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Where The Turf Meets The Farm!

By Ken Andersen



The pollinator garden at the farm is a popular spot for bees, hummingbirds, butterflies and humans!

The **Plant Grow Eat program at the San Diego County Fair** has been introducing pre-kindergarten through sixth grade students to various aspects of agriculture from farming to live stock. The program is hosted at the "farm" in the infield

of the Del Mar race track. The farm allows students to see various crops and livestock and how they are tended. At the culmination of the program, students are given seeds and planting supplies so

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Did You Know? Bee Facts

By Stephanie Gray for Readers Digest

Bees comprise **20,000 different species**, only eight of which produce honey.



864

One bee will create only 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey. A **12-ounce jar** equates to the life's work of **864 bees!**

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School's Out! Projects To Do With The Kids

By Amanda MacArthur, Food Gardening Network & WAN Staff



Sam and Sofia discover the fun of growing herbs.

Even if you aren't counting down the days until the school year ends, we bet your children are! Now, you are probably wondering what to do with them this summer. We think getting them outside is a good start and there are lots of ways to get kids curious about gardening.

Start with herb gardens because herbs grow pretty quickly compared to most vegetables. Herbs are great because you can turn an afternoon in the garden into an evening in the kitchen and teach your little

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Bee Facts

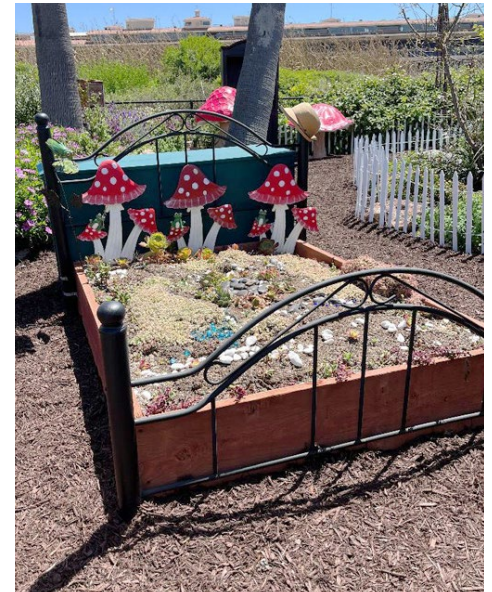
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It's only good to be queen bee for so long. As the queen nears the end of her life, the worker bees who cared for her, raise a new queen, which stings the old queen to death before taking over.

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they can grow, harvest and eat their own vegetables. They also receive a free ticket to the fair! This year the program runs from May 20-24, before the school season ends and before the fair starts, thus allowing greater participation by the students. The Don Diego Scholarship helps to provide transportation to schools that might need assistance.



This garden bed has an actual bed in it!

Walter Andersen Nursery is a proud sponsor of the Plant Grow Eat program again this year. •

Honey

It is true that if a bee stings you it dies (ha!), but that is only true of honeybees. Other bees, including bumblebees and carpenter bees can sting multiple times.

Speaking of bee stings; **fewer than 8 percent** of Americans are allergic to bee stings but it is still a common fear. •

Don't Get Scammed—Here's Some Tips

By Ken Andersen

It was with a heavy heart that I read an account posted to Nextdoor.com about a homeowner who allowed a crew to spread mulch in his yard and upon completion was presented with an inexplicably expensive bill coupled with the demand it be paid immediately.

While it can seem like perfect timing to complete a landscape improvement job the same time a truck pulls up with the offer, don't jump at the offer; do some research. Take the necessary steps to reduce the chance of being scammed.

- > Ask your neighbors if they have recommendations for contractors. Follow up with references.
- > Get a written bid with a precise outline of the work to be covered. You can check contractors' licenses at: www.cslb.ca.gov.

> Never pay in cash and never pay a provider up front. Contractors can only accept 10% of the fee or up to \$1,000 in advance and you should pay whichever is less.

> Does the person/company you are interested in working with carry insurance? Can you imagine a scenario where the person you hire is injured on your job? How about if a mistake is made and a pipe is cut, or damage done to your property?

> Finally, bear in mind that if your home improvement/landscape job will cost more than \$500, you are required to use a licensed contractor. Doing so means it is likely that the cost of your job will increase but you will be guaranteed of working with someone who has a current license and favorable references, and you will have recourse should the job you contracted for not be completed satisfactorily. •



Recipe: Cauliflower Ceviche

Created by Selina Pino



Editor's Note: Here is a terrific dish perfect for a picnic. It's a non-fat, refreshing, won't spoil in the sun recipe that travels well. Hope you planted loads of cauliflower this year!

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 head of cauliflower, broken into florets (about 2 cups)

1 jalapeno or serrano chile, seeded and minced

1 tomato, diced

1 red onion, diced

Cilantro, chopped to taste

3-4 limes, juiced

1 clove garlic, minced

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 tsp. cumin

Tostadas or chips, to serve

DIRECTIONS:

Blanch cauliflower until al dente, 4-5 minutes. Chop florets into dime-size pieces and place in a large bowl. Add all ingredients to the diced cauliflower and mix well. Let marinate at least two hours. Serve with tostadas or chips. •



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ones about the flavors and uses of herbs. To capture a child's attention, consider these projects.

