

# Happy Thanksgiving!

Living Christmas trees will be arriving very soon! The beautiful Eldarica Pine or the Afghan Pine is the best pine tree to plant for our climate.

Eldarica pines are great for using indoors to decorate for the holiday season, but only for a week or two. Then plant outdoors for nice dark green color year round!

They also tend to retain their “Christmas tree” shape.

The Eldarica pines have a symmetrical branching structure, and needles that are 4-5 inches long. Both factors help contribute to the over all fullness of the tree.

Our tables are filled with fall and winter flowers and veggies!

Thanks to everyone who made guesses from last month’s newsletter.

Everyone had such a blast with that I think I will do a monthly “Hide the Acorn”. From now on there will be a little hidden acorn somewhere in the newsletter.

The first person to email in the location will get 20% off one item in stock! This is what the acorn will look like:



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## November Garden Checklist

**Grass:** Winter Rye should be mowed to 1-1/2 to 2 inches. Keep watering until established, and then water only about twice a week. Yellowing of the winter lawn may occur when the cold weather sets in, an application of a high nitrogen fertilizer will bring back the dark green color.

**Trees/Shrubs:** Cut back the frequency of watering on established trees and shrubs, but continue water deeply. Clean out the dead branches but be careful not to prune too much or fertilize plants that are frost tender. Keep “suckers” or growth that is below the graft line of citrus cut off to keep the nutrients into the true tree.

**Flowers:** Annuals that can be planted in full sun are: petunias, pansies, violas, snapdragon dianthus, calendula, marigolds, and many more. Our tables are full of color. Roses are in the middle of their fall display, keep spent blooms dead headed to encourage more flowers.

**Vegetables:** Now is the time to plants seeds for beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, carrots, chard, collards, endive, kale, lettuce, mustard, onions, parsley, peas, radishes, spinach, and turnips, Transplants you can plant in November include asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, chard,

and lettuce.

When you plant any of the many varieties of leaf lettuce you can harvest outer leaves and the plant will continue to grow new leaves all winter long



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# Christmas Wreaths and Garland

We got some really great guesses from our last newsletter. We only got one correct guess. That person is Debra J. Congratulations!

We have finally found a new supplier for fresh wreaths and garland for the holiday's! The pictures to follow are of the different wreaths and garland we will be getting towards the middle to end of this month.

Personally I will be getting a garland for my house and I am very excited to decorate my first house for the holidays! The following pictures are the varieties of wreaths and garland we will be getting.



Woodland Wreath



Mixed Evergreen



Cedar Garland



Mixed Greens Garland

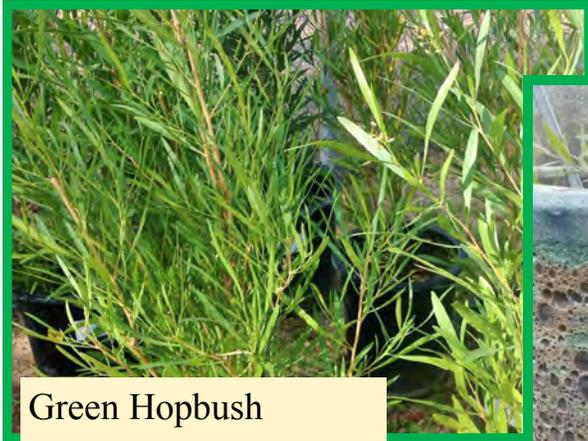


Pomegranate



Supreme Berry

# Color of the month: Green



Green Hopbush



Jaws Agave



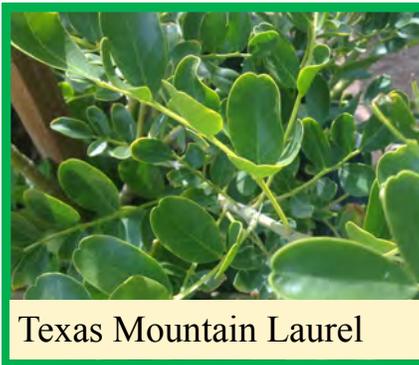
Pottery



Jojoba



Geranium



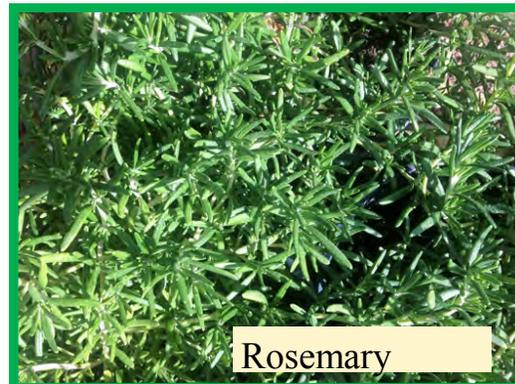
Texas Mountain Laurel



Sago Palm



Octopus Agave



Rosemary



Foxtail Fern

# Color of the month plant profile: Texas Mountain Laurel

This sculptural tree is a lovely addition to any home!

