



APRIL 2011

Palm Damage Control

If your palms were damaged during this winter's hard freeze, here's how to make them look and feel better.

Cut off all brown showing on the fronds. Leave anything that is green or yellow, so it will keep producing chlorophyll. Palms require specific elements for health, so feed with **Carl Pool**, **NutriStar** or **Espoma** palm food.

After new growth emerges in a month or two, you may remove any unsightly yellow or pale green fronds.

Easter Sunday is April 24.

*Don't forget to pick up
Easter Lilies and Easter table
décor at Schulz Nursery on
Broadway and in Marion.*

Our Broadway store will be open
from 11 to 4 on Easter.

Care for potted Easter Lilies indoors:
Keep them cool and away from direct
sunlight. Keep soil moist and allow the
pot to drain thoroughly after watering.



Photo by David Morris

Have a Tropical Paradise at Home ...

By Kristy Hoffman



Most tropical plants are heat tolerant and some are drought hardy. They're perfect for our summers.

Bougainvillea: Among the most beautiful flowering vines, bougainvillea is tough and comes in a wide range of colors. It is superb in containers – cut back shoots to 18-20 inches for best bloom. Likes it hot and dry.

Hibiscus: With flowers up to 6 inches in diameter in a rainbow of colors, hibiscus can reach as high as 15 feet but is usually in the 5-6-foot range. Lots of sun!

Plumeria: Also known as frangipani, the white blooms of plumeria provide a rich perfume. This small tree grows fast if its needs are met for regular feeding, watering and at least a half day of sun. It likes to have its feet in the shade and head in the sun.

Mandevilla: A refined tropical evergreen vine with glossy green foliage, Mandevilla boasts large, showy, pink, trumpet-shaped flowers from spring through fall. Provide full to partial sunlight and water regularly.

Ixora (jungle geranium): This bushy, rounded shrub produces showy clusters of flowers in a variety of colors and



Hibiscus has brilliant 6-inch-diameter flowers.

Photo by Texas AgriLife Extension

may grow to 8 feet. It needs full sun and rich soil. A nice flowering hedge or grow in containers.

Banana: Broad, graceful leaves and rapid growth make bananas a hit. Plant 2-3 feet apart for a "mini jungle" effect in deep, well-drained soil. After a frost-free winter, they may produce fruit!

Kristy Hoffman is the store manager at Schulz Nursery in Marion. She'll be glad to assist in selecting tropical and other landscape plants for your garden.

... Split-leaf Philodendron Sets the Right Mood

By Peter Garza



Let's pretend we're in the Tropics – split-leaf philodendron, or selloum, will take us there. This bold, beautiful, tropical plant is a favorite in San Antonio-area gardens. Grown for its ornamental foliage, it can be planted in the ground outdoors as a specimen or in a large container, or grown indoors as a house plant. It is native to tropical America and to the West Indies.

In our area, split-leaf philodendron can easily grow to 10 feet with deeply lobed leaves up to 2 feet long. Choose a location that gives it plenty of room, since philodendrons are not fond of being pruned. It does best in rich, moist, well-drained soil that includes plenty of organic material, although it will grow in any soil.

This shrub likes light shade or dappled sunlight, and it will tolerate partial sun or shade. It is drought resistant but thrives when kept evenly moist. It is an evergreen in our region during winters when there is not a hard freeze.

It makes a nice companion planting with bananas, or will serve as a lush backdrop under tall trees with caladiums and



Split-leaf philodendron grows well in light shade.

Photo by Drew Avery

impatiens in the forefront. Then all you need are the little umbrellas for the drinks.

Peter Garza is the store manager at Schulz Nursery on Broadway. Ask him about philodendron or other garden plants.

Farmers' Almanac: April Fool's Day

"In Italy, France and French-speaking areas of Canada, one popular tradition is to attempt to stick a paper fish on someone's back without their noticing. This practice is known as poisson d'avril, or 'April's fish' ..."



Aggie Horticulture: Pepper Uppers

"Red and green peppers are good sources of vitamin C, some vitamin A and small amounts of several minerals. Red peppers have more vitamin A than do green peppers. Eat them as a snack, use them to decorate food or add them to salads and casseroles."

