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October Garden Tips

- Plant your Fall Vegetable crop now; such as broccoli, kale, chard, cauliflower, garlic, cabbage, spinach and lettuce.
- Plant winter annuals for a splash of color; such as pansies, primroses, viola's, stock, snapdragons, Chrysanthemums and Iceland poppy.
- Buy your bulbs now. Remember tulips and hyacinths require an 8 week chill in the fridge.
- Forcing bulbs for an indoor display is a fun thing to do. Paperwhites in a low bowl with either sand or

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Garden Happenings

Welcome all to my new format. I will be sending an e-newsletter monthly replacing my bi-yearly newsletter by mail.

It is greener but still filled with all my informative gardening tips for you to read and photos of some exciting projects I would love to share.

In the last year several of my clients have taken out their water-thirsty, chemical-hungry lawns and have done either a meadow grass look or a dry creek bed using plants that require lower amounts of water. Some have even utilized their counties rebate to offset some of the expense.



This is an example of what used to be a vast lawn area. I created a small scale

pebbles done now will be a fragrant, white display in 6 weeks.

- Try growing onion seeds now for an even greater selection of varieties.....they need a rich, well drained soil for a winter into spring crop.
- Planting trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers in the fall ensures some strong root growth with winter rains and some healthy plants by next spring.
- Also by selecting fall color trees this month; you get to select the exact fall color for your taste and design.
- Dividing crowded perennials will help produce healthier plants before winter rains.
- Feed your azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias with a fertilizer, ratio 0-10-10, for bigger blooms in winter/spring.

Need a garden tune-up, pruning or other work? I'm here to help so feel free to contact me at Imeikle@comcast.net. Also please share this newsletter with friends that may need help or advise for their garden or who would appreciate the tips.

waterfall that transitions into a dry creek bed, with plantings that attract birds. The homeowner now enjoys sitting on the patio and taking in the sights and sounds of a naturalistic setting



This shows a rock vignette with Buddha in a sea of carex for a meadow look that does not need to be mowed and requires very little water compared to her previous lawn.

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