



Adding Artful Beauty
and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



Around the Garden

Hello and welcome to the fall.

The heat of summer seems behind us now and the days here have cooled down considerably. This is a fabulous time to plant as the soil is still warm and with some rain around the corner (hopefully) new plantings will have good deep root growth and be ready to shine next spring!

The fall is also a good time to select your deciduous trees in all their fall

glory, such as Japanese Maples, Chinese Pistache, Redbuds and Ginkgo's, to name just a few.

Winter annuals are available now in your local nurseries so if you want a splash of fresh color in the garden take a look over the garden tips and see what are the best choices for sun and/or shade.

This month's video focuses on reducing or eliminating a water thirsty lawn. Lawns are not only water intensive, maintaining a lawn usually requires chemicals, fertilizers and regular mowing. Replacing a lawn with low water plants, a dry creek bed with some interesting boulders or even a meadow feel with some low water lawn substitutes such as carex pansa or a fescue blend for those that still want to see a patch of green!



Enjoy the fall gardening season and please feel free to call with any questions or needed updates.



October & November

- Plant your fall vegetable crop now; such as Broccoli, Kale, Chard, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Radishes, Cabbage, Sugar Snap Peas, Snow Peas, Spinach and Lettuce. You can start Carrots, Beets and Onions from seed.
- Try growing Onion, Garlic or Shallots from sets now from your local nursery.....they need a rich, well drained soil for a winter into spring crop. Dr Oz just mentioned this week how good onions are for us to eat, cooked or raw!
- Plant winter annuals for a splash of color; such as Pansies, Primroses, Stock, Snapdragons, Cyclamen and Iceland Poppy.
- Buy your bulbs now for a fabulous spring display. Remember Tulips and Hyacinths require a 6-8 week chill in the fridge for best production.
- Forcing bulbs for an indoor display is a fun thing to do. Paperwhites in a low bowl with either sand or pebbles done now will be a fragrant, white display in 6 weeks.
- Planting trees, shrubs, perennials



Video Tip

Lawn Replacements

This month's video covers transforming water hungry yards into a beautiful low-water landscape.

November Tips

- Prune top heavy trees this month to reduce wind resistance.
- Plant bare root fruits this month like Berries, Artichoke, Asparagus and Strawberries..
- Fertilize fruit and nut trees with ammonium phosphate.
- Apply winter lawn food now with a fertilizer ratio close to 20-6-7.
- Feed your Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Camellias again with a fertilizer, ratio 0-10-10 and top-dress with forest mulch.
- Force a second batch of indoor bulbs, such as paper whites or hyacinths for a continual display in your home for the holidays.
- Apply your 1st dormant spray to fruit trees and roses with a lime, sulfur and oil spray. Only apricot trees cannot take sulfur only copper. Clean all debris under plants to avoid spread of any disease.
- Feed Citrus well this month. A healthy well-watered plant resists any frost damage.....
- If a frost is approaching spray with a product called Cloud Cover on Citrus, Ferns, Fuchsia's and Bougainvillea to help protect from cold nights.

and ground covers in the fall ensures strong root growth and healthy plants by 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.
- Feed your lawn monthly with a fall/winter fertilizer.

- If you haven't already, plant bulbs now for a stunning display in the spring.
- Camellia Sasanqua's are in bloom this month, select one for a morning sun afternoon shade location.

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