-8' tall. It can be kept pruned short and thrives in containers.

*Laurus nobilis*, also called Sweet Bay, is a native to the Mediterranean and isn't picky about soils, but does need one that drains well. Foliage

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## It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas

By Melanie Potter



Realistically, it began looking like Christmas in August. However, now the live plants that make the season merry and bright are becoming available.

**Fresh garlands, poinsettias, cyclamen, Christmas cactus, and living and cut Christmas trees** will be available later this month.

Every year, we bring in hundreds of **poinsettias** and you'll see favorites such as Jingle Bells, Princettias, Ice Punch, J'adore, Candy Cane, Monet, and Pink Champagne. Colors will include white, pink, red, burgundy, and even lime green!

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## Garden Trends

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Nostalgia returns to its roots as people take inspiration from Ancient Greece. Folks are expected to invest in everything from Corinthian home decor to Aphrodite-inspired wallpaper. Statues and boxwood hedges may see a revival.

Classic Greek gardens are designed to stand up to the elements. These are scrappy gardens that make do. Look for stone walls, archways, and pale-colored backdrops which are typical features of a Greek garden. Add statuary and terra cotta, and use symmetry. Choose plants to shade seating areas with climbers around arches. Add trees such as olive and citrus (these can be planted in the ground or kept in containers). Olives are the “it” plant in Europe right now. Create impact by elevating raised beds and patios. Key plants are hardy, water-wise succulents, boxwood, and roses and more blooms can come from agapanthus, day lilies and bougainvillea.

Interested in xeriscaping? Gravel gardens, a staple of Greek design, look amazing despite heat and drought and require 80% less maintenance. Plus, they offer incredible environmental benefits; thriving on available rainfall with little fertilizer or other additives needed. The use of gravel is great for small spaces or can encompass an entire front yard. Gravel can be chosen to match personal style and color scheme but pea-sized is recommended. Add containers for pops of color. Ornamental grasses, Statice, Salvias, and Rosemary are good additions to the landscape. •

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Thyme



Sage

is leathery and aromatic and can be used in soups, sauces, stews and in pickling spice. Add a couple of leaves to the water when boiling potatoes and they will have the mild scent and flavor of bay.

Under the tree, plant **thyme**, **sage**, **parsley** and **rosemary**. All the things you might use when preparing Thanksgiving dinner.

**Thyme** is a member of the mint family and is a low growing, woody perennial. It is extremely fragrant and flavorful and grows well in tough, dry conditions. The pink, lavender or white tubular flowers are popular with bees. The tiny gray-green leaves remain evergreen.

**Rosemary** is one of those wonderful herbs that make a beautiful ornamental plant as well as a welcome culinary seasoning. Its Latin name,

*Rosmarinus officinalis*, means “dew of the sea”. Culinary sage refers to a small group of the genus *Salvia*.

**Sage** prefers a warm, sunny location, although it does not enjoy extreme heat. Pruning after flowering will keep plants attractive and prevent them from getting too woody and leggy.

**Parsley** grows best when planted in organic matter so you can amend the area in the container where it will be planted. Keep it moist so it doesn’t dry out. All these herbs favor sun and appreciate a well draining soil, which makes them perfect companions for the Little Ragu. •





## Welcome Fall Vegetables



We love this fall vegetable find! **Broccoflower Verde** is packed with vitamins A and C (more than in oranges). Broccoflowers have grown in popularity and are more readily available now. It's a cross between broccoli and cauliflower which are cousins in the cruciferous family, Brassica oleracea. Family members also include cabbage and kale. It is the result of a cross-pollination between broccoli and cauliflower, a hybrid vegetable. It is not a GMO vegetable, in that no technology was applied to create this hybrid, but it was an intentional cross-pollination. •