**Size (H x W):** 15-20 feet tall and wide

**Blooms:** Large purple clusters in spring, seed pods are poisonous

**Minimum Temperature:** 10 degrees F

**Water:** Moderate—Low

**Pruning:** N/A

**Growth:** Slow

**Fertilizer:** Fertlome Tree and Shrub food in the spring



# Plant profile: Rosemary

Even landscape rosemary can be used for culinary purposes!

**Size (H x W):** 3-6 feet x 3-4 feet

**Blooms:** Little blue flowers in spring

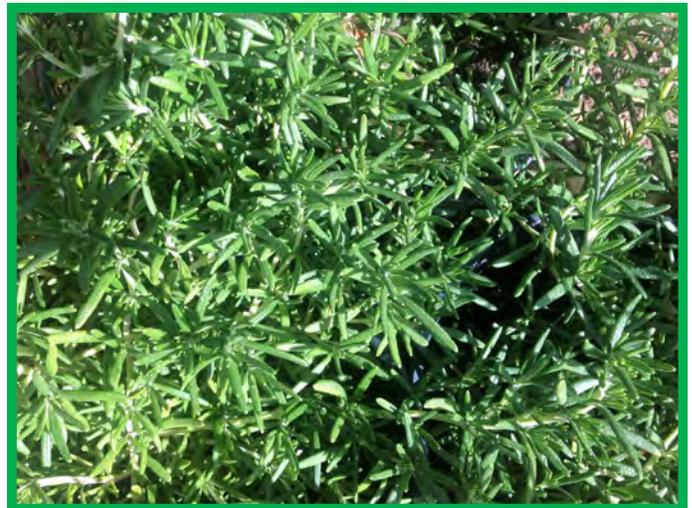
**Minimum Temperature:** 10 degrees F

**Water:** Moderate—Low

**Pruning:** Cleaning of dead wood in spring

**Growth:** Moderate to fast

**Fertilizer:** All purpose 20-20-20 monthly





## Staff Picks: Variegated Pink Lemon

Picked by: Chelsea B.

If you want to add ornamental interest to your garden, a variegated pink lemon tree (*Citrus limon* "Eureka Variegated Pink") can do the trick. In addition to its glossy, green and cream-colored foliage and its white blooms and fragrance, this tree grows pink-fleshed fruit. The immature lemons have green-striped skin and as they mature, they turn yellow. Variegated pink lemon trees can grow up to 15 feet tall in the garden and slightly shorter if you grow them in a container.

To thrive, variegated pink lemon trees need a full sun area in the garden -- the trees need four to eight hours of sunlight per day. To avoid tree damage, find an area near a wall or fence that offers protec-

tion from strong winds. Variegated pink lemon trees are not frost-tolerant.

I have a variegated pink lemon tree in a pot on my back porch and I love it to pieces. The foliage is striking with pink tints to the new growth!



Size: Up to 15 feet tall and 8 feet wide

Blooms: Light pink to white blooms

Exposure: Full sun

Minimum Temperature: 25-30 degrees, Most tender of all citrus, will

need covering or if in a pot brought in during hard freezes.

Water: High

Pruning: Light, dead branches cut out

Growth: Moderate to fast

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# Recipe from the garden: Rosemary cream porkchops

I will be trying the recipe soon. It sounds delicious!

## Ingredients:

4 large boneless rib pork chops  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
3 tablespoons finely chopped onion  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary-OR- 1/2 tablespoons dried rosemary  
1 cup roughly chopped crimini or baby bella mushrooms  
2 tablespoons brandy or dry white wine (see notes)  
1/4 cup chicken stock  
1 tablespoon whole grain dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon unsalted butter  
2/3 cup heavy cream  
2 tablespoons sour cream

## Directions:

Heat a large skillet over medium heat, add oil. Sprinkle the chops with salt, brown pork chops well on both sides.

Place the pork chops on a separate plate and set aside. Add the onion, rosemary and chopped mushrooms to the skillet stirring constantly so it doesn't burn, for 3 minutes.

Deglaze the pan with the brandy, scraping up the browned bits at the bottom of the pan. (see notes)

Pour the chicken stock and mustard into the skillet. Place the pork chops back in the pan. Bring liquid to the boil, cover and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook for 20 minutes.

Again, remove chops from the pan and set aside. Add the butter to the pan juices and stir until melted. Stir in the heavy cream and the sour cream. Blend sauce well until it is smooth. Place the chops back in the pan and heat through.

NOTES: If you don't want to use alcohol, use an equal amount chicken stock.

Deglazing is a fancy and intimidating word that means to pour some cold liquid into a very hot pan to get up all the brown bits stuck to the bottom of the pan. Those brown bits are where all the flavors are, and it is called "fond."