Nature's Guide

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TOMORROW

Try these fine products, now available at Schulz Nursery. Visit us at www.natures-guide.com or on Facebook. Kid, pet and planet friendly!

Just look for the **Nature's Guide** family of products. Here are a few products to get your garden off to the start it needs. Veggies love organic!

Nature's Guide Tomato & Pepper Food 4-3-2 fertilizer



is a special blend of alfalfa, molasses, poultry litter humates and seaweed. Five strands of Bacillus and five strains of Microbes including endos and extos. Safe for all of your garden from planting to harvest.

Nature's Guide Dried Enriched Molasses 1-0-1

is a liquid molasses that is sprayed on twice to a soybean hull, then air-dried to ensure optimum biological and microbial activity is available to your plants, and it's easy to spread. Dark, rich in color, wonderful aroma. Use on all plants in your garden, flowerbeds or yard.

Nature's Guide Rock Phosphate 0-3-0 has been prilled and coated with molasses to make it readily available to plants. When putting transplants in the ground, just add a couple of tablespoons per hole. Use when planting and to top dress around established plants.

Nature's Guide Root Stimulator is a blend of Seaweed, containing 17 different minerals not found in other natural products, and Agrispin, a bio-stimulate from plant extracts that ignites dormant nitrogen. Use to soak the root base when transplanting or as a drench on existing plants.

Nature's Guide Turf Food 4-3-2

provides a simple, responsible way to naturally nourish plants with macro and micro nutrients they need to thrive. A premium formulation based on dried heat pasteurized poultry litter. Compact granules are packed with soil-building nutrients. Easy to apply with a broadcast spreader. Will not burn!



When used as directed, these products will not burn or harm beneficial insects, soil organisms, aquatic species or wildlife in your landscape.



Angelonia. Photo by Texas AgriLife Extension

Gardening Q&A

Q: I love snapdragons and heard there is something called a summer snapdragon that will grow here in summer when the snapdragons give out. Can you tell me more?
– C.T., Shavano Park

A: You're probably thinking of angelonia, also called summer snapdragon. Flowers range from white to violet to blue to purple on slender, upright stalks, and angelonia will flower well into summer, though it might take a break in the hottest part of the season. Semi-evergreen and bushy, angelonia will get 12 to 24 inches high and about 12 inches wide. It prefers full sun but will tolerate partial shade. Nice cut flowers; use in containers or in beds. Water when the soil dries out and cut it back periodically for best blooms. Deadheading isn't needed. And it's deer resistant!

E-mail your questions to help@schulznursery.net and we'll answer them in Gardener's Gazette.

Learn to Grow!

Join us for our free seminars in April:

Turf Management, with David Rodriguez, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Horticulturist and Master Gardener Coordinator for Bexar County.

**11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 9, Schulz on Broadway.
1-3 p.m. April 23, Schulz in Marion.**



By Trace Hazlett



Beneficial insects are good bugs that can help us control the bad bugs in the garden. Ladybugs and some nematodes are among gardeners' favorites for protecting plants and lawns while reducing the need for pesticides.

Beneficial nematodes live below the soil surface and can help control chinch bugs, grubs, ants, fleas, cut worms and many others. In South America, they are the natural enemy of the fire ant. They are microscopic, and beneficial nematodes will not harm plants, people or pets.

Voracious predators, they make their way through the lawn and garden looking for food. A parasite, the nematode enters an insect pest, feeds and reproduces before exiting to look for fresh



Lady beetles eat aphids and many other plant pests. Photo by Scott Bauer

prey.

Purchase beneficial nematodes based on the area you want to cover and apply as a spray during the spring after the last freeze has passed and the weather is still cool. Water in for best results.

Ladybugs, or lady beetles, are probably the most universally

Grass is Greener with Feeding, Weeding

Springtime is lawn time. It's time to fertilize the grass and kill the weeds.

For the organically minded gardener, we recommend **Garden-Ville 7-2-2 Lawn Fertilizer** or **Nature's Guide Turf Food 4-3-2**. You can supplement with iron-rich **Garden-Ville Greensand** for a healthier green. Fertilize after you have mowed twice for faster recovery from winter damage.

