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Maggie Vargas: 36 Years in Nurseries

That friendly face at the cash register at Schulz Nursery on Broadway is likely to belong to Maggie Vargas, one of the first women in Bexar County to become a Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Certified Nursery Professional.



Maggie Vargas

A Certified Nursery Professional since 1977, Maggie has worked in the nursery business for 36 years. Longtime San Antonio nursery-goers might remember her from Grimm's, Wolfe's or Calloway's nurseries before she joined Schulz when it opened on Broadway.

Maggie enjoys foliage plants, and helps keep them healthy at the nursery, along with anything else that needs doing. Her love for plants follows her home, where she tends her houseplants and often grows outdoor flowers, herbs and veggies, too.

"Maggie" is short for Manuela Margarita, she says. She is especially proud of her 16 nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, plus three great-great nieces and one great-great nephew. Maggie is also a big fan of the Green Bay Packers and the San Antonio Spurs – look for her to be wearing her Spurs gear during the playoffs.

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Dwarf Bottlebrush: Compact Beauty

By Peter Garza



The dwarf version of the familiar bottlebrush (*Callistemon citrinus*) is a hummingbird magnet, just like its big brother. Red blooms that look like, well, bottlebrushes, cover the top of this compact dwarf from spring to fall, and dense branches display blue-green leaves.

The smaller size of dwarf bottlebrush – about 3 feet tall and 5 feet wide – is perfect for smaller gardens or smaller spaces. Once established, it is drought tolerant, and it's also deer resistant.

Plant in full sun, water regularly for the first year for a deep root system and feed with a Yum Yum Mix before new growth begins in spring.

Use as a foundation planting or accent plant, or line up several for a hedge. You can also mass them like a groundcover in a very hot planting area where other plants might wilt.

Peter Garza is the store manager for Schulz Broadway. Ask him about bottlebrush and other landscape plants.



Dwarf bottlebrush is compact, versatile, drought tolerant and deer resistant.

Garden Geraniums Perfect for Right Now

By Kristy Hoffman



Garden geraniums boast spectacular displays of 4- to 5-inch-diameter flower clusters providing brilliant blooms in colors ranging from white, pink, salmon, red, orange-red, fuchsia to deep purple. They typically grow 12 to 20 inches high, thrive in the fall in South Texas and are hardy through many of San Antonio's winters.

Garden, zonal or common geraniums (*Pelargonium hortorum*) are perfect for planting right now in beds, and they do particularly well in containers, from small pots to large tubs to hanging baskets and window boxes. (They like to be root-bound.) In cool weather, they need at least 8 hours of bright, direct sunlight.

Geraniums require well-drained soil. Keep the soil moist if the weather is warm, but allow it to dry between water applications in cool weather. Don't overwater, either, to avoid root rot, and feed with Super Bloom. Remove yellow leaves and faded blossoms.

If a freeze is predicted, bring potted geraniums indoors, where they can stay if they get plenty of sunshine or go back outside when it's sunny and cool. For those planted in the ground, cover them when the temperature is expected to get to 30 degrees or colder.

Kristy Hoffman is the store manager for Schulz in Marion. She can help with all your gardening needs.



Red geraniums are classic, but they also come in white, pink, salmon, deep purple and other colors and thrive in South Texas in the fall. Photo by Liz West

Farmers' Almanac: Save Pumpkin Seeds!

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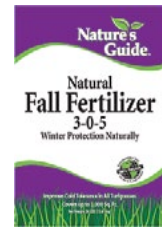
Aggie Horticulture: Carrots

"Carrots do best in loose, sandy loam soils that are well drained. In heavy soils, they mature more slowly, and the roots are often rough and unattractive. They will grow in some shade and do well in small gardens and flower beds."

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After (Whew) Summer: Lawn Resurrection



By Trace Hazlett

After the summer we've just experienced, nearly everyone's lawn looks to be on its last leg. Here are some steps you can take now that may help resurrect that green grass for next spring.

First, fertilize with **18-6-12 Easy Gro Winterizer** lawn food or the organic **Nature's Guide Fall Fertilizer 3-0-5**. Schulz will lend spreaders for 24 hours to customers purchasing granulated products. Water in well.

