

GARDEN ACCENTS

Clippings

FALL/WINTER 2007

Gardening by the Moon

by Sheri Sinni

I love sitting in our living room, sipping a glass of wine, and watching the Moon move across the sky, because it is so peaceful and tranquil. If you look hard enough at the Moon, the reason for the saying "The Man in the Moon" becomes obvious - the Moon does have a face.

Did you know the Moon influences more than the ocean tides? Many scientists insist that the myth that a full Moon effects the behavior of humans, animals and plants is a bunch of baloney. But police, bartenders and doctors will tell you otherwise.

According to a National Geographic news article more gardeners today are turning to the Moon for advice on the best time to plant, prune, weed, and harvest. This practice, known as Moon or lunar gardening, centers on the Moon's gravitational effect on the flow of moisture in soil and plants.

Gardening by the Moon is as old as time. Long before man and woman ever had a watch on their wrist or a calendar on their refrigerator, everything was governed by the phases of the Moon.

For example, the best time to turn over garden soil is during the last quarter of the Moon, because that's when the water table has dropped to its lowest point. This means there is less moisture in the soil.

Taking your back into consideration, it is easier to turn soil over when there is less moisture in it.

The Moon moves through a complete cycle ever 29 days. For Moon gardening purposes, this cycle is divided into four quarters.

New Moon
First Quarter
Full Moon
3rd Quarter

I always enjoy reading The Old Farmer's Almanac, which has charts and guides to outdoor planting by the Moon.

Fall is an excellent time to plant perennials.

They have all Winter to establish a healthy root system for next Spring. Stop by Garden Accents and see our assortment of perennials.

If you have any suggestions for upcoming classes, please e-mail Robert or me at sheri@grassfarminc.com, robert@grassfarminc.com

Until next time — happy gardening and be safe.

Special Events Calendar

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 7 12 Noon – 2:00pm
In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pets to Garden Accents and have them blessed by Franciscan Father Gavin of St. Francis Retreat. For \$2.00, you can buy a hot dog, chips and soda — profits will be donated to Friends of San Martin Animal Shelter (FOSMAS).

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Selecting a Contractor with Peter Gluhaich

Saturday October 13 10:30 to 11:30am
Learn about : Steps in hiring, how they operate, and how to work with your landscaper. Plus more! Peter Gluhaich is the owner of award-winning Greenstreak Landscaping Inc.

Halloween Trick or Treat

Saturday October 27 Noon - 5:00pm
Garden Accents welcomes all spooky little creatures! Come in costume and trick or treat!

Landscape Lighting Demo with Jeff Calhoun

Wednesday November 7 4:30 to 6:00pm
See beautiful lighting displays done by Jeff Calhoun of F/X Lighting using the gardens of Garden Accents.

Garden Accents presents

The 3rd Annual Holiday Party Extravaganza!

Saturday November 17 6:00 to 8:00pm
Join us as we kick off this Holiday season with a little food, wine and music. Win door prizes and participate in a special gift card drawing!

Garden Accents **Winter Store Hours** will change on Monday, October 1.

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Mara's Delicious Double-Layer Pumpkin Pie

- 4 oz Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 1 cup + 1 tbsp Milk
- 1 tbsp Sugar
- 1 tub (8oz) Cool Whip - divided
- 1 Honey Maid Pie Crust (6oz)
- 1 can (15oz) Pumpkin
- 2 pkg (4 serving size each) Jello Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- ½ tsp Ground ginger
- ¼ tsp Cloves

Mix cream cheese, 1 TBSP milk and sugar in a large bowl until well blended. Gently fold half of the whipped topping into the cream cheese mix. Spread onto crust. Pour 1 Cup milk into large bowl. Add pumpkin and dry pudding mixes and spices. Beat with whisk until well blended. The mixture will be thick. Spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate 4 hours. Makes 10 servings.

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Breaking News from Pottery Land

by JoAnn Lubick

At Garden Accents, we are often asked the correct method of transplanting from a nursery pot into a decorative container. There are currently 2 schools of thought on the process. One way is to fill the whole pot with potting soil. The theory behind this is that the top 1/3 of the soil will be dry, the bottom 1/3 too wet, leaving the middle 1/3 of the soil ideal for root systems. All well and good, but personally, I prefer the second planting method of filling the bottom of the pot with drainage material. What follows is my recommendation for transplanting into a pot.

JoAnn's Pot Planting Method

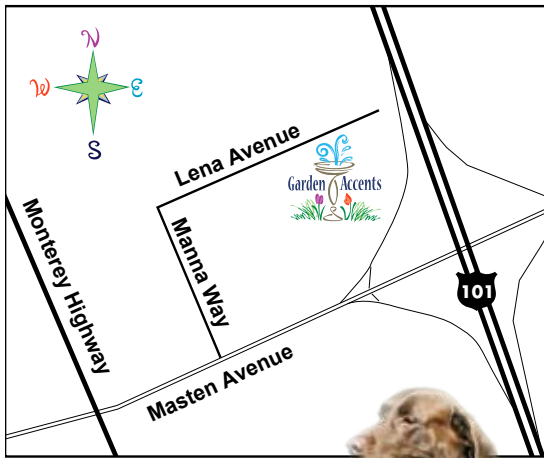
- 1** Line the bottom of the pot with either landscape cloth or an old rag. This keeps the dirt in but lets the water drain out.
- 2** Determine the depth of soil you will need (trees need more root space than bedding plants).
- 3** Fill the bottom of the pot with stuff. Remember in the old days when we were told to use pottery shards and rocks? I use plastic water bottles, Styrofoam, egg cartons or glass bottles – anything that does not easily decompose. Next, fill your pot with soil and then water the soil well (you may have to add more soil).
- 4** As you transplant, do not bury the plant past the existing soil line. Your final step is to water your new plants and watch them grow. To ensure proper drainage, and to minimize the staining of your surface under the decorative pot, raise your pot either with pot feet or pavers so the run off from the pot can air dry. This also allows better air circulation to the roots. If you like to use a saucer under your pots, I recommend using one of our "Down Under Plant Stand®" to prevent water damage and to allow airflow under your saucer.

Halloween



Frances Felice and
her husband— the
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Water Fall and Pond

by Caitlin Tetherow

Caitlin Tetherow
 is a student at
 Nordstrom School.
 She is nine years old.



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