

Happy Mother's Day



For many of us it was our Mothers and Grandmothers that first instilled a love of gardening in a little kid that just wanted to tag along and play in the dirt. Whether gardening has become a life long passion or we just have fond memories or those times we often have our maternal influences to thank!

Sometimes it is nice to take a moment to thank the women in our lives for those wonderful memories and for the knowledge they have

passed on to us, that we may one day pass on to our children.

We have a lot of special gifts to thank mom on her day. New hummingbird feeders, garden art, and even living roses in bloom! We also offer gift cards if you can't decide. Come in and see if there is something that reminds you of your mom!

We will have shortened hours on Monday May 25th, for Memorial Day we will be open 9am-3pm.

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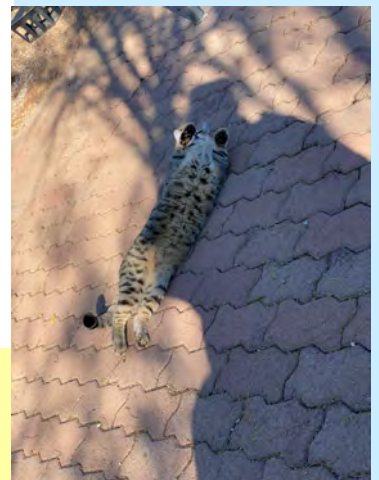
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May Garden Checklist

As we continue to get warmer and warmer, please make sure your watering schedule is reflecting our hot temps.

Trees and Shrubs: It is still a wonderful time to plant citrus and shade trees. If you are planting them make sure they get plenty of water. For the first week we recommend every day water for about an hour second week and for the rest of the summer every other day for 2-3 hours on a long slow drip. Daily if temperatures are over 110 degrees! It is best to place the irrigation at the edge of the root ball when first planted.

Pick any grapefruits that were left on the tree before the birds get to them first. Netting also helps, but try to keep it off the ground so ground squirrels or lizards don't get caught in them. Make sure mature mesquite trees are thinned before monsoons come, if they are not thinned they will act as a wall towards the wind and be blown right over. When planting taller new trees make sure they are staked properly to help protect them from the wind.

End of the month around Memorial day will be time again to fertilize your citrus. We carry a wonderful product for in ground citrus **Organic Citrus and Avocado Food 7-3-3**, it is our own private labeled brand and will have the micronutrients citrus need in our area. It is all I use on my trees in the ground! We also have special food for citrus in containers as well.

Flowers: It is time to replace petunias, pansies,

snapdragons and other winter annuals, with vinca, portulaca, gomphrena, purslane, zinnias, angelonia, cosmos, salvia, gazanias, parrots beak lotus and many more. Flowers will benefit from a small fertilizer in the heat of the summer. A good product is the **Grow More 20-20-20**.

Vegetables: Seeds for beans, cantaloupe, melons, okra, and squash can still be planted. We have starts for peppers, melons, beans, eggplant, artichoke, asparagus, and various types of herbs. Veggies will need fertilizer to help get them through the intense summer. We recommend **Maxsea Acid 14-18-14 plus iron and zinc**.

When visiting our nursery, check in on your smart phone or write a recommendation, show an associate and receive 5% off your plant purchase!

One use only. Some restrictions may apply.



Gardening Trend: Attracting pollinators



It is becoming increasingly popular to plant pollinator gardens. Not only does this provide visible entertainment to watch the birds, butterflies and bees visiting all the flowers in the garden, but it aids in spreading pollen from various blooms to others and help in fruit production. When thinking about adding pollinator plants to your yard, you may want to first plan for which pollinators since they are attracted to different plants.

Hummingbirds:

Hummers are more attracted to flower shape and color than they are scents. Some of the best flowers for hummingbirds are bright red and orange tubular flowers. Some plants to keep in mind for planting for hummingbirds are:

- Salvia
- Aloe
- Desert Willow
- Ruellia
- Emu
- Russelia
- Honeysuckle
- Penstemon



Bees:

Bees are not as picky as the hummingbirds, they love all open flowers that they can easily get to the pollen. Some of the best bee attracting flowers are:

- Rosemary
- Bottlebrush
- Hibiscus
- Globe Mallow
- Gazanias
- Penstemon
- Agastache



Butterflies:

Butterflies can sometimes be a bit trickier to attract and keep around the garden, they require some key elements within a habitat for them.

