



FEBRUARY 2012

Remember Your *Valentine* at Schulz Gift Shops

Honor your sweetheart for Valentine's Day on February 14. Schulz Gift Shops at Schulz Nursery in Marion and on Broadway have the gifts to make loved ones swoon, from flowering plants and shrubs to beautiful pots to decorative and useful items for both indoors and out.

Schulz staff can provide you with great gift ideas along with helpful information on your selections.



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Prize Wheel Day

On random Sundays at Schulz, customers who spend \$50 or more will get to spin the Prize Wheel for free plants, discounts and more.

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Mountain Laurel Blooms Divinely

By Kristy Hoffman



Texas mountain laurel, also known as mesquite bean, frijolito, frijolillo and even big-drunk bean, is a much-loved small native tree or large shrub found in the wild from Central Texas west to New Mexico and south to San Luis Potosi in Mexico.

A handsome landscape specimen with glossy, dark green leaves, the evergreen Texas mountain laurel is best known for its magnificent lavender or purple flowers that appear in early spring in drooping clusters that smell strongly of grape bubble gum. Local folks may recall from childhood its glossy, hard, bright red, jellybean-size seeds that grow warm when rubbed vigorously on the sidewalk, although children should be reminded that both seeds and flowers are poisonous.

Native Americans used the seeds, which grow in semi-woody pods, for ornaments and ceremonies, and the sapwood was used to make yellow dye.

With the scientific name *Sophora secundiflora*, Texas mountain laurel will grow from 15 to 35 feet tall. It can be left to grow naturally as a multi-trunk shrub or pruned into a single-trunk tree. Not a fast grower, Texas mountain laurel fits nicely into smaller spaces and is



Texas mountain laurel is best known for its beautiful, fragrant spring blooms. Photo by AZ Plant Lady

extremely tolerant of heat and drought.

Plant mountain laurels in well-drained soil where they will receive full sun to light shade, and handle the root balls carefully to minimize transplant shock.

Kristy Hoffman is the manager of Schulz Nursery in Marion. Ask her about mountain laurel and other landscape plants.

Bulbine Thrives in Challenging Climate

By Peter Garza



Bulbine, also called bulbine lily or native leek, is a flowering succulent that can bloom all year in warmer winters and might even be the only thing blooming in the hottest, driest part of late summer.

Small and low-growing, bulbine is related to agave and aloe. Its yellow or orange flower spikes rise a foot or more above its foliage to wave cheerily in the

breeze over an extended period. Perfect as a xeriscape plant, evergreen bulbine loves the heat and is drought tolerant. It is sometimes also called burn jelly plant because the sap can be used like that of aloe vera to treat minor burns, stings or rashes.

Bulbine prefers full sun to light shade and well-drained soil. It does well in cactus and rock gardens, in mixed borders and in containers. Deadhead spent blooms to encourage new ones.

Peter Garza is the manager at Schulz Nursery on Broadway. He is happy to answer any gardening questions.



Hearty bulbine is the plant to grow where other plants won't. Photo by Stan Shebs/Creative Commons

Farmers' Almanac: Cheery Yellow?

"Yellow is an interesting color. While it's usually associated with upbeat and optimistic feelings, studies reveal that when a room is painted yellow, tempers are lost more and babies tend to cry more."

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

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Aggie Horticulture: Radish Rave

"Radishes are often the first vegetable harvested from a spring garden. The leaves can also be eaten, especially when they are young and tender. Radishes can grow in partial shade, require very little room, and mature quickly."

Potatoes Are Ready to Plant

It is time to be thinking about planting potatoes. Transplants of "Red Pontiac," "White Kennebec" and "Yukon Gold" will be available at Schulz Nursery in February.

Since potatoes, which are tubers, grow below the ground, soil preparation is the key to good cultivation. In our area, planting potatoes in raised beds is a good idea. Potatoes need full sun and loose, well-drained, well-fertilized soil, and the soil should be worked between 10 and 12 inches deep.

Unlike most vegetables, potatoes are not grown from seed but from a small potato or a piece of a larger one, called a "seed potato." Potatoes from the grocery store won't work for this, since they've been treated not to sprout.

To plant potatoes, dig a trench about a foot

deep and place potato pieces with one or more eyes every foot. Fill the trench half way with high-quality organic compost. Three or four weeks after plants emerge, side dress with a phosphate additive. When plants are 6 inches high, add another 4 inches of compost.

Most are ready for harvest within 80 days, or when the tops start looking tired. Just reach into the soil and harvest the largest ones first, or take a few smaller ones for new potatoes. You can leave the small potatoes to grow larger – just mound up the compost around the plants again.

Learn more about growing potatoes at this Aggie Horticulture website: www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/lawn_garden/veg.html.



Photo by Scott Bauer

Stop Weeds Before They Take Off

Pre-emergent herbicides stop weeds from coming up from seeds – the easiest way to control them.

These seed killers should be used in late January to early March and again in late September to early November.

Amaze and XL 2G control our usual weeds and can be used in flowerbeds without harming existing flowers (unless you want the flowers to re-seed). They can help slow the growth of unwanted Bermuda grass, too. And will control sticker burs with another application in late May or June.

