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Enchanted Moments



Pumpkin Time!

Join us Sunday October 14 at both stores (The Forest & The Gardens) to celebrate the arrival of "Pumpkin Season." This will be a fun afternoon with family and friends with activities for all to enjoy! There will be lots of photo opportunities so bring your camera!

Fond Fall Memories

I'm so excited! Fall is finally on its way! It is my favorite season and always has been. Try as I may to find a single reason for my choice, that reason eludes me. My love of autumn seems to come almost from the beginning of my life.

For a child, Fall means changes and lots of them. There are school clothes to shop for and those wonderful, shiny-bright new school supplies. I loved everything about school even though that was not a "cool" thing to admit to your friends! In September, even the air that we breath seems changed. I feel the need to close my eyes, breath deeply, and simply enjoy that moment. The autumn sun casts a rosy glow over the earth. It seems that nature is allowing us to glimpse the world through the proverbial rose-colored glasses and to gently remind us of the beauty that surrounds us.

One long-ago October, school was well under way, and the falling leaves just invited children out to play. Acorns and pecans were falling everywhere. The richly colored acorns intrigued me and the

acorn caps made perfect tiny goblets. I was so busy arranging my acorn "dinner party" on our front sidewalk that I never noticed the toll the sidewalk was taking on my beautiful new red leather school shoes.

When my mother called me for "supper" I noticed to my horror that on both shoes, the leather had been completely worn away on the toes. How could I have let this happen...and...I expected my mother to be very upset. A new pair of shoes meant a trip to Houston to Krupp and Tuffley shoes on Main Street and was a somewhat special occasion. (Quick shopping and shopping centers were many years in the future!)

My mother was not upset and actually consoled me. Foe me, another lesson learned – wear play-clothes when playing. I also learned on that autumn evening that my mother remembered herself as a child and she knew that encouraging imagination is sometimes worth a pair of shoes.

---Betty

"The world is but a canvas to our imagination."

Henry David Thoreau"

Color, Color, Color!!!

Fall is my favorite time to garden. It is my reward at the end of a long, hot and humid summer. Many of my favorite flowers only grow in our area during the upcoming cooler months. It is easy to get fabulous color in your garden and containers from October to April with a few of the following suggestions:

- ❖ **Pansies** with alyssum along the border
- ❖ **Calendulas** in mass or with Lobelia or Violas along the border
- ❖ **Snapdragons** with pansies along the border
- ❖ **Poppies** in mass or with blue Lobelia or violas along the border
- ❖ **Kale or Cabbage** in mass or with pansies along the border
- ❖ **Cyclamen** in mass or with alyssum along the border
- ❖ **Dianthus** in mass
- ❖ **Petunias** in mass
- ❖ **Phlox** in mass

We are always trying new color and planting combinations so check out our gardens over the season for ideas. Sometimes we break our own rules and get stunning results!



Plant Highlight: Calendulas

What in the world is a Calendula? Calendulas are an easy-to-grow, cool season annual that boasts beautiful daisy-like flowers in very bright shades of yellow, orange, pink, apricot and more. They love the cooler weather and will bloom along the Gulf Coast from Fall to Spring in well-drained soil with at least a half days sun. Historically used in teas and herbal remedies Calendulas make excellent cut flowers and are edible as well.

In the garden Calendulas are stunning planted in mass or as a border. We have found the bright orange and yellows are stunning when planted with blue violas or lobelia in the front. Most varieties reach 18" to 24" tall though the "Bon-Bon" variety will only reach 12".

Texas Three Step.... Fall Lawn Treatment

Summer is almost behind us and it is time to give your lawn a little extra care. The following three-step program will promote a healthy and beautiful lawn.

Step 1 - Nitro-Phos Total Brown Patch Control to get rid of brown patch!

Step 2 - Nitro-Phos Fall Special Winterizer to promote healthy root systems and winter hardiness. Will ensure vigorous initial growth in the Spring.

Step 3 - Nitro-Phos Barricade Pre-Emergent Weed Control to keep out weeds all season long, especially for next Spring.



Fall Special: Buy all 3 steps for \$ 39.99.
(Regularly \$ 49.99).



