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*New Mural Graces  
San Diego Store*  
By Karen Andersen-Thatcher



If you've been to the San Diego store recently, you may have noticed the stunning new mural above the seeds. This incredible

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## 2026 Rose Preview

By WAN Staff



*Scarlet by Star Roses*

The orders are in, the list is posted and we can tell you what roses are available for the upcoming bareroot season. See the complete list at [www.walterandersen.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2026-Rose-List-Final.pdf](http://www.walterandersen.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2026-Rose-List-Final.pdf).

You will find lots of old favorites and some new ones. First, here is a look at the new-to-2026 roses we will stock.

### Scarlet

From the popular Drift series, comes 'Scarlet'. It only grows to 18" but produces an abundant flush of single, red flowers.

### Enchanted Meadow

Cream-pink cup-like blooms have a slight fragrance.

### Light Years Away

A magenta colored old-fashioned rose with a strong citrus fragrance.

### Martha Stewart

Hard to believe the lifestyle maven didn't already have a rose named for her. This new release is pink/apricot

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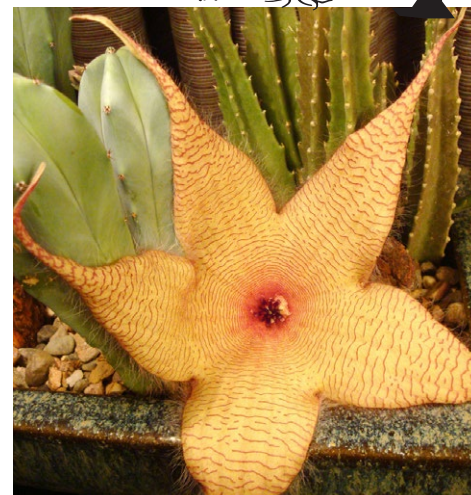
## The Horror Found In Some Plants

By Melanie Potter

With Halloween upon us, did you think we'd miss a chance to scare and horrify you? It's fortuitous that Mother Nature enjoys Halloween too, and provides us with plants perfect for the season.

When you see a beautiful flower, what do you think most people do? Sure, they smell it. Do you think they think they've been punk'd when they move in for a whiff of it and get slapped in the face with the odor of rotten flesh? It's a fact of nature that some plants need to lure insects to them in order to pollinate. *Stipelia giganta*,

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*Stipelia giganta*



## New Mural

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piece of art was the vision of Linda Bobolia, who worked in the San Diego store for many years before retiring. Not only is Linda an accomplished gardener, but she is also a talented artist. In fact, she is the creative mind behind the beautiful butterflies displayed near the asclepias plants in the San Diego store. We are so fortunate to call her a friend, and we feel honored that she shares her artistry with us.

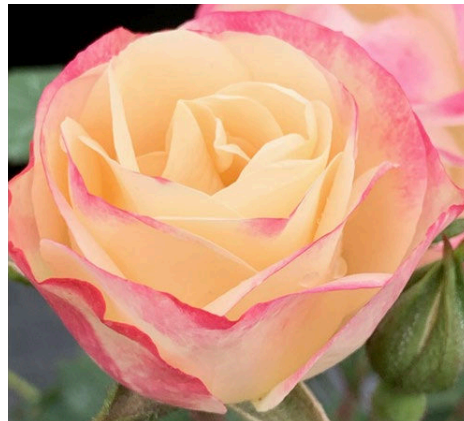
The seed mural was truly a team effort. Linda hand painted the mural with help from her daughter Ava, friend Mark Smith and of course Scribbles, who all brought her vision to life.