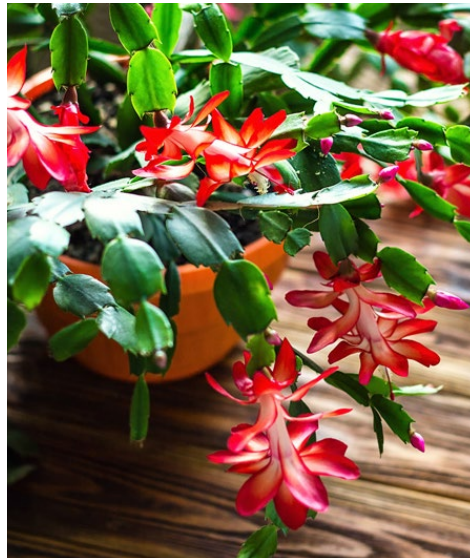


*Kudos to a gardening family for this fun Halloween addition to the yard. The whole fall look is to die for!*

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*Fresh cut Christmas trees arrive the week of Thanksgiving*



*Christmas cactus*

**Christmas cactus** and **cyclamen** will be blooming. **Mini rosemary trees** and **conifers** are sporting holiday looks and make for an easy hostess gifts or seasonal décor that can then be moved outdoors.

**Cut Christmas trees** arrive the week of Thanksgiving and at our stores; we give them a fresh cut and stand them. Heck, we'll even help load them on your car, or deliver (see stores for delivery information).

**Poinsettias** arrive about the same time but one variety, Golden Glow is available early, just in time for Thanksgiving with its fall-colored bracts. •

## Fall Bird Tips

By Monrovia Nursery

**Feed the Birds.** Encourage migrating birds that are moving into or through the area to visit your garden by providing cover, food and water. Where possible, choose plants that are native to your region because birds recognize them, and thus spend less energy foraging. By offering a variety of foods at your backyard feeders, you're more likely to attract the greatest number of bird species. •





## Old Ben Migrates To A New State

By Ken Andersen



Ben Zlotnick, owner of Old Ben's Workshop and regular contributor to this newsletter has closed Old Ben's Workshop. Ben is moving to Texas and we think there will be some lucky birds that will benefit from his migration.

We are discontinuing a lot of the Old Ben's merchandise to make way for replacement stock. James Flynn, dry goods manager at our San Diego store, recently found a lead on a line of high-quality bird food at a recent trade show that we hope to bring in very soon.

We wish Ben and his family the best in their new adventures and thank him for his service for so many years. •

## To Do List: November



*It's the season for fertilizing*



*Fertilize lawns*

### Fertilize

- > For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Bonide DuraTurf Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds.
- > 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 tropics with Gro-Power Palm Tree and Tropical Food. Do not feed Camellias!
- > Bermuda Lawn Care: De-thatch and over seed Bermuda lawns with annual Rye.

### Plant

- > Look for fall bulbs, California natives and drought-tolerant plants.
- > Fall color selections include Violas,



*Look for fall color like Poppies*



*Plant onions, garlic and potatoes*

Pansies, Snapdragons, fragrant Stocks, Poppies, and more.

- > Look for Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Camellias, Azaleas, and holiday plants.
- > You'll find vegetables as well as potatoes, garlic and onions. Looking for more edibles to plant? How about strawberries, asparagus, and olives?
- > Look for potted bare root trees to arrive—pomegranates, figs, grapes, caneberries, hops and more. We don't have an arrival date so call the store to check. It should be mid to late November.

### Pest Control

- > This month start dormant spraying with Liqui-Cop and Oil Spray. The wetter the winter, the more crucial dormant spraying becomes!
- > Clean up all foliage from beneath deciduous fruit trees and roses. •

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## Store Holiday Hours & Closings

**Nov. 23**

Poway closes at 3pm

**Nov. 24**

Both stores closed for Thanksgiving

**Dec. 24**

Poway closes at 2pm

**Dec. 25**

Both stores closed for Christmas

**Dec. 31**

Poway closes at 3pm

**Jan. 1**

Both stores closed for New Year's Day

## Garden Classes: November

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

**11/5**

Fall Color  
with Ryan

**11/12**

Planting Potatoes  
with Kathleen

**11/19**

Herbs  
with Josh

**11/26**

No Class  
Thanksgiving Weekend

### POWAY | 9:30AM

**11/5**

Culinary Herbs  
with Farmer Roy

**11/12**

Permaculture Basics  
with Steven Atkinson

**11/19**

Bonsai Wiring Techniques  
with Richard Wright

**11/26**

No Class  
Thanksgiving Weekend



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