

# THE FRONT YARD NURSERY NEWSLETTER

## A PUBLICATION FOR HARD PAN GARDENERS

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# FALL 2017

"Gardening is cheaper than therapy, and you get tomatoes!"



## FALL GARDEN CALENDAR

G&B = Gardner & Bloome

SBC = Soil Building Conditioner

### SEPTEMBER

- Lawn repair: rough up bare spots with a rake, scratch in grass seed, cover with mulch, and keep moist.
- Prune old berry vines to the ground when they finish fruiting. Train up new canes.
- Visit our Nursery for spring blooming bulbs. Dig up and divide overgrown clumps of spring flowering bulbs. Amend the soil (with compost), add bulb food, & replant.
- Plant snapdragons, pansies, peas, lettuce, cole crops, and root crops.
- 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. G&B Rose & Flower Food is great.
- Now is the time to control your *Poa Annuua* (Annual Bluegrass) and other weeds. 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 4 Labor Day (Mon)** – Closed for the holiday.
- Sept. 12 – Oct.2: 20% OFF SALE!** All plants in stock, 1 gallon or larger (does not include special orders or items already discounted). **AND Buy 3, get 1 FREE on 3cf bales of G&B Soil Building Conditioner (SBC)**
- Sept. 16 (Sat.) & 18 (Mon.): FALL VEGGIE GARDENING SEMINAR** 10am – Noon: Learn how to prep, plant, and care for your fall/winter garden. It is easier than a summer garden!
- Sept. 30 (Sat.) & Oct 2(Mon.): Bonsai Seminar** 10am – Noon. Learn how to start bonsai plants, including pruning and wiring. Take home your very own! \$10 material fee if you want to make one. Free if you just want to watch.



### OCTOBER

- 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.
- Aerate, renovate, reseed and fertilize lawns before the cold weather.



- Fertilize spring blooming shrubs, perennials, trees and bulbs with super phosphate, bone meal, or fish bone meal.
- Plant pansies, mums, spinach, lettuce, chard, root crops, cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and snow peas.
- Take advantage of the cooler weather and rains by planting shrubs and trees this fall. Cooler air temps and warm ground 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. 8: Fall Festival.

See page 7 for details..

You can play games, have fun in the Bounce House, and meet the Balloon Lady!

#### -Oct. 26 (Thurs.) thru Oct. 30 (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

- Knock down basins around trees so rain will drain off.
- Plant spring blooming bulbs. Be sure to use bulb food .
- 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, remove nozzles, disconnect from faucet.
- After leaf drop, apply first dormant spray (dormant oil and copper). Come in for our handouts and supplies.
- Bring your battery operated timers indoors to protect them from freezing and cracking.
- Nov 1: Last day to book Special Order Fruit Trees (SOFT)**
- Mid Nov: Bareroot boysenberry, blackberry, rhubarb, and asparagus available. Shop early for best selection.
- Nov. 23, Thurs: Closed Thanksgiving Day. Happy holiday!

