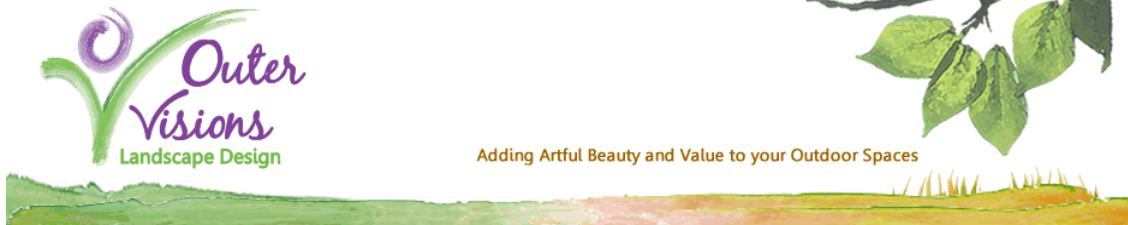


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Around The Garden Fall Newsletter

Welcome to another newsletter. I hope you are enjoying this lovely fall season. I am loving the color this season. The Japanese Maples are truly spectacular as are the Chinese Pistache trees and Crape Myrtles! I sometimes have to stop my car, while driving around from job to job, to snap a picture to try to capture all the beauty.

Some summer blooming plants are heading into dormancy much like the trees so pruning may be needed to keep them in check. Others such as Camellias are enjoying their blooming season now, so it would be a great time to select these at the nursery, to see exactly what colors you are purchasing.



Please check out my video, as I talk about what can be planted now for your winter vegetable garden. We have a very good selection here in Northern California. Your family can enjoy your home grown lettuces, swiss chard, beets, onions, garlic, sugar snap peas and much more throughout the fall and winter months.

Also ready this season are the citrus, for those that have planted oranges, lemons, satsuma mandarins etc. This photo is a small area between 2 buildings where I planted these 3 citrus trees and the harvest is so tasty!! There is nothing like eating your own home grown fresh picked harvest. Nothing!



Coming up in January and February is the time to do a hard pruning on many plants ready for the flush of new spring growth. Some plants are better to wait till all danger of frost is past, as the new growth can be susceptible to the cold, but roses could be hard pruned any time in this season. If you would like me to come in with a few crew to help you with this project, please give me a

call or email me and I can arrange this for you.

If you are lucky enough to have some of the Australian plants that are starting their bloom time now, such as Grevilleas or Correa, they are about to be the stars of your winter gardens. The Hummingbirds will be very happy you have these also!



I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season coming up and a joyful Thanksgiving with family and friends gathered around whatever table you have gathered. Enjoy the season!



We are so lucky here in northern California that we can enjoy home grown vegetables throughout the year. In this video, I give you how-to tips for a bountiful fall / winter garden. Click on the image to play the video.

-Lynda

November Tips and To Do's

- 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 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, such as 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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December Garden Tips and To Do's

- Apply a second application of dormant spray to your fruit trees and roses.
- On these cold nights, make sure plants are well watered, especially the ones under the eaves, that don't get any rain all season. Plants that are too dry are susceptible to more cold damage.
- Spray frost tender plants, such as Citrus, Ferns, Cymbidium Orchids and Bougainvillea with a solution called 'Cloud Cover' purchased at any nursery or hardware store. If very chilly nights, you can also cover your tenders with a breathable landscape fabric for added protection.
- Prune any dormant trees now if not done so already.
- Also now is a great time to transplant any trees or shrubs that are dormant. Doing it now will ensure the greatest success with a minimum amount of transplant shock.
- Clean up under your shrubs and trees, dead leaves can harbor over-wintering insects and/or diseases.
- Bring some color to your garden beds and/or pots this month by adding annuals. Cyclamen, Primroses, Pansy's and Viola's, Iceland Poppies and

Stock make a nice splash of color now.

- Feed your lawns again with a winter food and a crabgrass control if any signs of this invasive weed.
- If you enjoy growing vegetables, the cool season crop can be fun. There is Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Celery, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Peas, Radishes, Spinach, Turnips and Swiss chard.

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