Organic Lawn Care Alternatives

While organic alternatives are not as "quick-acting" there are some very good organic methods for caring for our lawns. An alternative to the above 3 steps the organic way might look something like this:

Step 1 - Garlic GP to control brown patch. In addition, regular application of Nature's Way Leaf Mold Compost increases beneficial microbes which can help prevent brown patch as well as improve lawn vigor.

Step 2 - Micro-Life or Medina Grow N Green granular fertilizers or Liquid Lawn Hasta Gro to promote healthy root systems and good spring growth.

Step 3 - Corn Gluten Meal acts as a pre-emergent weed control by inhibiting root development in seedlings. (Will not kill existing weeds.) Also a good source of slow release nitrogen fertilizer.

Fall Special: 3 Bags of Leaf Mold Compost \$24.97
(Regularly \$29.97)

"Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted."

David Bly

2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Party

You are invited to join us at our second annual
Pumpkin Patch Party.

When: Sunday October 14 12:00 - 3:00

Where: Enchanted Forest & Enchanted Gardens

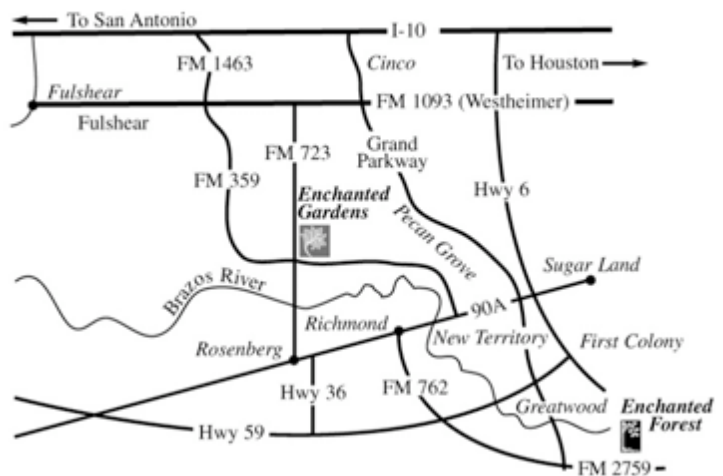
What: A fun day with family & friends.

Activities will include a petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, games, prizes, snacks & beverages.

***Kids who wear their
Halloween costumes will
receive a special prize!***

Check Out Our New Website
www.myenchanted.com

Our new website, www.myenchanted.com, is now online. It will be used to announce events and specials and will include tons of other useful information. Be sure to add it to your favorites and share it with your friends and neighbors so they can join in the Enchantment.



Pumpkins and Gourds... Nature's Bounty



Am I the only one that thinks pumpkins have personalities? As I look at all the colors and shapes of the different pumpkins and gourds a feeling of comfort and awe fills me....I just have to smile. Something about this favorite produce reminds us of the simple pleasures of earth's amazing bounty.

The nurseries have not only jack-o-lantern style pumpkins but many varieties of squash and gourds for holiday decorating and cooking. Why not create a true harvest table with a centerpiece of pumpkins and gourds? Some of our favorites include:

Fairytale – beautiful tan color with a flat scallop shape and deep ribbing. GORGEOUS!

Cinderella – orange-red color with a flat round shape and excellent flavor.

Lumina – stunning white color skin with orange flesh. Great for decorating.

Jaridale – blue-green skin with orange flesh.

Pump-kee-mon – mini pumpkins with orange and white stripes. Fun for decorating.

Munchkin and **Baby Boo** – orange mini and white mini pumpkins

Apple Gourds – dark green apple shaped gourd great for decorating.

Speckled Swan Gourd – large, speckled, crookneck gourd resembling a swan



Tomato~Jalapeno Soup

1 (28 oz) can plum tomatoes, undrained
1 (12.3 oz) package soft silken tofu, drained and divided
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp olive oil
½ cup finely chopped red onion
1 garlic clove, minced
¼ cup fresh or 1 tsp dried basil
1 Tbsp minced seeded jalapeno pepper
2 tsp minced fresh or ½ tsp dried oregano
1 tsp pepper
1/8 tsp ground cumin
1 Tbsp grated fresh Parmesan cheese
1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
1/8 tsp salt

Combine plum tomatoes, 6 oz drained tofu, and sugar in food processor and process until smooth. Heat the olive oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add the chopped onion and minced garlic, and saute' for 4 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium, and stir in the tomato mixture, minced basil, and next 4 ingredients (basil through cumin.) Cook the mixture until thoroughly heated; cover soup and keep warm.

