



Adding Artful Beauty
and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



Around the Garden



Before with hedge



No hedge with small pots



No hedge with larger pots

Happy fall to all my clients who like to follow the season's with me. I appreciate all your comments and feedback.

We have had some amazing warm weather lately. This time of year is a great time to plant. Trees, shrubs, perennials and the cool weather annuals are now in the nurseries. Winter vegetables can also be started now, see the following list below. When selecting a deciduous tree for its fall display, this month is the time to take a walk and look around to see what you would love in your yard. Fall trees are in their full glory very shortly!

I wanted to share an update to a client's yard I have just completed and will focus specifically on the front porch.

This is a cute home that is bright and cheery. The client loves Hawaii so the plantings have a tropical feel. The existing large hedge blocks the arches, a lovely feature I wanted to show off.

With the hedge gone, the existing pots were not the right scale. They did not all match and did nothing to accentuate the tropical feel we were going for.

Using the homeowners existing welcome plaque for color inspiration, I selected some large glazed blue pots to tie in the color and play off the sunny yellow home. Now it makes a statement and frames a welcoming seating area. The clients very pleased with the new look for their front porch.

Don't miss the updated video about creating layers in the garden. There are some good tips and hopefully you can look around with a new perspective to see what interest can be added in your own spaces. I have added some extra pictures at the end of the video that illustrate the concept of levels. Please feel free to call me for any help I can offer.

Enjoy this fabulous season!



August and September Garden Tips

October To Do

- Plant your fall vegetable crop now; such as Broccoli, Kale, Chard, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Spinach and Lettuce.
- Now is a good time to get your root vegetables established and there are many varieties of seed packets for Carrots, Beets, Onions, etc.
- 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



Video Tip

Adding Layers to your Garden

In this month's video, I share with you a previous video of how to add layers to the garden.

November To Do

- Prune top heavy trees this month to reduce wind resistance.
- Plant your fall/winter crop of vegetables this month – Cauliflower, Cabbage, Broccoli, Lettuce, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Celery, and Peas: English, Sugar Snap and Snow Peas and Radishes.
- Plant bare root onions and garlic starts this month.
- Fertilize fruit and nut trees with

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.
- 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!
- Planting trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers in the fall ensures some strong root growth with winter rains.
- 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.



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ammonium phosphate.

- Bare root fruit and vegetables are available in nurseries this month; such as Berries, Artichoke, Asparagus and Strawberries.
- 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.
- Plant winter annuals for a splash of color; such as Pansies, Primroses, Stock, Snapdragons, Cyclamen and Iceland Poppy.
- 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.
- Plant bulbs now for a stunning display in the spring.
- Tulips, Daffodils, Crocus, Alliums, Fritillaria and Hyacinths are only a few choices.
- Camellia sasanqua's are in bloom this month, select one for a morning sun afternoon shade location.

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