Build a Fabulous Fairy Herb Garden

A child's herb garden is easily transformed into a fairy garden with a few props and a little imagination. Use foraged objects like seashells, pebbles, and other yard treasures and spend time arranging each piece.

For an added visual pop, you can purchase some fairy garden props like little toadstools, some fairy furniture, and of course, the fairy itself. Fairy gardens are a great way to get children to focus on the smaller details of a garden. You can choose a special location in your yard and have the little one in your life add their fairy elements. If you don't have a yard, a fairy garden can be created in a small container.

Grow a Flowering Herb Garden

Flowering herbs like dill, thyme, and lavender will catch the attention of your little ones. Herbs like bee balm and pineapple sage bring bright reds and pinks into the garden. You can plant some edible flowers (nasturtiums for instance) alongside your flowering herbs to add even more colors.



Photo: Gnome Decor / www.hellognomedecor.com

Plant a Perennial Kitchen Herb Garden

If you have a little chef in your life, a perennial herb garden is great for teaching how to grow herbs for cooking. Thyme, sage, and chives are great options that will return each season. Don't forget lavender, rosemary or mint (grow in a separate pot as it is invasive). When it's time to harvest, your little chef can learn the best way to harvest each type of herb focusing on the leaves, flowers, and seeds. •



Reminder:
Both stores
will be closed
Thursday,
July 4th



Citrus Greening Disease Still A Major Concern

By WAN Staff



HLB or Citrus Greening Disease is still a major concern in our area. Quarantine areas are increasing as more infected trees are found. To help prevent the spread of the disease, both of our stores have adopted special protocols. All citrus sold by our stores is treated at the grower prior to transport to us. This allows us to safely sell the trees to our customers. Once the trees leave our stores, they are to be planted as soon as possible and if within a quarantine area, should not leave the property again, according to the Department of Agriculture. Because of this, Citrus trees are final sale and not returnable. Should you have an issue with your Citrus trees, whether existing or purchased new from us, we ask that you do not bring leaf samples or fruit into the stores. Instead take photos of the affected areas or areas of concern and bring those into us for evaluation. We can usually determine the problem from the pictures and provide you with a course of action. As always, if you have any questions please contact us, we are happy to help. •

To Do List: June



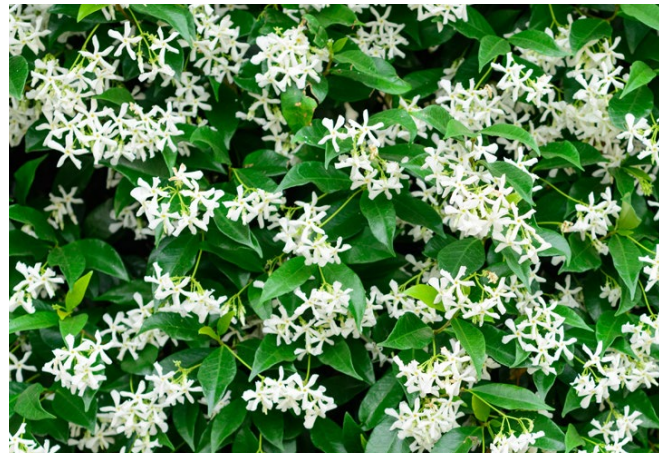
Plant Hydrangeas



Fertilize Avocado



Use Sluggo for slugs & snails



Look for Star Jasmine

Plant

- > Bedding plants
- > Bougainvillea, Hibiscus & tropicals
- > Fruit trees & shrubs
- > Look for Jacaranda, Magnolias, Hydrangeas, Star Jasmine, Dipladenias, Plumeria, Fuchsias, & roses
- > Summer vegetables & annuals

Pest Control

Look for **slugs** and **snails**; apply Sluggo or Sluggo Plus. Watch for **mildew, rust** and **rose slug** on roses; spray with Bio-Advanced 3 in 1 Insect Disease and Mite Control, or Neem. Eliminate **sowbugs, earwigs, cutworms, slugs** and **snails** in

vegetable gardens with Sluggo Plus. Keep **flies** around trash cans under control by using fly traps that can catch them before they invade your trash.

Fertilize

- > For **lawns**, use Marathon Fertilizer.
- > Use E.B. Stone or Dr. Earth to feed **ornamentals, vegetables, citrus, Avocado, fruit trees, palms** and **tropicals**.

Prune

- > Ornamentals for shape
- > Dead head roses, dahlias & other flowering plants
- > Prune stone fruits after harvest •

To A REAL OUTDOOR MAN ON
FATHER'S DAY



We Have The Gifts

Father's Day is June 16 and stores have a selection of indoor plants, gloves, hats, garden necessities, pots, tools & more. Stumped and not sure what is the right gift? Get a gift card and let Dad shop for himself! •

Garden Classes: June

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	POWAY
9:00AM	9:30AM
6/1 Mulching 101 with James	6/1 Staghorn Fern Care & Culture with David Ross
6/8 Hummingbirds & Butterflies with Kathleen	6/8 Invasive Pests of Large Trees & How to Select a Tree Company with Pedro Berry
6/15 Bonsai Basics with Richard	6/15 Vermicomposting The Easy Way: Make Your Own Worm Castings with Dean
6/22 Container Gardening with Constanze	6/22 Tropical Fruit Tree Care, Culture, & Varieties with Mike
6/29 Small Space Veggie Gardening with Cyarah	6/29 Carnivorous Plants with Sydney



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