Elements like, sources of pooling water for them to drink, shade and protection from the nasty heat that they can land on to rest their wings, plants that they will use for nectar and also plants that they can lay their eggs on for their larvae to eat. Some of the best plants that can offer a create area for butterflies can be:

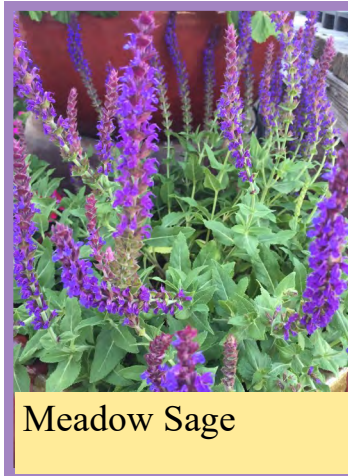
- Milkweed (host and nectar)
- Gregg's Mist Flower (nectar)
- Fairy Duster (nectar)
- Lantana (nectar)
- Sunflowers (nectar)
- Verbena (nectar)
- Citrus (best host plant for swallowtails)
- Parsley (host)
- Rue (host)
- Iceplant (nectar)



Color of the Month: Purple



Salvia



Meadow Sage



Trumpet Vine



Desert Willow



Lavender



Snail Vine



Artichoke



Katie Ruellia

Plant profile: Lavender Trumpet Vine

Size (H x W): 6'- 8' x 6'- 8'

Blooms: Light Purple

Exposure: Morning sun, afternoon shade

Minimum Temperature: 20 degrees F

Water: Moderate-High

Pruning: Removal of dead older growth

Fertilizer: 14-18-14 Maxsea Acid fertilizer monthly



Plant Profile: Snail Vine

Size (H x W): 6'- 8' x 6'- 8'

Blooms: Purple

Exposure: Full Sun

Minimum Temperature: 30 degrees F

Water: Moderate-High

Pruning: Removal of dead older growth

Fertilizer: 14-18-14 Maxsea Acid fertilizer monthly





Staff Picks: Curry Leaf Plant

Picked by: Eric L

The curry leaf plant is a valuable herb that is known for its aromatic leaves and health benefits. Widely grown in gardens and traditionally used in South Asian cooking for its distinct flavor and aroma.

When using it in culinary dishes the curry leaf plants add a citrus like aroma to curry and soups.

The leaves are also well known for containing antioxidants for health. It is used for its anti-inflammatory purposes, weight management, blood sugar regulation, memory care, and good for the hair and skin.

Curry leaf plant care tips:

Sun Light: Morning sun, afternoon shade.

Size: 6'-15' tall and wide

Soil: High quality Happy Frog potting soil should it be planted in pots. Or amended native soil with a soil conditioner.

Water: Moderate—high watering. Daily in the summer.

Fertilizer: It doesn't want too much fertilizer and you don't want to use any chemical based fertilizer. Organic is less likely to burn the soft foliage. Liquid organic fertilizer like our Fame (2-2-1) would be best used every 2-4 weeks during the growing season!



Rillito Nursery & Garden Center has been serving Tucson since 1994. We are a family owned and operated business striving to provide the ultimate nursery experience and customer service. We supply the healthiest plants and highest quality garden necessities. Spread out over three acres, we supply a wide arrangement of annuals, shade plants, desert plants, roses, citrus, trees and shrubs.

Recipe from the garden: Strawberry banana yogurt popsicles

This recipe comes from sungrownkitchen.com

Ingredients:

2 cups strawberries

1 banana

1/2 cup plain yogurt (or zero sugar vanilla)

1 tablespoon honey

Directions:

1. Slice off strawberry tops and slice them in half.
2. Add all ingredients and blend until smooth.
3. Pour into any desired popsicles molds and freeze for at least 6 hours or overnight.

Notes:

You can sub out any fruit, or add peach, mango, melon, plum etc to fit your desired flavor.

Can be blended with a little ice and served as a smoothie instead.

You can use more or less honey and adjust to desired sweetness.

If using flavored yogurt instead of plain, you may want to adjust honey amounts so it doesn't end up overly sweet.

