

THE FRONT YARD NURSERY NEWSLETTER

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From *Alice in Wonderland* Alice: But I'm not a flower!

Snap-dragon: Aha! Just as I suspected! She's nothing but a common **mobile vulgaris!**

Alice: A common what? Snap-dragon: To put it bluntly: a weed!



FALL GARDEN CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

- Lawn repair: rough up bare spots with a rake, scratch in grass seed, cover with mulch, and keep moist.
- Prune berry bushes to the ground when they finish fruiting. Train up new canes.
- Plant snapdragons, pansies, peas, lettuce, cole crops, and root crops.
- Visit our Nursery for spring blooming bulbs. Dig up and divide overgrown clumps of spring flowering bulbs. Amend your soil (mix in compost), add bulb food, then replant.
- Divide and plant perennials. Add bone meal or starter fertilizer and compost to the soil before replanting.
- Fertilize fruit trees with 16-16-16, or G&B Organic Fruit Tree fertilizer before leaf drop (early fall growth will have time to harden off before it gets cold). Visit us for our free fertilizer handout.
- Give annuals and roses a last shot of fertilizer. Gardner & Bloome Rose & Flower Food is great.
- Now is the time to control your *Poa Annuua* (Annual Bluegrass) and other weeds in your lawn. Apply a pre-emergent. See us for organic or synthetic solutions.
- Reserve bareroot fruit & nut trees. Stop by for a list of what we will be carrying or visit our website.
- Sept. 6 (Mon.) Closed in honor of Labor Day.
- Sept. 14 – Oct. 4: 20% OFF SALE! All plants in stock, 1 gallon or larger (does not include special orders or items already discounted).**
- Sept. 11 (Sat.) & 13 (Mon.) 9:00 – 11:00**
- Sept. 25 (Sat.) & 27 (Mon.) 10:00 – 12:00**
- FALL VEGGIE GARDENING: Learn how to prep, plant, and care for your fall/winter garden. It is easier than a summer garden!**
- Sept. 11 TOMATO TASTING after the seminar (11th only). Bring in your summer tomatoes and try others'.**



- Divide and plant hardy perennials.
- Apply iron to azaleas, rhododendrons, gardenias, camellias, citrus and conifers.
- Fertilize spring blooming shrubs, perennials, trees and bulbs with super phosphate, bone meal, 0-10-10, or Gardner & Bloome organic for more abundant spring flowers.
- Plant pansies, mums, spinach, lettuce, chard, root crops, cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts and sugar peas.
- Take advantage of the cooler weather and rains by planting shrubs and trees. The next couple of months are ideal for any transplanting needs, especially natives.
- Protect citrus from winter frost. Stop by for a free handout on winter care of citrus.
- Oct. 10 (Sun): PUMPKIN AND SQUASH CONTEST.** See our website for details. It's not too late to enter, several categories and age groups. Or just come and watch; winners will be announced at 1:00 with free popcorn, hot dogs, and lemonade for everyone. Free apple tasting too!
- Oct. 21 (Thurs.) thru Oct. 25 (Mon.): WHOLESALE WEEKEND.** You will receive your invitation in the mail. The invitation is your coupon. Bring in the coupon to receive your discount off all plant material. Subject to stock on hand. Does not include special orders or items already discounted.

NOVEMBER

- Shop for plants with fall color. See us for ideas.
- Sow wild flower seeds for spring and summer bloom. We have seed in packets, or ¼ - 1 lb bags.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs. Fertilize with bulb food.
- Reserve bareroot fruit & nut trees.
- Aerate, renovate, reseed and fertilize lawns before the weather gets too cold.

OCTOBER



- Knock down basins around trees so rain will drain off.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs. Be sure to use bulb food or bone meal and amend the soil.
- Transplant trees, shrubs, and perennials. Amend the soil before planting and add starter fertilizer or bone meal.
- Start indoor amaryllis (mid month begin forcing bulbs to give as holiday gifts).
- Rake leaves and recycle to your compost pile.
- Plant garlic and onion sets. Use starter fertilizer or vegetable food. See us for a handout.
- Flush drip-irrigation systems with water to clear sediment, then drain the lines to avoid winter freezing and breakage. Drain garden hoses and disconnect from faucet.
- After leaf drop, apply first dormant spray (oil and copper).
- Mid Nov: Bareroot raspberry, boysenberry, blackberry, rhubarb, and asparagus available. Shop early for best selection.
- Nov. 25, Thurs: Closed Thanksgiving Day. Happy Holiday!