Next time you're in the San Diego store, take a moment to stop, look up, and admire this incredible mural. It's a work of art that celebrates both creativity and community, and we couldn't be prouder to showcase it. •

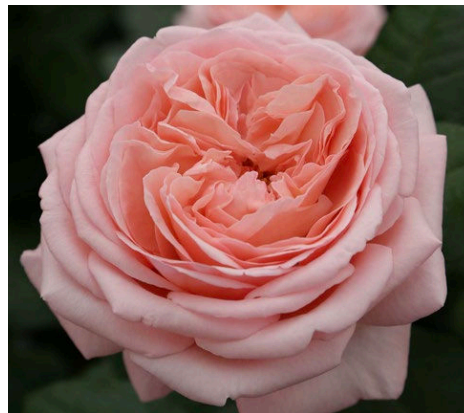


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Photos: Roses by Star Roses



*Enchanted Meadow*



*Martha Stewart*

with more than 100 petals and sports a citrus, honeysuckle fragrance.

### Nothing But Class

This bright pink rose has fully double blooms that are exceptional for cutting with a strong, sweet fragrance to enjoy.

### Parfuma Sunrise

A pink/apricot rose wonderful for cutting with a fragrance of geranium, tea, citrus and clove.

### Sugar Candy

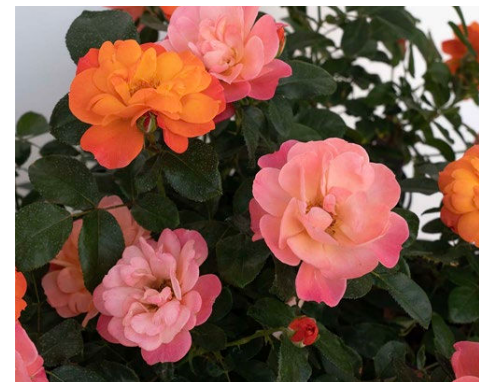
A mini rose with blooms of orange to pink that are bigger than typical mini roses. Perfect for patios or mix with other annuals.

### Tiamo

Grandiflora rose with double, non-fading red blooms that do not burn, even in high temperatures. It has high disease resistance, wonderful repeat blooming, and a lovely mild fragrance.



*Parfuma Sunrise*



*Sugar Candy*



*Tiamo*

### Oldest & Favorites

The oldest roses we will have are the climbers Zepherine Drouhin (1868), Cecile Brunner (1881) and Don Juan (1958). Old time favorite shrub roses include Chrysler Imperial (1953), Iceberg (1958), Hansa (1905) and Peace (1946).

Roses are expected mid- to late-December. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for arrival news. •



## The Horror continued from p1

Corpse Flower



Venus Fly Trap



Eyeball Plant



Pennisetum



or the **starfish cactus** (aka Carrion Flower) blooms every September or October, and flies are a big fan of the scent. The plant is a spineless, succulent cactus that blooms with flesh-colored, hairy, starfish-shaped flowers, which measure up to 10 inches across. By the way, maggots are a fan, too!

It has been just over two years since the **corpse flower** that was growing at our Poway store bloomed. That was big news! The **Amorphophallus titanum** is native to Sumatra and a relative of the non frightening Calla Lily. News stations flock to cover an emerging bloom because it's not an everyday occurrence. In cultivation, the plant generally requires 7-10 years of vegetative growth before blooming for the first time. After its initial blooming, there can be considerable variation in blooming frequency. Some plants may not bloom again for another 7-10 years while others may bloom every two to three years.

We sell a lot of food that plants love, but we don't sell what makes

a carnivorous plant feel full. That's because nature provides them with the bugs, like ants, that they crave. **Carnivorous plants**, of which there is believed to be more than 600 species, are found in areas where the soil is poor. Charles Darwin first wrote about such plants in 1875. There are five basic trapping mechanisms found in all these plants: Pitfall traps, fly paper traps, snap traps, bladder traps (the traps have small trigger hairs attached to a trapdoor. When the trigger hairs are tripped, the trap door opens up, sucks in the insect and surrounding water, and closes the door again, all in a matter of 1 ten thousandth of a second) and lobster pot traps (traps that are easy to enter but impossible to exit). Some of these plants you are familiar with such as the **Venus Fly Trap**, **Nepenthes**, **North American Pitcher Plant**, **Corkscrew plant**, and **Sundews**. You can find several of these plants in the bog garden at our Poway location.

