



On every stem, on every leaf,... and at the root of everything that grew, was a professional specialist in the shape of grub, caterpillar, aphid, or other expert, whose business it was to devour that particular part.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

July in the Garden

Keep them blooming

“Deadheading” (removing) old blooms will encourage annuals and perennials to bloom over a longer period of time. Removing spent blossoms keeps most plants from going to seed and encourages a more continuous bloom. A top dressing of fertilizer such as **Dr. Earth Rose and Flower** will also keep them blooming

Keep on planting...

Many vegetables and flowers can be seeded again to extend the harvest season. Midsummer plantings of beans, basil, carrots, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower will extend your season.

Keep the labels Start a gardening binder where you keep photos, plant labels, and notes. It's amazing how handy this tool is at later dates when you can't remember the name of the plant or how it performed in your garden.

Late Blight, Early Blight

No matter which fungus it is, it still can wipe out a tomato plant quicker than you can say it. Potatoes and tomatoes are affected by this fast growing blight. One day you have a beautiful healthy plant and the next day

it is dying. The foliage turns brown and can rapidly overtake the plant. It is not easy to control. Avoid overhead watering and spray with sulfur or copper fungicides every week as a preventative measure.

Keep an eye out for aphids on the tender new growth of your trees and shrubs. They can quickly take over and distort and ruin the foliage. We have been using Monterey's Take Down Insecticide around the nursery. It is made from Canola Oil and Pyrethrin Daisies and is very effective.

Don't stress your fruit trees for water. Start watering them at least once per week on the coast and twice inland.

Hydrangeas are in bloom and looking gorgeous right now. If you need to prune or want to bring in cut flowers, this is the time. Up until August you take long stem cuttings of the blooms, after that just remove the flower heads. This will ensure they flower for you again next year.

Workshops

Growing Carnivorous Plants Workshop

**We will be closed July 4th
Have a Happy Fourth of July!**

Saturday July 10th at 11:00 a.m.
Workshop Fee: \$5.00

Rhiannon of Raccoon Ridge Carnivorous Plants will be giving a talk on Carnivorous plants at 11:00 a.m. There is a workshop fee of \$5.00, but she will be giving each attendee a free baby carnivorous plant. Please stop by or give us a call to sign up.

Ponds 101 With Mary

Saturday July 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Creating a pond can be a daunting task. This workshop will cover what you need to get started with your first pond.

Making Lavender Wands With Mary

Saturday July 24th at 10:00 a.m.

This is a hands on workshop where you will learn how to make your own fragrant lavender wands. They are pretty and can be stashed anywhere that you would like the fresh lavender fragrance. We will also cover the different varieties of lavender and how to grow them.

Drip Irrigation Workshop with Yvonne

Saturday July 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to put together a drip irrigation system. Yvonne will talk about all the parts and how and when they are used.

Space is limited so pre-paid registration is STRONGLY recommended. To pay to reserve your spot, come in or call us at (707) 839-1571 Walk-ins will be allowed ONLY if space is available.

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