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Change Of Seasons Occurs In San Diego

By Ken Andersen



Liquidambar Tree

back home. Well, it may not be as prevalent or obvious here in San Diego, but if you are one of those transplants who is homesick for the fall colors, here are some ideas to bring that time of year to your landscape, without the rain, snow and unpleasantness that can come with the change.

Here is a list of trees that will give you beautiful fall color like clockwork in San Diego:

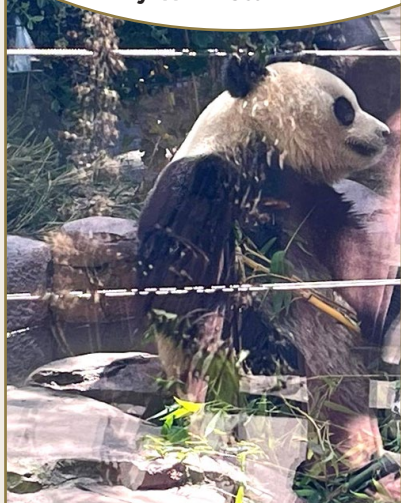
Liquidambar

These majestic trees resemble Maples with their foliage and the grafted varieties such as **Palo Alto, Festival, and Burgundy** have fantastic fall color. *L. rotundiloba* is a good choice if you prefer not to have the spiky little seed balls the other varieties produce. This particular one produces few of those and has a nice purple color to the fall foliage.

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Celebrating The Old And New

By WAN Staff



When we were invited to an early viewing of the pandas at the San Diego Zoo, we jumped at the chance even though we knew we would likely catch them sleeping. We were lucky and despite the heat, the fella was chowing down

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Fall Bulb Choices Include Drought-Tolerant Selections

By David Ross

Audrey Hepburn said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." David Ross said, "Planting bulbs, rhizomes and corms takes a whole lotta faith!"

The fall bulb season is upon us and that means both our stores will soon be well stocked with Bearded Iris, Daffodils, Narcissus, Tulips, Hyacinths, Ranunculus, Freesias, and much, much, more.



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Ginkgo biloba Tree

Ginkgo biloba

Also known as the **Maiden Hair Tree**, is unusual in that it is an ancient tree closely related to but not actually a conifer! These prehistoric masterpieces have foliage that resembles the foliage of Maiden Hair ferns (or some will say a fish tail) as the leaves have a vein structure that is obvious in them. When buying Ginkgos, always purchase grafted varieties like Autumn Gold to be assured you will get a male tree. The females produce a foul-smelling cone when blooming and by the time they are old enough to flower the trees are huge and it is too late to do much about it! Grafted varieties are male cultivars so you should be safe.



Golden Rain Tree

Koelreuteria

Both paniculata (**Golden Rain Tree**) and bipinnata (**Chinese Flame Tree**) produce huge sprays of beautiful

yellow flowers in the late summer or early fall followed pinkish seed covers that resemble showy lanterns. *Caution:* they volunteer from seeds easily. They make excellent shade trees as well.

Lagerstroemia

Which you know as **Crepe Myrtle**, will give you incredible color from the flowers that bloom from June through September and their fall foliage color will vary by cultivar from yellows to orange and reds.

Platanus X acerfolia

London Plane Tree or **Sycamore**, is another tree that will produce abundant fall foliage then drop its leaves. While the coloration will not be as great as trees mentioned above, if you want the effect of fall foliage on the ground to rake up, these trees are hard to beat.



Tulip Tree from Monrovia

Liriodendron tulipifera

Or **Tulip Trees**, are great columnar landscape trees that do well in San Diego. Their uniquely shaped foliage will turn from yellow green to bright yellow in the fall. The unusual tulip shaped flowers come out in the spring and are an added benefit.

For smaller shrubs, these choices help to ward off your longing for home:

Lilacs

Syringa vulgaris, Descanso Hybrids, are easily grown throughout most

of San Diego County. They come in pink, lavender, blue, and white just like the Lilacs at home! While they will not get quite as big as they do in cooler climates, they will put on a show every spring with those big sprays of beautifully scented flowers.

Rhododendrons

A favorite in the southeast, offer some varieties that will perform well in many parts of San Diego County. Most of the ones we sell are grown by Monrovia Nursery and sometimes availability can be limited. Plant them in pure Azalea mix, (in the pink bag) for best performance. Azaleas will also make a nice substitute for Rhododendrons and can be easier to grow.



Itoh Peonies from Monrovia

Peonies

Peonies have been requested for decades in our stores. **Itoh peonies** from Monrovia Nursery have proven to be good performers in our area. Now with the Itoh series, you can have them come back year after year.