If you can't scare folks with bad smells or by eating bugs, some plants can just look spooky. The

**Toothache Plant, Spilanthes Acmella**, is a member of the Asteraceae family, as are sunflowers. Chewing on the leaves or flower heads of the Toothache Plant numbs the inside of the mouth and can relieve the pain of a toothache, which is how this plant got this name. It is also commonly known as the **Eyeball Plant** because its flowers look like eyeballs.

**Capsicum annum 'Black Pearl'**, an ornamental Pepper plant with black-purple leaves and shiny black berries all but screams its need to be part of Halloween. **Juncus spiralis** is an interesting plant that has spiraled corkscrew-like stems and no foliage. It can look like crazy hair and looks pretty terrific when planted in a head shaped container with open top. Corn stalks, just like you'd find in a corn maze, would look even more sinister if they were black. Resembling such a notion is **Pennisetum 'Vertigo'** and **Pennisetum 'Black Stockings'**. Both have red/black sword-like foliage.

So, there you have it—some scary smelling, bug eating, spooky plants of All Hallows' Eve! •



## We've Upgraded!

By Ken Andersen

### New Point of Sale System

We have made some changes to improve our operations and customer service at both of our locations. In late September we went live with a new point of sale system. This is the fourth system we have brought online, and it will be a great improvement from the former one.

### Hedge Fund\$ Changes

For those who have Hedge Fund\$ accounts with us, your points will transfer over to the new system. One difference, as far as Hedge Fund\$ are concerned, is there will be no more paper HF certificates! Certificates that have been issued under the old system may still be redeemed until December 31, 2025.

Starting January 2, we will no longer be able to redeem paper certificates so make sure that you use them! As always, lost or missing certificates cannot be replaced. Going forward, the new system will track online your Hedge Fund\$ benefits. When you have points redeemable towards a purchase a cashier will let you know. The expiration time periods which will not change will also be tracked. This means that unredeemed Hedge Fund\$ will be deducted from your account after the expiration date passes. We apologize that we aren't able to make exceptions to this event.

The new system will also allow us to better track customer's purchase history and will bring a myriad of back-office improvements. As always, we strive to make things better and to better serve you, our customers. •

## Plants, Haircuts & An Improbable History

By Melanie Potter



What do you get when you cross a plant store with a barber shop? You get Botanic

Panic, an adorable plant shop that shares space with a hybrid salon/barber shop on a kitschy block in the Mission District in San Francisco.

That's what I found during a quick get away to the City by the Bay. At Botanic Panic you'll find monstera, pathos, bromeliads, succulents, palms and ferns along with unusual and rare offerings as well as plant accessories.

The space is bright and airy and shared with Fellow Barber which has an interesting history. According to its website, the fixtures have traveled the country, served presidents, burned in a fire, and been reunited. The wooden fixtures in the barber shop were initially built for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. After the Fair, they went to New Orleans. In 1906, they were sold and half went to Texas where they saw almost 100 years of continuous use in a barbershop frequented by President Johnson while he was in college. The other half went to San Francisco and were destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire before Fellow Barber reunited the stations in 2013. •

## Return Policy Changes

By Ken Andersen

**Our stores have made changes to the return policy.** The old one needed updating and with implementing a new point of sale system, it was time to do that.

- The plant warranty on most plants has been extended to 6 months from 90 days.
- Some items are final sale.
- The return policy will be printed on

receipts and invoices. If you opt to have your receipt emailed, it will be there as well. It will also be posted at each of the registers.

- Unfortunately, with citrus quarantines expanding, all citrus sales will be final. No returns, refunds or exchanges.

