



JANUARY 2012

Learn to Grow

Join us for our free seminars in January.

David Rodriguez, Bexar County AgriLife horticulturist and Master Gardener coordinator, will present a Fruit Tree Clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 14 at Schulz Nursery in Marion, and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at Schulz Nursery on Broadway.

Free Christmas Tree Recycling at Schulz on Broadway

10a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 7 and 8

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Grow Fruit in Your Back Yard

Why not start your own home orchard? Think of picking ripe fruit from your own trees. A home orchard could be anything from a single fig tree to multiple apples, peaches, plums and others.

Do your research (http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/lawn_garden/fruit_nut.html) to select the right fruit for the right location, and make sure you plant those fruit trees properly:

Dig a hole twice as wide and as deep as the container the tree came in. Place the tree in the hole, making sure there is enough soil underneath it so the tree's original soil line will match up with the soil you're planting it in. Back fill the hole with good, enriched, organic material, such as landscape mix or Garden-Ville compost.

Make a mulch berm around the tree, starting about 2 to 3 feet from the trunk. Pile mulch about 6 inches high and taper it down to the trunk of the tree (making sure the graft is still above the ground). Water in well with root stimulator, and treat again with root stimulator every two weeks for first three months. Stake trees for support if they are in a windy area.

Schulz Nursery carries the following fruit tree varieties:

Peaches: June Gold, La Feliciana, Sam Houston, Texstar and others

Pears: Keiffer, Moonglow, Orient and others

Plums: Methley and Santa Rosa

Apples: Anna, Ein Shemer, Mollies, Delicious and more



With a home orchard, you could harvest your own fresh homegrown peaches. Photo by Stevie Rocco

Figs: Brown Turkey and Celeste

We also have pomegranates, blackberries, grapes, blueberries and pecans.

Houseplants Boost Spirits, Purify Air

By Kristy Hoffman



January is a perfect time to catch up on your indoor gardening with houseplants.

Not only do houseplants bring natural beauty into the home or office, they boost your spirits and can even help clear the air.

Adding greenery indoors can help filter toxic indoor air caused by some building materials, carpet and even air fresheners. Two houseplants in 10- to 12-inch pots can help purify indoor air for every 100 square feet of living space.

Schulz Nursery in Marion and on Broadway offers houseplants to suit every mood and growing condition. Come take a look.

Kristy Hoffman is the store manager for Schulz in Marion. She'll be glad to help you select houseplants or answer any other gardening questions.



Farmers' Almanac: Be Resolved

"Eighty-eight percent of Americans make at least one New Year's resolution. While resolutions can be as unique as the individual, the most popular resolutions are to eat healthier (55%), exercise more (50%) and lose weight (38%)."



Aggie Horticulture: January Harvest

"If you pluck or cut individual leaves from lettuce or spinach, they will continue to produce into late spring. Keep the broccoli, cauliflower, chard and Brussels sprouts harvested (use a sharp knife) to maintain quality and production."



Try any of these great products now available at both our Marion and San Antonio stores. Visit www.garden-ville.com.

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 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 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.

Garden-Ville 7-2-2 Lawn 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 Greensand – Rich in iron (17%) and used for more than a century to amend iron-deficient, high alkaline soils. \$9.99 for 40 lbs.



Photo by ARS Germplasm Repository

Blackberries, Pomegranates: Sweetly Healthy

By now, most of us are aware of the value of fruits and berries as antioxidants that may reduce our risk of cancer. Some studies show that pomegranates and blackberries are among fruits with the most beneficial antioxidant activity. They're fun to grow, too.

Native to Arabia, Persia, Bengal, China and Japan, the pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) is a small deciduous tree or large shrub, growing up to 25 feet tall. Pomegranates are multi-stemmed unless pruned to a single trunk. They produce fruit prized the world over, plus beautiful red-orange flowers in spring and early summer.

The "Wonderful" variety, originally grown in California, is known to produce fruit juice with a slight

wine flavor. This extra-large pomegranate has blushed-red skin with juicy rich red flesh. Wonderful may be picked and aged at room temperature for a month or two to develop a characteristic rich, sweet taste.

Easy-to-grow pomegranates prefer a sunny location and deep soil. They thrive in either acid or alkaline soils, and tolerate heavy clay when the soil has good drainage. Mature specimens withstand drought well.

Blackberries (in the *Rubus* species) are easy to grow in home gardens and are well adapted to most parts of Texas. They are biennials and begin bearing a year after they are planted. "Brazos" blackberries are among the most successful varieties in Texas.

They need at least a foot of soil that drains well –

and might do best in raised beds in these parts – lots of sunshine, good irrigation, weed control and some fertilization. They also need some room. Young plants should be spaced 2 to 3 feet apart in a row, and rows should be 8 to 12 feet apart.

Blackberries have special pruning needs so that they will bear fruit consistently, be disease resistant and behave as manageable brambles. Learn more about blackberries at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/fruit/blackberries/blackberries.html>.

Look for coupons for Brazos blackberries and Wonderful pomegranates at Schulz Nursery on the back page of Gardener's Gazette.