Increasing organic matter will help grass re-establish faster and improve the soil's capacity to hold water. Use **Soil Mender's Hu-Max Turf Soil Builder 1-1-1** or a good quality compost that is fine enough to sift down to the soil area. Spreading it 1/4- to 1/2-inch-deep over your yard will accomplish wonders.

Easy Gro Premium Lawn Food (slow-release 19-5-9), recommended by AgriLife Extension for our area and is economical. It contains 2% iron for a vibrant green.

Schulz will lend spreaders for 24 hours to customers purchasing granulated products.

Weeds in the lawn require a post-emergent weed killer. There are many to choose from.

Roundup: Non-selective herbicide kills any green-stemmed plant. Just a mist on the leaves does the job.

Green Light Wipe-Out liquid: Selective weed killer with growth regulator, it grows broadleaf weeds to death. Mow them down and wait for new leaves to emerge, then apply. The chemical will absorb into new leaves better and faster. Do not use around trees or



Healthy grass, such as this Bermuda grass, is easier to achieve if you start early in spring.

Photo by USDA-NRCS Plants Database

shrubs.

Green Light Wipe-Out granulated: Also a selective broadleaf killer, can be used around trees and shrubs and also kills nutgrass. Apply as above.

Image: Selective, designed for nutgrass and crabgrass but will kill stickers, too. It doesn't harm any turf grass.

Ortho Ground Clear: Semi-permanent herbicide. After use, nothing can grow for three to 12 months depending on rainfall. Be careful: it can move in soil. Do not apply anywhere near trees or shrubs.

Enlist Beneficial Bugs to Battle Destructive Bugs

known beneficial insect, found nearly everywhere. They are usually most successful at aphid control, but also eat mites, scales, mealybugs and a host of other soft-bodied insects. They are heavy feeders during the spring and fall, coinciding with the periods of highest aphid populations.

Buy and release ladybugs in quantities appropriate to the area you want them to protect. Water the area where you want them to stay, and release them at night.

A ladybug will eat any insect smaller than itself and many will stay in your yard as long as they find food. Better yet, if they stay long enough to reproduce, the larvae eat even more bad bugs than the adult ladybugs.

Trace Hazlett is the operations manager for Schulz Nursery. Ask him about growing beautiful, healthy lawns.



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With Soil Mender Products, growing natural is more than a fad, it's simply the best way to grow. Safe for your family and pets, our products build a strong soil foundation to grow healthy plants. Feed the soil that feeds your plants.

Soil Mender Raised Bed Mix

In 1.5 cu ft bags. Soil Mender Raised Bed Mix is a specially formulated soil for raised beds and large containers. These versatile gardens allow you to choose the soil that supports your plants.

With topsoil, composted cotton burrs, coir, expanded shale, lava sand, granite sand, basalt, humate, montmorillonite and diatomaceous earth, this is your "bed in a bag." Simply fill your raised bed or large



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Back to Earth Composted Cotton Burrs In 2 cu ft bags. Composted for a minimum of twelve weeks at 50% moisture and 130-160 degrees and inoculated with beneficial microbes makes Back to Earth Composted Cotton Burrs an ideal soil builder. By breaking down quickly to add valuable organic matter, humus and microbial life to soil, this product is unmatched in its ability to break up heavy, clay soils, add structure to sandy soils and increase moisture retention.

Soil Mender Tomato & Vegetable Food 2.5-5-5 In 3.5 lb shakers and 5 lb, 12 lb, and 30 lb bags. Tomato & Vegetable Food nourishes the soil to build stronger roots, raise healthier plants, and produce more fruit. With alfalfa meal, manure compost, rock phosphate, cottonseed meal, wormcastings, potash, granite sand, basalt, humate and more. Grow tasty tomatoes and veggies naturally!

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Organically grown herbs, fruits and vegetables are more nutritious than their chemically grown counterparts and have superior taste. Organic gardeners don't want to ingest or feed their family foods that contain chemicals from pesticides. A plant grown organically and in the proper balance will naturally repel pests and diseases.