So, you see there is no reason to be homesick for seasonal color here in San Diego. We have some of the things you will remember and some that make a great impersonation of them! •





Old And New

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on some bamboo while the female was getting her beauty rest. When we visit the zoo, we always check out the plants that Walter, Sr. planted decades ago. This visit, we admired the Senegal Date Palms that Walter planted in 1955. •

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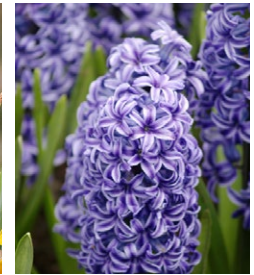
Bearded Iris



Freesia



Daffodil



Hyacinth

At first glance, these don't look like anything we should be wasting our time with. By that, I mean, they look brown and dry and certainly don't look like the easy to grow, armloads of flowers they'll turn into in just a few months! But that is exactly what these are; or will be. Planted in containers or in the ground, alone or with existing plants, these will be blooming in just a few months.

We call them fall bulbs because that is when they are available to be purchased and planted. However, most of these will bloom during winter and spring. Many will naturalize here and bring flowers year after year with minimal care.

Look for the following:

Bearded Iris: We will have over a dozen varieties of one of the most durable, drought tolerant perennials you can plant. These strong, upright bloomers are fragrant and make excellent cut flowers.

Freesias are easy to grow, very fragrant, and come in many colors.

Daffodils and Narcissus are great planted in groups. Where they will get afternoon shade, their flowers will last longer.

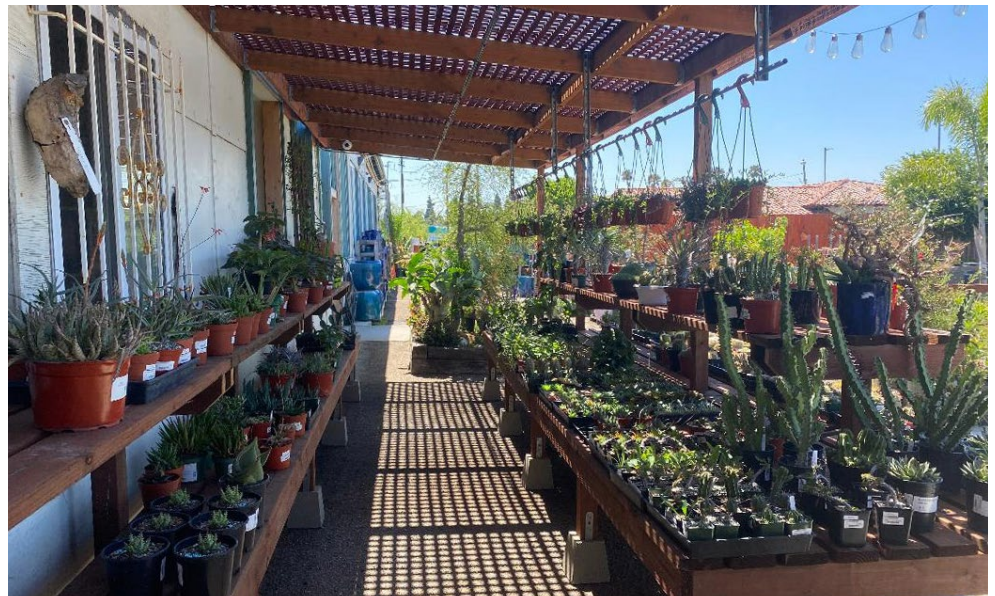
Prior to planting, **Tulip and Hyacinth** bulbs will need to be refrigerated in paper bags, not plastic, for at least six and up to 12 weeks to simulate a winter chill. They do great in containers as well. •



San Diego Store's Cactus Area Gets A Facelift!

By WAN Staff

The San Diego store has a fabulous refreshed look in one of its areas and the crew is delighted with the results. The cactus and succulent section has been revamped and is now more display friendly and easier to shop. This update has been a long time in the works and looks fantastic. Owner Karen Andersen Thatcher teases that more changes are coming to the inside of the store as well. A little birdie told us that the first of those changes is now complete in the birding department. •



Praying Mantis Fun Facts

By Birds and Blooms
& WAN Staff



Here are some facts about praying mantises that are bound to make you a spellbinding dinner mate at your next event. Ken Andersen happened to notice one in his yard (and snapped the photo above from afar) not too long ago which brought back unpleasant memories of being painfully bitten by one. A co-worker was also nipped and noted that the bite did smart, and bleed!

Their common name comes from how they hold their front legs in what looks like a prayer position. However, they are not gentle, praying creatures. Those legs are highly adapted for hunting. They are well known as phenomenally successful predators, preying on insects such as beetles and moths. They wait in silence for their prey to get close, then lash out and catch them with their strong front arms.

For those bitten by a mantis, here's an uplifting fact: In more than 10 cultures, the praying mantis is a culinary delicacy. Diners say they are best served fried (what isn't best served that way?), roasted or smoked.

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3, 2, 1, Action!

