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## Enchanted Moments



Pumpkin Party ~ We just love pumpkins!!!

Join us Saturday Oct. 7 at both stores (The Forest & The Gardens) to celebrate the coming of Fall and pumpkin season. There will be lots of photo opportunities so bring your cameras!

## Memories from the Garden

At Summer's end, ( yes, it will finally end! ), I like to take note of the "survivors" in my garden and in others. There are those stalwart plants that amaze us with their ability to withstand unrelenting heat, drought, and humidity. These garden pals seem to be extremely disease and insect resistant also. (When you're tough - well, you're just tough!)

My mother told a story many times of one of those summer "toughies." I was a mere six months old at the time. Each afternoon, as was the custom in those "un-air-conditioned" days, I took my nap on a twin bed, surrounded by feather pillows to prevent my rolling out of my little "corral." The bed was pushed against two screened windows which delivered a cooling breeze in the hot Houston afternoons. A white trellis supported a lovely Coral Vine which shaded those

two windows from the west Summer sun. On this particular afternoon, my mother peeked in to check on me - and I was gone! She called my name and searched around and under the bed. (Not too many years had passed since the tragic Lindbergh kidnapping, so her worry increased by the moment.)

Suddenly, she noticed the latch on one screen was open. Yes - there I was, happily being rocked in a vine cradle of pink and green! My mother happily retrieved me.... I had nearly made good my first attempt to escape into the garden!

Now, so many years later, when I am asked about the vigor of Summer vines. I cannot resist telling this story. Yes, the Coral Vine is truly a vine of enduring strength and beauty.

—Betty

*"Each moment of the year has its own beauty... a picture which was never seen before and which shall never be seen again." Emerson.*

## Plant Highlight: Bright Lights Swiss Chard

We love things that are beautiful and edible. Bright Lights Swiss Chard (often mistaken for rhubarb by our northern friends) - is just that! Planted with pansies and calendulas it is just stunning. Swiss Chard will grow from Fall to Spring and sometimes year round if it has a bit of protection from summer's hot rays.

In recipes chard is often used like spinach or greens. The leaves and stems are both edible and so very nutritious. Add a few to your garden or containers this Fall.

## Parsley Please

Many opportunities arise for the gardener as the mercury falls. Some of our favorite herbs prefer the cooler months to come. (Yes, they are coming...!) One of our "Enchanted Favorites" is Curly Leaf Parsley. We love it for its versatility...not only is it edible and used as a garnish but it is stunning in the landscape as well as in containers.

Curly Leaf Parsley makes a beautiful, lush, green garden border in front of taller plants such as snap dragons, calendulas or larkspurs. It is also useful to soften pathways or mixed into seasonal plantings with pansies, dianthus and other seasonal annuals. This parsley can practically stand alone in a container with its awesome color and texture. It is also a beautiful companion filler in containers but will need to be harvested periodically to keep it in bounds.

Plant parsley as soon as the evenings are consistently cooler or you can give them some afternoon shade. Other herbs that appreciate the cooler months include dill, fennel, cilantro, sorrel, flat-leaf parsley, rue, borage, thyme, rosemary and sage. (Rosemary and thyme will grow year round if protected from the hot afternoon sun in the heat of Summer.

**BONUS:** In the Spring you may find caterpillars eating on some of your beautiful herbs - particularly parsleys, fennel, dill and rue. These will shortly reveal their true identities...Swallowtail Butterflies!



*Bright Lights Swiss Chard*

## Betty's Pumpkin Bread

This is the best pumpkin bread you'll ever have!

- 1 cup cooking oil
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 cups pumpkin
- 3 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins



1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 3 - 8 1/2 inch loaf pans.
2. Combine oil, eggs, water and pumpkin.
3. Into mixing bowl, sift together dry ingredients. Make a well in center. Add pumpkin mixture. Blend just until dry ingredients are moistened.
4. Stir in nuts and raisins.
5. Turn batter into pans. Baking time: one hour.

## Amaryllis Society Bulb Sale

If you enjoy these beautiful bloomers you won't want to miss the upcoming Amaryllis Society's bulb sale!

What: Opportunity to purchase Amaryllis bulbs and other unusual garden finds as well as to gain information from various experts

When: Dec 9 and 10 - 9am to 4 pm

Where: Historic Houston Garden Center, 1500 Herman Drive Houston, TX 77004 713-284-1989

*"The capacity to care gives life its deepest significance."* Pablo Casals



# 1st Annual Pumpkin Patch Party

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

When: Saturday October 7 11:00 - 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 and Fall container gardening demonstrations.