Portrait is most effective for broadleaf weed control and covers a larger spectrum of

broadleaf weeds than most. It's best for clover and dandelions but does not kill grassy weeds.

Dimension does not treat as many broadleaf weeds as Portrait but kills many more grasses, including crabgrass.

Organic gardeners can use **corn gluten, made by both Nature's Guide and Soil Mender**. It also contains some natural nitrogen for quick greening. Its effects last about a month, so more treatments will be required for control.

Regular use of pre-emergents in conjunction with a post-emergent herbicide will eliminate both current and future weed issues in a short time. Be sure to read and follow label directions.

Valentine's Day is for Pruning Roses

Valentine's Day is more than a time to remember loved ones. Feb. 14 is the day to prune most roses in our region. Climbing roses that do all their blooming in early spring are the exception. Wait until after they finish blooming to prune.

Begin by removing old, dead or non-productive canes and sucker growth. Remove twiggy growth on the remaining canes. Now,

open up the middle of the bush for good air circulation to prevent insects and disease. Finally, prune each cane back to a dormant bud.

The result should be a rose bush about 18 to 24 inches tall with four to eight canes. Learn more about pruning roses at www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/landscape/pruning/pruning.html.

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Garden-Ville 7-2-2 Lawn Fertilizer

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Soil Mender Raised Bed 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. Consisting of topsoil, composted cotton burrs, coir, expanded shale, lava sand, granite sand, basalt, humate, montmorillonite and diatomaceous earth, Soil Mender Raised Bed Mix is your "bed in a bag." Simply fill your raised bed or large container and start planting. It's that easy!



Yum Yum Mix In 4.5 lb shakers, 5 lb, 12 lb, 25 lb, and 50 lb bags. Specially formulated for nutrient-hungry soils, Yum Yum Mix develops fertile, living soil and a balanced pH creating vibrant, healthy lawns, vegetable gardens, flowers, shrubs and trees. Yum Yum Mix is composed of a banquet of nutrients that will relieve those relentless hunger pangs in your garden's soil. It nourishes beneficial soil micro-organisms and boosts the soil's humus content, improving its ability to nurture and sustain healthy, beautiful and more colorful plants.

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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Gardener's Calendar

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Seed beets, cabbage, carrots, collard, parsley, parsnips, potato, radish, Swiss chard and turnip, and plant broccoli, cauliflower and onion transplants throughout February.	kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, mustard, Swiss chard and turnip, and plant plants throughout February.			Groundhog Day Photo by Peggy Greb	Add 2-4 inches of Garden-Ville Manure Compost to the vegetable garden before planting spring crops.	Exotic Invasive Species, 9-11 am, Phil Hardberger Park, \$3-5, 210-207-3111 for reservations.
Prepare for Spring Vegetable Gardening, David Rodriguez; 2-4 pm, Schulz Marion, free.	Houseplants will appreciate feeding with Miracle Gro Miracid every other week.			Find the perfect gifts for your loved ones at Schulz Gift Shop before Valentine's Day!		Star Party, San Antonio Astronomical Association, 6-8 pm, Medina River Natural Area, \$3-5, 210-207-3111 for reservations.
Fertilize winter bedding plants such as pansies, snapdragons and dianthus with Medina Hasta Gro.	SA Rose Society member mtg., 7:30 pm, SA Garden Center.	Valentine's Day Prune bush roses today, but prune climbing roses after they finish blooming.	Last day to plant English and sugar peas.	Guadalupe Co. Master Gardeners mtg., Paul Cox, poisonous landscape plants, 7 pm, 210 E. Live Oak, Seguin, free.		Designing Herbal Landscapes, SA Botanical Garden, 9-noon, \$46 includes admission, register at communityed.neisd.net.
Prepare for Spring Vegetable Gardening, David Rodriguez; 2-4 pm, Schulz Broadway, free.	Presidents Day Feed houseplants with Miracle Gro Miracid every two weeks.	Use Soil Mender Raised Bed Mix in raised beds and large pots for healthy spring plants.	Apply pre-emergent herbicides such as Amaze, Dimension and Portrait or corn gluten this month.		Start new plants off right with Nature's Guide Root Stimulator.	Rain Barrel Workshop, Guadalupe Co. Master Gardeners, \$65 includes barrel, 10 am, reservations & location call 830-303-3889.
Stagger plantings of sweet corn from now until April 15.	Keep bird baths and bird feeders clean and full.	Native Plant Society of Texas, San Antonio mtg., 7 pm, Lions Field, 2809 Broadway.	Leap Day Photo by Dag Endersen		By the moon, best planting dates Aboveground crops: 4, 5, 6, 22, 23, 24, 25 Root crops: 8, 9, 17, 18 Flowers: 1, 2, 3, 29 Kill weeds, pests: 8, 9, 17, 18	

Bulbine

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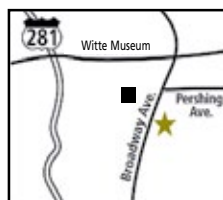
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Plant of the Month



Texas Mountain Laurel

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