

January 2022



Anyone who thinks that gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year. For gardening begins in January with the dream. **Josephine Nuese**

## Farmer Mac's Garden Wisdom

### Winter Fruit Tree Care

It's time to spray your fruit trees to protect them from insect or disease issues. This is called "Dormant Spraying" and is usually done before the buds break out of dormancy. Choose a day when there is at least 24-48 hours of dry weather. Peaches are susceptible to "Peach Leaf Curl" in our climate and a well timed spray of 'Liqui-cop' will kill the overwintering fungus waiting to pounce on the unsuspecting buds. You can mix this with a Horticultural Oil which will smother overwintering insects. Aphids can damage the newly forming leaves, which means less energy to support developing fruit, so it's best to "nip them in the bud" with a well timed spray.



**Our Power Shop** would like you to know that this is their slow season and if you need any work or maintenance on your lawn mowers, chainsaws and other power equipment now would be a great time to bring them in. Once spring hits the repair and maintenance delays will take much longer.



Roses have arrived!

### Blooming in the Nursery

We have color galore in the nursery: Pansies, Primroses, Cyclamen, Camellias, Hellebores to name just a few. The camellias are gorgeous and loaded with buds and blooms. No other shrub can compare to their nice glossy dark green foliage and ability to take some shade. Many of the southern hemisphere shrubs such as Breath of Heaven, Grevilleas and Leucadendrons are also starting to bloom right now as well as the winter heathers are also in full bloom. Stop by soon and you might find a winter bloomer to bring a spot of color to your garden.



New: Chantilly Cream



New: State of Grace



New: Dream Come True



New: Popart

## Workshops

### Pruning Fruit Trees with Mary



Winter is the typical time we prune most of our fruit trees and berries for their health and production. We will go over general pruning tech-

niques. There are some exceptions and we will cover most of them in this workshop. A demonstration using live fruit trees will take place, and if time allows we will cover pruning berries.

**Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 A.M. FREE!**

### Pruning Roses with the Humboldt Rose Society

Members of the Humboldt Rose Society will come to our store once again for an action packed workshop on the proper techniques to prune roses (these guys know what they are doing). Under cover so rain or shine.



**Saturday January 15th at 10:00 a.m.**

**Please call in advance to make reservations as space is even more limited due to covid spacing.**

**Masks are required.**

**707-839-1571 ex 5**

### Pruning Berries with



Winter Pruning of many berry types will improve the health and vigor of the plants. We will cover cane berries, currants, blueberries and more.

**Saturday, January 22nd at 10:00 A.M. FREE!**

### <3 <3 <3 "Soil-mates" : Houseplants with Casondra

Take your houseplant care to the next level by learning to mix your own soil! Bring a houseplant in need of re-potting and learn how the right soil additives can take your houseplants from surviving to thriving!



**Saturday, January 29th at 10:00 a.m.**

## January Garden Checklist

Apply a dormant spray on your fruit trees, roses and berries if you haven't yet. We recommend Liqui-Cop combined with Monterey Horticulture Oil.

If you have a greenhouse you can continue to plant lettuce and many other cool season vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, kale and chard.

Wintering birds appreciate an extra food source at this time of year. Suet blocks provide energy for those cold and wet days. Be sure that the seed stays dry and fresh. Wet seed risks spoiling and can harm the birds.

Frost protection should still be on your mind as we get through January and February. The N-sulate fabric was created to help raise the temperature about 9 degrees above the current reading. Keep an eye on the weather and then cover the tender perennials and shrubs. Princess Flower, sages, Angels Trumpet, fuchsias, begonias, geraniums are some of the plants that could suffer if it freezes.

The camellias are starting to bloom and this is a great time to pick out the color you would like. They love part shade with some sun for the best bloom and foliage.