# **Garden Notes**

Fall 2022



Have a Gardening Question? Ask Us!



The days are shorter, the evenings are chilly, and there's that feeling that fall is in the air! Soon we'll be raking the fallen leaves and listening to their crispy crunch. Fall is a great time to be out in the garden planting and getting gardens bed ready for winter. Our Master Gardener Program is as busy planning our 2023 public classes, attending fall festivals and answering questions in our helpline office. We hope you enjoy this issue of Garden Notes.

~ Happy Gardening ~ Marcy Sousa, Program Coordinator

## The Beauty of Crevice Gardens

Who hasn't marveled at a dandelion that thrives as it grows from a tiny crack in the pavement? Or more improbably, a tree growing from a rocky outcrop? Crevice gardening allows gardeners to get creative



lana Ziková's crevice garden in the Czech Republic. Paul Spriggs, New York Times, 8/3/22 as they showcase beautiful plants in a dramatic setting; it is ideal for someone who is ready for a new gardening adventure.

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# Long Blooming Perenial Flowers

When I first started flower gardening, I planted mostly annuals. I would look at the perennial bed diagrams in books, which plot out perennials for successive bloom periods, and it seemed too complex and geared towards East Coast flowers. Since then, I have found perennial flowers with long bloom periods that are happy in the Central Valley, making fussy plotting unnecessary. As a result, I have a perennial garden that blooms from early Spring to early Winter.

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# The Magic and Benefits of Mushrooms in the Garden

All mushrooms are fungi, but not all fungi are mushrooms. Indeed, the fundamental difference between mushrooms and fungi is that the mushrooms are fruiting bodies of specific fungi that are part of the order Agaricales of phylum Basidiomycota. In contrast, a fungus is any member of the eukaryotic microorganisms, such as yeast, molds, mildews, mushrooms, etc., that belong to the kingdom of Fungi.

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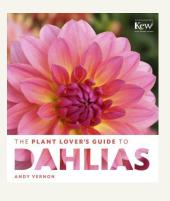
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## **Decorating for Fall**

The autumn months are such an easy time to decorate the garden, a front porch, or inside the home with items found in most gardens and nurseries. Add pumpkins and/or gourds to the display raised on old garden chairs, overturned 5-gallon pots, a couple of pieces of wood, or just leave on the ground for added visual interest.

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## Growing Knowledge A Plant Lover's Guide to Dahlias

This beautifully illustrated book is a great acquisition for the Dahlia lover, the wannabe Dahlia lover, or any lover of beautiful flowers. There is not an abundance of books on Dahlias. Hence this one, with the author's perky and easy writing style, brings us a comprehensive book on how to grow and enjoy Dahlias.

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#### Help Desk Selecting Flower Bulbs for Spring

Fall is the perfect time to be thinking about planting bulbs. Come spring, you can have a dazzling display. Tulips, Narcissus (daffodils, jonquils, etc.) and hyacinth – all true bulbs, are just some of the possibilities. For the best selection, choose plump, firm bulbs that feel heavy for their size.

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### Fall Herb Study

During the summer, the MG Herb Study group met monthly to discover and discuss the herb of the month. June's herb was Basil, July's was mint, and August's was lemon balm. September's herb is coffee. October's herb is caraway.

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# Cranberry Orange Chutney

'Chutney' is a relishtype condiment that
includes several
different varieties of
sauce-type foods. This
cranberry orange
chutney is good over
pork or turkey, on top
of cream cheese or
brie with crackers or
even over vanilla ice
cream.

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