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



## Container Garden Demonstration Times:

Enchanted Gardens 11:00 - 12:30

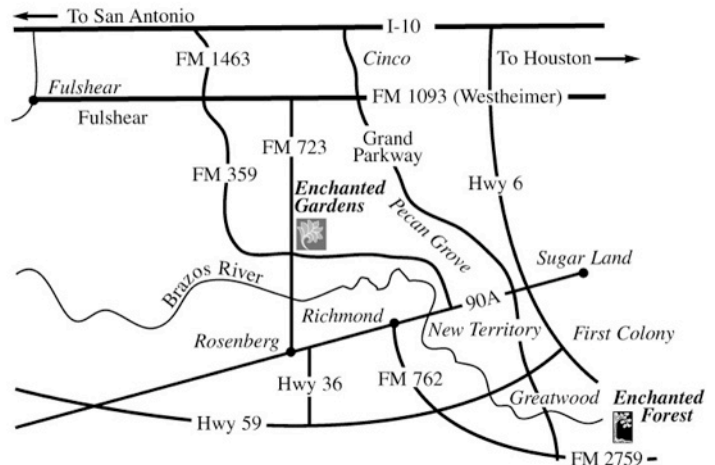
Enchanted Forest 1:30 - 3:00



## Fall Merchandise is Arriving!

We love Fall and look forward to the opportunity of helping you bring some of this wonderful season to *your* home. We will be carrying a large selection of jack-o-lanterns, decorative pumpkins & gourds, hay bales, cornstalks and unique yard art for the holidays. In addition we have a beautiful selection of interior decor to add that special touch to your home.

Of course we will have an array of colorful mums, seasonal color and Fall foliage. Be sure to check out our custom planted Fall container gardens.



## Shannon's Color Combos

There are so many beautiful color choices for Fall. After the long hot summer we are looking so forward to the cooler weather and some of our favorite flowers . . . we know you are too. It can be hard to decide, so Shannon has given us a list of some of her favorite choices to pair in flower beds and containers.

**Classic Combo** - Large Blotch mixed color pansies with white alyssum

**Bright Lights** - Orange pansies with blue violas and yellow snapdragons is eye catching.

**Mass Plantings** - Choose your favorite color of pansy and plant a mass of them mixed with snapdragons toward the back. Mass plantings are very impressive.

**On the Edge!** - Lobelia and alyssum are great border plants for fall / winter color. (Dianthus can act as a border as well.)

**Two Tone** - Ultima Morpho pansies are yellow and blue on the same flower! They stand out on their own or plant with bright blue lobelia and yellow snapdragons.

Shannon's personal favorites for flower beds are lavender shades Pansies bordered with mixed alyssum and white flowering cabbage with lavender centers - gorgeous! For containers a combination of snapdragons, swiss chard, calendulas, or sometimes parsley for height. Pansies, violas, phlox, cabbage, or dianthus for a medium growing filler. Finally, for that trailing plant, lobelia, dwarf snapdragons or alyssum all flow over the edge of a pot beautifully.

If you have seen some of Shannon's gorgeous containers you will want to try some or all of her suggestions. We are always happy to help you pull your ideas together!



*Shannon in the Garden*

## Fall is Best of All

The Fall months are ideal for planting trees & shrubs in our Gulf Coast climate. Getting your planting done well before the inevitable scorching months of Summer allow the roots of hardy shrubs and trees to become well established before the moisture demanding Summer sets in. Container grown trees and shrubs can be planted any time, but the gardener must be more vigilant to provide the proper moisture during the warmer Summer months. If you are thinking of adding trees or shrubs to your landscape I would encourage you to do so in the next several months if at all possible.

Contact our landscape team for a consultation this Fall. Get a jump on the Spring crowd and lessen the stress on you and your garden.

## Fall Lawn Care

Summer is almost behind us and it is that time of year when we need to give our lawns a little extra loving! If your lawn has suffered, like most, here are some cures to common problems:

Name	Symptoms	Cure
Take All Patch	Dead golden brown spots	Eagle granular, Fung-onil spray or Soil Mender
Brown Patch	Irregular dead brown spot with green in middle	Terra-Chlor, Fung-onil spray or Immunox spray
Sod Webworms	Large brown areas with moths flying in lawn	Permethrin or Triazicide
Cinch Bugs	Large brown areas	Permethrin or Triazicide

Now is the time to apply pre-emergent herbicides to control sporadic weeds in lawns. We suggest using Barricade. We are broadening our line of chemicals and fertilizers. Bring in samples of any lawn or garden problem and let us help you diagnose it.