Next, use a pre-emergent herbicide to get ahead of the weeds. Pre-emergent products include **Dimension, Portrait** and **Amaze. Corn gluten meal** - Nature's Guide and Soil Mender make it - is an organic solution.

Finally, add compost, such as **Garden-Ville Premium Compost**. About an inch will do.

Trace Hazlett is the operations manager for Schulz Nursery. He can provide you with detailed information for resurrecting your lawn.

Get Ready for Halloween!

Historians do not agree on the origins of Halloween, although it is often linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain, a word that likely came from the Old Irish meaning "summer's end." The word "halloween" may be a Scottish variant of All Hallows Even (evening), called All Saints' Day in the Catholic tradition. Halloween is celebrated on October 31, the day before All Saints' Day.

In Ireland and Scotland, Halloween was celebrated with the carving of turnips into lanterns to remember the souls caught in purgatory, but immigrants to North America carved larger and more readily available pumpkins into the jack-o-lanterns we know and love today.

Schulz Nursery will be Halloween Central in October, with all manner of decorations and edibles for harvest festivities. We have straw hay bales on sale all month (\$7.99 or two for \$15). Look on the back page of Gardener's Gazette for a coupon for both carving and pie pumpkins. We'll also have edible and ornamental squash, Indian corn, corn stalks, lawn art and other décor. Don't be scared - come see us!

Learn to Grow

Join us for our free seminars in October.

Herb Clinic with Master Gardener Don Krites, 9:30-11a.m. Oct. 1 at Schulz in Marion; same time Oct. 8 at Schulz on Broadway. **Winter Veggies** with David Rodriguez, Bexar County AgriLife horticulturist and Master Gardener coordinator, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 1 at Schulz Marion; same time Oct. 8 at Schulz on Broadway.

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Gardener's Calendar

October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		By the moon, best planting dates Above-ground crops: 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 26, 27, 28 Root crops: 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 24, 25 Flowers: 18, 19, 24, 25 Vines: 9, 10 Kill weeds, pests: 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 23		Look for Schulz Nursery at the San Antonio Home & Garden Show at the Alamodome on Oct. 1 & 2. We're giving away coupons!	Plant seeds for broccoli, radishes and turnips throughout October.	Herbs, 9:30-11, Schulz Marion. Winter Veggies, David Rodriguez, 11:15-1, Schulz Marion. 1
		October is a good month for planting roses. 4	9:30 am, SA Garden Center meeting, Heirloom Plants, 3310 N. New Braunfels. 5		9 am, orientation for new volunteers, San Antonio Botanical Garden; call 210-207-3261 for reservations. 7	Herbs, 9:30-11, Schulz Broadway. Winter Veggies, David Rodriguez, 11:15-1, Schulz Broadway. 8
Photo by Rich Brown Plant pansies now. 9	Columbus Day Last day to plant carrot, lettuce, parsley and mustard seeds. 10		Houseplants will appreciate feeding with Miracle Gro Miracid every other week. 12		If it doesn't rain, water pecan trees generously over the area covered by the crown for good nut production. 14	Last day to plant spinach and beets from seed. Plant onions from now to Nov. 15. 9-4, Live Green Fest, Olmos Basin Park. 15
Fertilize the lawn and use a pre-emergent herbicide this month. Add compost. 16	12:15-3 pm, Gardening Volunteers of South Texas Essentials of Gardening classes, \$5, SA Garden Center, 210-251-8101. 17		Plant cool-weather annuals including petunias, dianthus, ornamental cabbage and kale, phlox and garden mums. 19	Don't forget to pick up pumpkins and harvest décor at Schulz Nursery! 20	Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, perennials and herbs. 21	9-4, Fall Wildlife Festival, free, Mitchell Lake Audubon Center. 22
BOOtanica! Fall Festival, San Antonio Botanical Garden. 23		6:30 pm, Native Plant Society of Texas, SA chapter, Butterflies, Lions Field Adult Center, 2809 Broadway. 25	Fertilize houseplants with Miracle Gro Miracid every two weeks. 26		Orchid Fandango, American Orchid Society show and sale, through Sunday, Omni SA Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Blvd. 28	Fall Rose Show, San Antonio Rose Society, \$5, SA Garden Center, 3310, N. New Braunfels. 29
	Halloween 30 31					

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