### Refund and Exchange Policy

- Proof of purchase required. If no receipt is presented, store credit for

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## Fall Container Garden Idea

By Melanie Potter



**From Proven Winners comes an eye-catching container idea for fall.** I'm making it great by suggesting it could do double duty as a Halloween planter by adding a fun pick, or piece of Halloween décor. After Halloween remove the spooky item and let it transition to the rest of fall.

To make this planter, let's recap the elements you should bear in mind when creating any container garden. You will need a **thriller** (focal piece which can be a plant or décor), **spiller** (something that trails), and **filler** (plug in the holes with more plants).

**Here's the recipe to make this container garden:**

Spiller effect is from two Superbells® Red Calibrachoa hybrid. Filler is two Sunsatia® Blood Orange™ Nemesia hybrid and the thriller is one Graceful Grasses® 'Fireworks' Variegated Red Fountain Grass Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'. More spiller, Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Jet Black™ Sweet Potato Vine Ipomoea batatas was included.

If you can't find these specific plants, you can substitute with different colors and varieties. •

## To Do List: October



Plant Chinese Pistache to provide fall color



Plant carrots, cauliflower, and more



### Plant

- > California natives and drought-tolerant plants are best planted this time of year to get root systems established.
- > Bulbs like Daffodils, Ranunculus, Freesias, Anemones and more.
- > Winter annuals like Stocks, Snapdragons, Pansies, Violas, and Primrose.
- > Cool season vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, peas, carrots and more!
- > Shrubs such as Camellias and Azaleas, and trees that provide wonderful fall color such as Ginkgo, Pistache, and Liquidambar.

### Lawns

- > Overseed Bermuda lawns with Annual Rye.

- > It's a great time to plant Fescue from seed or sod.

### Fertilize

- > For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue, and Bonide DuraTurf Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds.
- > Feed ornamentals, vegetables, citrus, avocado, fruit trees, palms and tropicals with E.B. Stone or Dr. Earth.
- > Do not feed Camellias until after they are finished flowering.

### Water

When dry Santa Ana winds are expected, make sure to get extra water on plants and lawns before needed, especially container plants. •

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the lowest price that year will be issued. Clearance items are final sale (no returns no guarantee).

- Returns within 30 days: Must be in original container/packaging and saleable condition.
- Credit Card: Refund to same card used for purchase, no cash back.
- Cash or check purchases eligible for refund will be made in cash, \$50 or more will be made by company check within 10 business days.
- Plant Guarantee: Plants 1 gallon and larger and house plants 6 inches and larger are guaranteed for 6 months (excludes frost, neglect, or acts of nature).

- Items must be returned to store for evaluation.
- Houseplants 6 inches and larger may be returned for store credit or replacement only, no refunds.
- No Guarantee or Returns on: Plants less than 6 inch pot, hanging baskets, color bowls, florist/specialty plants, orchids, bromeliads, bonsai, Poinsettias, annuals, vegetables, citrus, Christmas Trees (live and cut), holiday garland, holiday décor and some other seasonal merchandise.

If you have any questions, please speak with a manager. •





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- 10/11** – Ken, George & John  
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- 10/18** – Ken, George & John
- 10/25** – Ken, George & John  
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Guests subject to change  
without notice



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## Garden Classes: October

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**

**10/4**

Fall Vegetable Gardening  
with Cyarah

**10/11**

Implementation of Greywater  
& Rainwater Capture for  
Residential Homes  
with Brook Sarson from  
Catching H2O

**10/18**

Fall Bulbs with Kathleen

**10/25**

How to Attract & Keep  
Hummingbirds in Your Yard  
with Christine Mih

### POWAY

**9:30AM**

**10/4**

Winterizing Roses with James

**10/11**

Right Plant, Right Place: Smart  
Design with Native Plants with  
Sharon of Butterfly Effect

**10/18**

Palms: Care, Culture, & Varieties  
with Gregg Opgenorth of  
Grubb and Nadler

**10/25**

Growing and Using Herbs  
of Thanksgiving with Karen  
England, Herbalist and  
President of the San Diego  
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