*Encore Azalea*

## Encore . . . Encore!!!

In the Spring nothing is more stunning than the explosion of color from azaleas. But it has always seemed such a short-lived pleasure ... no longer the case! Encore Azaleas have been developed to bloom not only in the Spring but in the Fall as well. Encore Azaleas bloom in the Spring along with 'traditional' azaleas and then as an 'encore' they flower again in late summer or fall (which is which in Houston?). Some varieties even bloom in between and nearly always seem to be in bloom. There are more than 20 varieties in the Encore Collection. The shrubs range in height from three to five feet in hues of pink, purple, orange, and white.

As beautiful and enticing as these plants sound, they do have some very specific requirements. Follow these simple guidelines to help your plants thrive:

**Choose a site** - Encore Azaleas prefer quite a bit of sunlight with some protection from the late afternoon sun in the Summer, access to water is also important.

**Bed Preparation** - Raised beds work best in the Gulf Coast area for Azaleas. A bed raised, 8 - 12 inches will allow for proper drainage and the addition of azalea soil and organic matter mixed into existing soil to help produce a more acidic environment which all azaleas prefer.

**Planting** - Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball. When you remove the plant from the pot pay close attention to the roots. Gently spread any roots that are circling the root ball. If this is hard to do with your hands use a knife to make several slits 1/2 inch deep down the sides of the root ball then loosen the roots. Azaleas have a tendency to become root bound. Set the azalea in the hole with the top several inches above soil. Cover with a layer of pine bark mulch.

## Produce on the Patio

Many of us like the idea of growing our own vegetables-fresh, organic and yummy. But few of us have the space for rows of plants or the time to take care of a large garden. There is a simple, beautiful and enjoyable alternative...a salad garden right on your patio! Cool weather leafy vegetables include lettuce, swiss chard, mustard greens, kohlrabi, and arugula and all are suitable for container growing. Mix several kinds of greens in a large pot or plant a few of your favorites in individual pots. Cool weather herbs or edible flowers such as calendulas, nasturtiums, pansies or violas really round out a colorful and tasty salad! Provide your salad pots with about 6 hours of sun, organic fertilizer (like Hasta Gro) and water as needed...fresh salad all season!! Protect from temperatures below 28 degrees.

### The Little Ghost

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

I knew her for a little ghost  
That in my garden walked;  
The wall is high--higher than most--  
And the green gate was locked.

And yet I did not think of that  
Till after she was gone--  
I knew her by the broad white hat,  
All ruffled, she had on.

By the dear ruffles round her feet,  
By her small hands that hung  
In their lace mitts, austere and sweet,  
Her gown's white folds among.

I watched to see if she would stay,  
What she would do--and oh!  
She looked as if she liked the way  
I let my garden grow!

She bent above my favorite mint  
With conscious garden grace,  
She smiled and smiled--there was no hint  
Of sadness in her face.

She held her gown on either side  
To let her slippers show,  
And up the walk she went with pride,  
The way great ladies go.

And where the walk is built in new  
And is of ivy bare  
She paused--then opened and passed through  
A gate that once was there.

*"The best portion of a good life is the many little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."*  
William Wordsworth

## *Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar*

***Saturday October 7.....Pumpkin Patch Party***

A fun day with family & friends. Petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, games, container garden demos, snacks & more. ***Enchanted Gardens & Enchanted Forest 11:00 - 3:00***

***Saturday November 4.....Beautiful Bulbs***

Betty will share her love and knowledge of growing bulbs in the garden and forcing indoors. ***Enchanted Forest 11:00 - 12:00***

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***Saturday November 18.....Kids Club***

We would like to invite our junior gardeners to join us today in planting pots of bulbs and flowers. (Free activity) ***Enchanted Forest & Enchanted Gardens 10:00 - 12:00***

***Saturday December 2.....Enchanted Forest Garden Tour***

Join us for a guided tour of the gardens at Enchanted Forest. Refreshments to follow. ***Enchanted Forest 11:00 - 12:00***

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**Fall Coupon**  
**10% Off**  
 purchase of \$20 or more  
 Expires November 15, 2006  
 Not valid with any other offer.

**Fall Hours**  
 Mon - Sat 8:30 - 5:00 ♦ Sundays 10:00 - 4:00  
 (closed Thanksgiving Day)

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