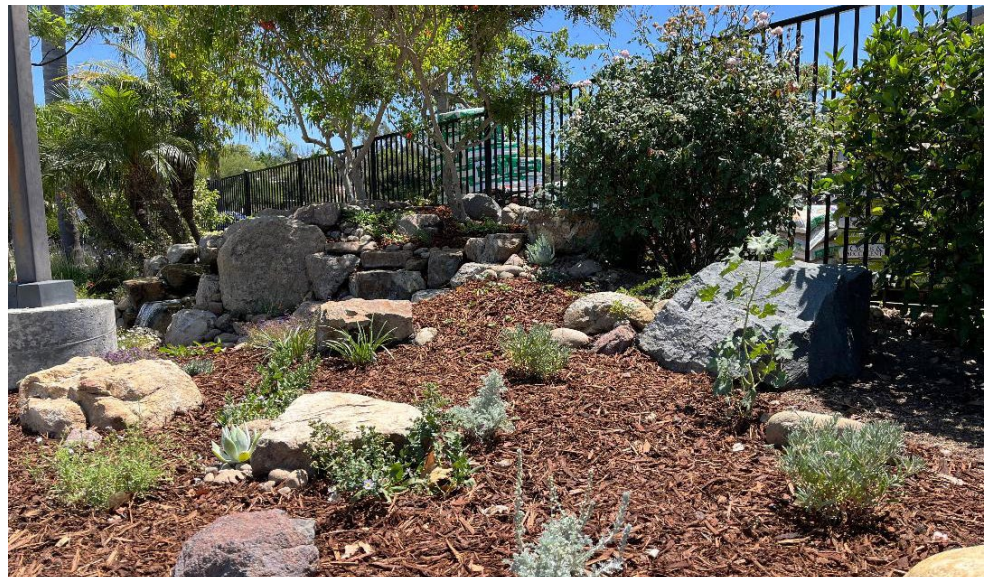
By WAN Staff



Shawn Styles, meteorologist and lifestyle reporter for CBS News 8, is the first to admit that he is a procrastinator, so it was a surprise to see him at our Poway store in early August wanting to talk about the fall season. Turned out he was getting a jump on fall and spent some time asking David Ross about fall fruit tree care and fall gardening. Ironically, on the day he visited, the temperature was 91 degrees and the humidity was vying for attention. We hope that fall doesn't procrastinate. •

Poway Goes Native

By WAN Staff



Out with the old and in with the new was the August motto at our Poway store. The aged iron fence at the front of the nursery was replaced and we relandscaped the front waterfall. Thanks to Ella, Chris and Shirley for taking the lead on the planting project. They pulled out all the old, spent plants and redesigned the area using California natives. •

Praying Mantis

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more fun facts...

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Twelve mantis species are known for capturing birds. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are prime targets because of their size.

6.5

Wild European mantis females typically have a lifespan of 6.5 months, most outliving males by one month.

135%

Twenty-two species of female mantises can boost their egg production anywhere from 22 to 135 percent by consuming their mates. Sorry dudes!

59 million

The oldest fossil that resembles current-day mantises is at least 59 million years old! •

To Do List: September



Plant Mums, Pansies and more



Look for fall bulbs this month



Plant winter vegetables like cauliflower

Fertilize

- > For lawns, use Marathon Fertilizer for tall fescue. Use Bonide DuraTurf Weed & Feed to feed grass and control broadleaf weeds.
- > Feed ornamentals, vegetables, citrus, avocado, fruit trees, palms and tropicals with E.B. Stone or Dr. Earth.
- > Last feeding for Camellias, Azaleas, and roses for the year.

Plant

- > Plant Sweet Peas, winter annuals like Calendulas, Stocks, Pansies, Violas, Mums, and Snapdragons.
- > Plant winter vegetables. For your veggie planting, don't miss broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, lettuces and greens, potatoes, radishes, peas and beets too.
- > Cool-season tomatoes are here!

Later This Month Look For:

- > Fall bulbs (Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, Crocus, Saffron Crocus, Ranunculus and Freesia). For the best selection, buy them early. Tulips, Hyacinths, and spring-blooming Crocus will need to be pre-chilled in the refrigerator for 6-8 weeks to 'fake' winter before planting outdoors.
- > We have Crape Myrtle, Arbutus, Bougainvillea, and Agapanthus. •

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Garden Classes: September

Saturday classes are **FREE** and last about an hour. Complimentary coffee is served. During inclement weather, classes are held indoors in San Diego and on the covered, heated patio in Poway. Topics are subject to change. See the full schedule at <https://www.walterandersen.com/classes-events/>.

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9:00AM

9/7

Container Gardening with Native Plants with Christine Hoey of the California Native Plant Society of San Diego

9/14

Birding with Krisztina Scheeff of the San Diego Audubon Society

9/21

What makes an Orchid an Orchid? with David Brown of the San Diego Orchid Society

9/28

Cool Season Vegetables with Brijette Pena of San Diego Seed Company

POWAY

9:30AM

9/7

Seed Saving with Adams

9/14

Lavender with Ellen

9/21

Fertilizer Basics with Richard

9/28

Avocado Care, Culture & Varieties with Kevin Grangetto

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