Garden-Ville Greensand – Rich in iron (17%) and used for more than a century to amend iron-deficient, high alkaline soils. \$9.99 for 40 lbs.



Garden-Ville Manure Compost – All-purpose blend of vegetative material and manures. Ideal for conditioning the soil. A blend of stable bedding, horse manure, hay horse feed, vegetable matter and liquids. \$5.99 for 1-cubic-ft. bag.

Garden-Ville 7-2-2 Fertilizer – Not just for lawns! A wonderful tree and plant fertilizer. Premium Lawn Fertilizer 7-2-2 is a time-tested formulation with Houactinate, bat guano, urea, feather meal, K-Mag, molasses, humate and other natural ingredients. \$19.99 for 40 lbs.

Garden-Ville Living Mulch – A blend of well-made compost and native tree trimmings for extra beneficial microbes and nutrients to feed and mulch plants at the same time. \$3.99 for 2-cubic-ft. bag.

Garden-Ville Potting Soil – Evolved over 30 years of use by many growers, each making suggestions for how to make it drain better, last longer, cost less, grow better, useful for a broad variety of plants. Contains peat moss, coir, rice hulls, compost, iron-rich red sand, orange sand and granite sand. Use for potting, flower beds and raised-bed gardens. \$9.99 for 1-cubic-ft. bag.



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Gardener's Calendar

April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>By the moon, best planting dates Above-ground crops: 5, 6, 9, 10, 16 Root crops: 1, 2, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29 Flowers: 9, 10, 16, 17 Vines: 1, 2, 28, 29 Kill weeds, pests: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27</p>		Plant transplants for tomato, eggplant, sweet pepper and hot pepper all month.	Plant seeds all month for bush, pole and pinto beans, cantaloupe, leek, mustard, okra, southern peas, pumpkin, radish, Malabar spinach, summer squash, turnip and watermelon.		Last Day to plant kohlrabi seeds. WaterSaver Gardening Walk, 10 am, San Antonio Botanical Garden.	Cibolo Nature Center's 21st Annual Mostly Native Plant Sale, 9-3, Kendall County Fairgrounds in Boerne.
<p>Kill fire ants with Ortho Fire Ant Killer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>Garden-Ville Potting Soil is great for container gardens.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>			<p>Fiesta San Antonio begins today! Fiesta Flower Show, 1:30-4, 1717 San Pedro.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Don't forget to use Miracle-Gro Potting Soil when repotting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8</p>	<p>Turf Management, David Rodriguez, 11-1, Schulz Broadway.</p> <p>Earth Day Celebration, 10-4, Woodlawn Lake.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>
<p>Last day to plant seeds for acorn and butternut squash.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>	<p>Texas Cavaliers River Parade, 7 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>			<p>SA Herb Society meeting, 6:30-9, San Antonio Garden Center.</p> <p>Use Miracle-Gro Miracid to feed houseplants every two weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>Last day to plant seeds for cucumber and sweet corn.</p> <p>Battle of Flowers Parade, 12:45 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	
<p>Last day of Fiesta San Antonio.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p>Many summer annuals and tropical plants can be planted now: zinnias, begonias, impatiens, lantanas, bougainvillea, hibiscus and more.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18</p>	<p>Feed veggies with Soil Mender Tomato & Vegetables Food or Nature's Guide Tomato & Pepper Food.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p>Photo by Iris Dragon</p> <p>Last day to plant seeds for Lima beans and beets.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Be sure to pick up Easter lilies and table décor at Schulz Nursery.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>		
<p>Easter Schulz on Broadway is open from 11 to 4.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>		<p>Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 7 pm, Lions Field Adult Center.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26</p>		<p>Feed houseplants with Miracle-Gro Miracid every two weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>		<p>Keep hummingbird feeders clean and full.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>

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Angelonia (A Texas Superstar)

Reg. \$2.99. **Now \$1.90!** (Limit 8)

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Construction on Mulberry and Hildebrand

Mulberry Avenue at Broadway, now closed for construction, is expected to re-open in mid-May. In late May, Hildebrand Avenue is set to close for construction. After Hildebrand closes, use Mulberry to get to Schulz on Broadway.



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Plant of the Month



Split-leaf Philodendron

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