

Happy Thanksgiving!

I can't believe how fast this year has flown by and it is November already!

Living Christmas trees will be arriving very soon! The beautiful Eldarica Pine, also called 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 overall fullness of the tree.



As reminder we will have

special hours for the week of Thanksgiving and we will be closed on Thursday November 28th. I will add a holiday hours calendar on the last page of the newsletter for your reference.

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November Garden Checklist

Trees/Shrubs: Cut back the frequency of watering on established trees and shrubs, only skipping 1-2 days between watering, but continue to 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 plant seeds for beets, bok choy, 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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As we start to cool down....

Even though it seems unlikely, we are starting to cool down. Our daytime temperatures are still fairly warm, the cooler night time temperatures are starting to dip a little bit, it's beginning to feel like fall. It will be cold before we know it, with that in mind, it is important to take extra precautions to protect the frost sensitive plants in your garden.

Some frequently asked questions are:

How do I know when I should cover my plants?

Every plant will have a different minimum temperature, but a general rule once we start hitting mid 30s at night or lower is a safe bet.

What should I cover my plants with?

The best thing to cover with is a frost cloth, it is made especially for plants as it wicks the water or dew away, to help keep the cloth from getting weighed down. You can use towels or sheets but they will retain the water and can potentially weigh the plants down. Plastic is NOT the best thing to use as it can trap the cold if put directly on to the plant. If you have the time and space, building a structure over your plants like a green house, then plastic can be used.

What plants are especially sensitive to the cold?

There is a long list of frost tender plants, that is including but not limited to: Hibiscus, limes and lemon trees, bougainvillea, plumbago, plumeria, desert rose (adenium,) succulents and houseplants. Things that will loose their leaves or goes dormant will not need to be covered. If you are unsure about anything that may or may not need to be covered please contact us and ask! We are always happy to answer questions!

How do I cover up cactus without being poked?

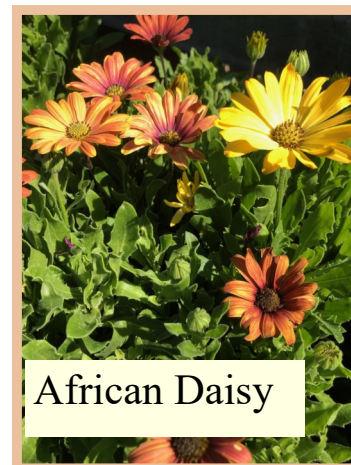
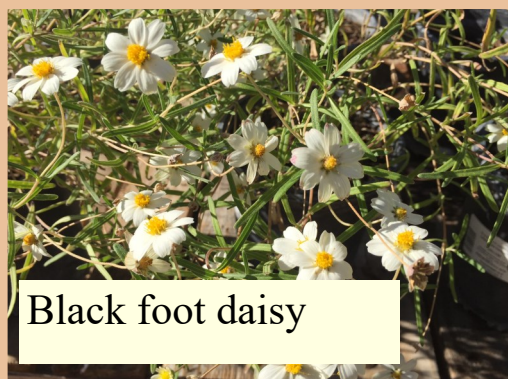
Most cacti are actually rather cold tolerant. The exception being any columnar cactus: Mexican fence post, totem pole, Curiosity cactus and etc.. How we cover them in the winter is stuffing newspaper at the bottom of empty one gallon or so buckets to act as insulation, then placing them on the top of the cactus. We call this Cactus Hats. You can also use Santa Hats or Styrofoam cups!

What are some other ideas when it comes to protecting?

Tender plants such as Limes or Lemons, can be decorated with Christmas lights, (but not the LED as they don't produce enough heat) can be beneficial since trees can be too large to cover. Also watering deeply before a frost can help keep the soil a little warmer for the roots!

Always remember to remove the frost cloth the next morning so the plant can enjoy the warmer days!!

Color of the month: Thanksgiving Displays



Plant profile: Gardenia

Size: (H x W) 3' - 4'

Blooms: Very fragrant white

Exposure: Full shade/morning sun only

Minimum Temperature: 10 degrees F

Water: Moderate-High

Pruning: N/A

Growth Rate: Moderate/Slow

Fertilizer: Maxsea Acid 14-18-14



Plant profile: Mums

Size: (H x W) 1' - 1'

Blooms: Variety of colors

Exposure: Full shade/morning sun only

Minimum Temperature: 10 degrees F

Water: Moderate-High

Pruning: Dead head all spent blooms

Growth Rate: Moderate/Slow

Fertilizer: Maxsea Bloom 3-20-20





Staff Picks: Coral Fountain

Picked by: Carl O.

Picked by: Eric L.

The Russelia, also called coral fountain, is a flowering perennial plant with long, slender, arching, fountain-like branches that form a dense mound to four feet tall and six feet wide. Its weeping branches produce dark green, scale-like leaves on stems. The plant has showy, one- to two-inch coral red, tubular flower clusters through the fall and into the winter. The blooms attract hummingbirds and butterflies. It likes full sun or shade. During the hot months, the plant may become stressed if exposed to reflected heat. The shrub works well in pool areas, around ponds and water features, or cascading over banks, walls, and planters. Also, plant it in containers, as a foundation or color plant for tropical effects, and in hanging baskets, or train it to spill over a raised planter.



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Recipe from the garden: Pecan Pie

This is my pecan pie recipe which is always a hit within my family.

Ingredients:

1 pie crust, I make one from scratch you can also use a prepared.
3 eggs, slightly beaten
2/3 cup sugar
1 cup white corn syrup
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup melted butter
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecan halves

Directions:

1. Mix eggs, sugar, corn syrup, salt, melted butter, and vanilla thoroughly.
2. Next you can either stir in pecan halves to the mixture. I place them in a decorative spiral around the top of the pie once I fill the crust with the filling mixture and lightly brush the pecans with some of the filling mixture.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-50 minutes or until the pie is set and doesn't jiggle too much. You can cover the edges of the crust with a silicone crust cover or tin foil. Be careful not to cover the center of the pie. Your oven may cook differently than mine and can take longer to set the pie.





Holiday Hours



November 2024

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