Combine the remaining tofu, Parmesan cheese, lemon juice and salt in a blender and process until the mixture is smooth.

Top with Parmesan cheese.

Makes 4 servings



“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were noble.” Helen Keller

Recipe for Success!

It may seem like just “dirt” to us, but for your plants the soil is home. Good bed preparation is the most important step in building a healthy garden. Here are the ingredients that you’ll need.

-Elbow grease - Always remove any sign of grass, even the roots, from your new bed area. If you skimp on this, you could be pulling weeds for years to come.

-If heavy clay soils are a problem in your area, we recommend mixing gypsum into the existing soil. This will loosen the clay so that the plants can develop a deep root system.

-A good landscape mix should consist of topsoil, sand, composted mulch, composted rice hull, and forest floor (composted leaves) Helpful hint: 1 cu yd covers 100 sq ft 3” deep.

-We recommend several types of fertilizer. Osmocote is a “slow release” fertilizer which means it gives your plants a boost every time it rains or when you water them. It lasts 3-4 months and should be applied at the rate of 2 pounds per 100 sq ft. Colorstar fertilizer is mainly for blooming plants. You can think of it as a cross between Miracle Gro and Osmosote. It has an immediate as well as a long term effect. Apply about 5 pounds per 100 sq ft every 2-3 months. Microlife is an organic solution to keeping your plants happy. It will naturally help your plants become more resistant to insects, disease, frost, and drought. Apply 3 pounds per 100 sq ft ever 3-4 months.

Mulching is a must after planting. Not only does it give your landscape a finished look, it also helps keep moisture in and to keep the weeds out. Pine bark and hardwood mulch are the most popular. Apply the mulch 1 ½” -2”



deep. Pine straw or pine needles are becoming very popular in our area. The benefits are the same as traditional bark mulch, but the trees are not harmed to harvest this mulch as the pine needles are raked off of the ground.

Follow these steps and your plants will love you for it!

“When I go into the garden with a spade, and dig a bed, I feel such an exhilaration and health that I discover that I have been defrauding myself all this time in letting others do for me what I should have done with my own hands.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no steps had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

TWO ENCHANTED EVENINGS

Please join us for one of our Enchanted Holiday Evenings to welcome this beautiful season.

When & Where: Friday November 9 5 - 7:30 at Enchanted Forest and Thursday November 16 5 - 7:30 at Enchanted Gardens

Discover fabulous gift and decorating ideas while enjoying a glass of wine and hors d’oeuvres. Special door prizes every fifteen minutes and an opportunity to win a vintage Santa at the end of the evening.



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar

Sunday October 14 **Pumpkin Patch Party**

A fun afternoon with family and friends. Petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, games, refreshments and more!

Enchanted Gardens and Enchanted Forest 12:00 - 3:00

Friday November 9 **Enchanted Holiday Evening**

An enchanted evening to welcome the holiday season. Check out fabulous gift and decorating ideas while enjoying a glass of wine and appetizers. A fun girls night out.

Enchanted Forest 5:00 - 7:30

Saturday November 10 **Amazing Amaryllis**

Betty will be presenting a program on how to force Amaryllis for the holidays, gift giving ideas with bulbs and Amaryllis and growing these beauties in your garden year round.

Enchanted Forest 11:00-12:00

Thursday November 15 **Enchanted Holiday Evening**

Another opportunity for an enchanted evening to welcome the holiday season. Check out fabulous gift and decorating ideas while enjoying a glass of wine and appetizers. A fun girls night out.

Enchanted Gardens 5:00 -7:30

Coming soon...for the Holidays

This year we will be carrying a lovely selection of fresh wreaths and garland in addition to our beautiful poinsettias. Of course we will have our always unique mix of gifts and holiday decor.



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\$5 Off

each purchase of \$50 or
more (excluding landscap-
ing services)
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Fall Hours

Mon - Sat 8:30 - 5:30 ♦ Sundays 10:00 - 4:00

Closed Thanksgiving Day

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