Nature's Guide Root Stimulator is a blend of seaweed, containing 17 different minerals not found in other natural products, and agrispion, a bio-stimulate from plant extracts that ignites dormant nitrogen. **Reg. \$12.99 a gallon. On Sale: \$9.97!**

Nature's Guide Mushroom Compost

consists of composted mushroom and is 100% organic. It is a general purpose soil builder for loosening clay soils and enriching sandy soils. Mushroom Compost has high water- and nutrient-holding capacity and is a rich medium perfect for vegetables and flower beds. **Reg. \$12.99 for 40-lb. bag. On Sale: 2 for \$18.50!**



Nature's Guide Corn Gluten Meal Spreadable is a non-selective, natural, pre-emergent herbicide that feeds turf as it prevents germination of broadleaf weeds and annual and perennial grasses. Inhibits the feeder development of germinating seeds of crabgrass, dandelions, quackgrass and other

weeds. The nitrogen will release slowly and feed turf and plants up to three months. Do not apply to newly seeded areas or areas to be seeded. **Reg. \$42.99. On Sale: \$34.99!**

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. Apply with a broadcast spreader. Will not burn! **Reg. \$24.99. On Sale: 2 for \$20.00!**



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Wintertime is Onion-Planting Time in South Texas

By Peter Garza



Few vegetables punch up the flavor of food more than onions, and now is the time to put in transplants for spring harvest.

Look for the following varieties, recommended by Texas AgriLife

Extension, at both Schulz Nursery stores during January: "Texas Supersweet" (1015Y), "Texas Early White" (similar to sweet white "Contessa"), "Candy Yellow" (an improved 1015Y that is bigger, sweeter and keeps longer) and "Red Candy," also called "Red Candy Apple" (a new sweet red).

Soil preparation is the key to good crops of root vegetables – "root" being the important word here, since the produce grows below ground. For this reason, planting onions in raised beds is a good idea. Onions should go into soil that has been worked from 8 to 10 inches deep. They need full sun and loose, well-drained, well-fertilized soil.

Onion transplants should be planted 3/4 inches deep and 3 inches apart in soil that has been fertilized either with ammonium sulfate or, for organic gardeners, with blood meal. Apply fertilizer again when the plants have five or six leaves.

Onions transplanted in January or February should be ready to harvest in May or June. They are ready when the main stem weakens and the tops fall



Photo by Stephen Ausmus

over. For green onions, pull them from the time the stems are pencil-size until they begin to form bulbs.

Learn more about growing onions at this Aggie Horticulture website: http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/lawn_garden/veg.html.

Peter Garza is the store manager at Schulz Nursery on Broadway. He can answer your questions about onions and other winter vegetables.



Baked Onions

Here is a simple and tasty dish to enjoy when you harvest your homegrown onions.

2 large yellow or white onions, peeled
2 Tbsp tomato juice
1 1/2 Tbsp honey
1 Tbsp butter or margarine
1/2 tsp salt
1/8 tsp paprika

Cut onions in half crosswise and place, cut side up, in a baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients in saucepan on low until butter is melted; stir well. Pour over center of each onion half and bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour.

Source: Aggie Horticulture



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Gardener's Calendar

January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Happy New Year! Seed English and sugar peas now through Feb. 15. Plant asparagus crowns now through March 1. 1	Set in onion and broccoli transplants this month. 2	There is still time to transplant pansies, dianthus and other cool-season annual flowers. 3	It's a great time to plant trees. Water once a week if it doesn't rain. Texas Heirloom Bulbs, Danny Fowler, SA Garden Center meeting, 9:30 am, 3310 N. New Braunfels. 4		Houseplants are 20% off all month at Schulz! 6	Recycle Your Christmas Tree, 10-6, Schulz Broadway, free. 7
Recycle Your Christmas Tree, 10-6, Schulz Broadway, free. 8	SA Rose Society member meeting, 7:30 pm, 3310 N. New Braunfels. 9	Feed the birds – wild bird seed is \$12.99 for 20 lb. bag or two for \$20 at Schulz! 10	Houseplants will appreciate feeding with Miracle Gro Miracid every other week. 11		If oaks must be pruned, this is a good time. Paint all cuts right away to prevent oak wilt. 13	Fruit Tree Clinic, David Rodriguez, 11-1, Schulz Marion, free. 14
Put in cabbage transplants now through March 1, turnip seeds through May 20. 15	Martin Luther King Day  16		This is the best month to plant fruit trees and shade trees. 18	Photo by Just Chaos The sweetest carrots are harvested in January. 19	Seed radishes now through May 20. 20	Fruit Tree Clinic, David Rodriguez, 10:30-12:30, Schulz Broadway, free. 21
Dog Days – A Winter Paws, 9-5, SA Botanical Garden, \$5 per dog. 22	Use clothes pins or rubber bands to cover cauliflower heads with leaves so they will remain white. 23		Feed houseplants with Miracle Gro Miracid every two weeks. 25	Amazing Butterflies, SA Botanical Garden, continues through Feb. 12, free with admission. 26		
Mail soil samples for testing now. Forms available at Bexar County Extension office, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Ste. 212, or call 467-6575. 29	Clean out purple martin houses before scouts begin arriving in February. 30	Happy birthday Nolan Ryan, Jean Simmons, Carol Channing, Norman Mailer, Jackie Robinson, Eddie Cantor and Zane Grey. 31	By the moon, best planting dates Aboveground crops: 3, 4, 8, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31 Root crops: 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22 Flowers: 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 Leafy greens: 17, 18 Kill weeds, pests: 10, 11, 12, 13, 23, 24			

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Plant of the Month



Photo by Norwichnuts

Fruit Trees

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