



Through the Garden Window



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Cool Season Color

The wintertime landscape can be so drab. We do get a shot of color during the fall with the changing hues of the deciduous trees. My favorites are the lemon yellow to gold hues of the white birch trees.

I have a small grove of some just outside my bedroom window and the peace and tranquility they bring to me is immeasurable. After they drop their leaves, the dark of the smaller branches contrast with the papery white bark flecked with black on the trunk and larger branches. Add a bird feeder, and you are in business with lots of interesting and colorful birds to look at all winter.



Some other wonderful trees for color are the Chinese Pistache, and Liquid Amber trees that can give you lots of red-oranges with the right varieties.

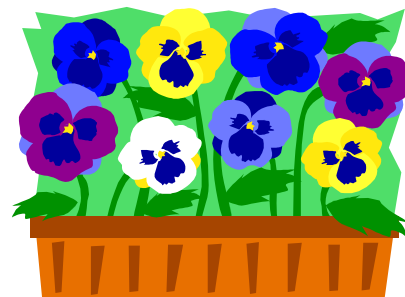
A great shot of color in the winter comes in the form of berries. Several plants come to mind for colorful berries that work well both in the High Desert and down below in the Inland Empire.

The most dependable and trouble free plants are pyracantha (or firethorn), barberry, beautyberry, toyon, cotoneaster and heavenly bamboo (nandina) are good

plants for winter berries as well.

Persimmon and pomegranate trees are great for fall foliage and colorful fruit, when left on the tree over winter will add color and feed the birds naturally!

Add an intense splash of color with annuals in planters or pots on the patio or by the front door. The best cold weather annuals are pansies or violas (their miniature cousins) hands down whatever area you are in except perhaps the mountains. Mass one or two contrasting colors such as blue and gold or red and white for the best impact rather than planting multi-colors in one pot. Plant them in a large pot with a foundation plant like nandina and you are all set to avoid the mid winter blahs.



Need help with selecting the right plants for your home? don't waste your money doing it wrong. Do it right the first time... Call US!

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Do this now to save this spring...

I know the warm spring weekends seem so far away right now. We are just getting into the cooler weather and at first, it seems nice. Soon winds and rains will turn your yard into a weed farm!

That means you will be spending your precious hours hoeing and hoeing the weeds as they come back time and again. Or perhaps, worse yet, on your hands and knees in the rock and gravel picking them out one at a time. Time better spend enjoying life with friends and family.

Let us help you with that with our preventive weed control services. If you are one of our existing weed prevention clients, you know how much time and hassle you can save by hiring us to handle the weeds for you.

You should know that the weed prevention has to be watered in ONCE within 21 days of spraying to activate the prevention properties of the weed controls we apply. So rain is welcome in this case.

Our weed control spraying schedule is filling up fast. We are often limited to the days we can spray by the weather. We give scheduling priority to returning clients and schedule spraying prior to rain whenever possible to those returning clients first. Call us right away. The rains are coming!



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WAIT! Don't prune back perennials this winter. Some people like to tidy up the yard by pruning their perennials in the fall and winter when they start to get brown. It is best to wait to prune back most perennials, especially the ones that are marginally hardy in the spring. The old foliage will partially insulate and protect the plants during the harsh winter weather. They will come back stronger and healthier if you wait until you see new growth at the base in the spring, and then cut them back.

Up Next... Rose pruning and getting ready for the most important thing you can do for your high value plants and trees.

My Favorite Recipes

Onion Soup



Quick, Yummy and Easy!

Ingredients

6 Yellow onions thinly sliced
½ cup butter
2 10 oz cans condensed beef broth
8 oz water
8 oz white wine
6 slices toasted French bread
¾ cup grated Swiss or Gruyere Cheese

Directions

Sauté onions in butter on low heat until lightly browned. Add broth, water and wine. Simmer until onions are tender. Soon soup into earthen ware or oven proof bowls. Top each bowl with toasted French bread that has been cut to fit top of bowl. Sprinkle with the grated cheese and broil until cheese has melted and is golden brown. Serve and enjoy! Serves 6.

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your garden problems!**

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