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I hope everyone is having a great summer. It certainly has been a crazy transition from a lot of rain earlier in the year to jumping into extremely hot days, over 100 degrees! Not ideal for planting a garden.

TRANSFORMATION

My Fremont clients were planning a graduation party for their daughter, so I coordinated the team to transform the yard in time for the event.

These before and after images show the dramatic changes we were able to accomplish. A big thanks to Erik Morales with Las Palmas Landscapes, an awesome part of the team. Also thanks to Craig Dietter, for his amazing three armed pondless water feature, the star of the new backyard.

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If you are growing your own produce at home, you will be harvesting tomatoes, beans, peppers, cucumbers, and zucchini to name just a few. There is nothing more enjoyable than planting, tending to, and picking fresh vegetables, fruits, citrus, and herbs straight from your own organic garden beds. I would love to help you get your own veggie patch started.

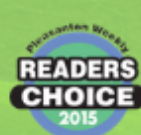
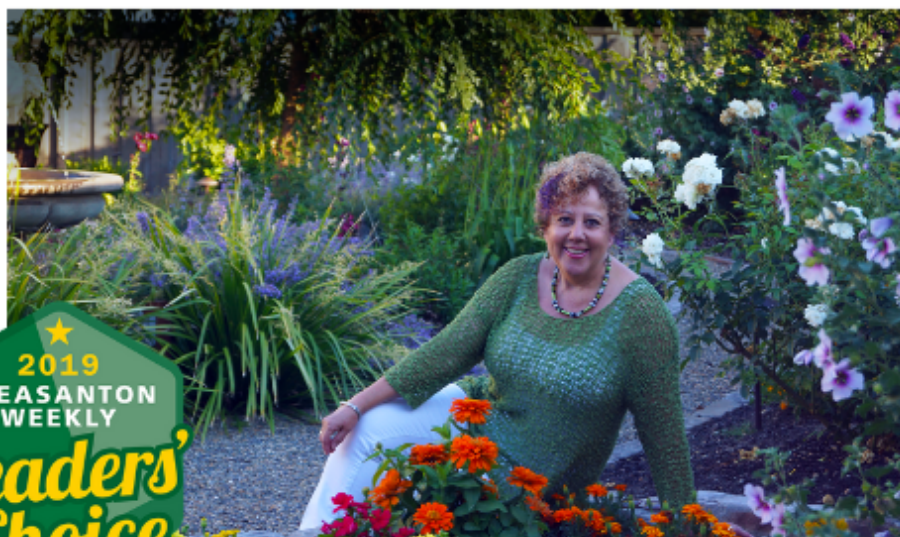


Lastly but certainly not least, I wish to thank all of you out there that voted for Outer Visions in this year's Readers Choice for Best Landscaping Service in the Pleasanton Weekly.

Thank You!

for Voting Outer Visions Landscape Design
Best Landscaping Service for the 5th year in a row!

We love creating outdoor spaces that add
beauty and value to your home and are
grateful for your vote of confidence.



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Winning 5 years in a row, puts me in the **Hall of Fame** for next year! I so appreciate your votes. Your trust in me to update and enhance your outdoor spaces means the world to me. I am thrilled to be your Landscape Designer.

Keep up the watering, a deep soak a few times a week, is better than little and often, with our clay soil.

Have a lovely summer. Enjoy your gardens, the pools, waterfalls, firepits, gazebos, whatever it is you have to relax in and happy gardening!

Your Garden Coach,

Lynda

July Tips and To Do's

- Pruning Annuals and Perennials by dead heading, pinching off the spent blooms, keeps new blooms coming all season. Fertilizing will also keep the blooms coming.
- Plant some heat-loving annuals for a splash of color in the hot days of summer. Zinnias look their best in temperatures over 90 degrees and will bloom until late September, longer if we have our Indian Summers. Annual Verbena is also a great choice, coming in good deep saturated colors.
- Feed Citrus with citrus food and chelated iron if the leaves are yellowing.
- Control budworm with BT caterpillar killer, as it's safe in the vegetable garden.
- Keep up the vegetable production with a good organic food
- Pick vegetables while they are young. This will give you tender vegetables and keep the flowers and production high throughout the summer months.
- Deep root water and fertilize your roses this month.
- Mulch, Mulch, Mulch. Add a 3"-4" layer of micro bark to your gardens, being careful not to put right up to the roots of existing plants, as they need to breathe. This helps on weed prevention, helps keep the water in as we heat up in the summer months and eventually will break down and help build up a good soil texture. Every few years just replenish the mulch and very soon you will have great soil in which to plant.

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August Tips and To Do's

- Apply "Cloud Cover" to Japanese Maples for protection if they are burning up due to hot drying winds and afternoon sun.
- Start feeding Azaleas/Rhododendrons and Camellias with a 0-10-10 fertilizer to stimulate bud set and root growth.
- Plant seeds for Sweet Peas now, you'll get a nice bouquet of flowers for the fall.
- Feed Fuchsia's w/a 0-10-10 fertilizer and prune to shape if needed.
- Fertilize all your indoor houseplants this month. If you bring some outside for a little "vacation" make sure they are in a shady spot, no afternoon sun!!
- Deep water and fertilize fruit and shade trees.
- Fertilize your Roses. 1 "recipe" is ½ cup 12-12-12 fertilizer, 1/2 cup bone meal, 1/2 cup sulfur, 2 tbs Epsom salts and a sprinkle of chicken fertilizer.
- Deadhead fading blooms in general, this keeps the plants in bloom longer.
- If you plan on a cool-season Vegetable garden, you can start germinating seeds, such as lettuce, peas, radishes, carrots.
- Crape Myrtle trees should be in their full glory now, a great time to select your favorites. They come in varying shades of pinks/purples/white and reds and bloom summer through the fall season.

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