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Enchanted Moments



Say CHEESE!!! Photography Contest To Begin

The **Enchanted Family** is excited to announce its first photography in the garden contest!!!

Kicking off the contest will be a "Photography in the Garden" seminar on Saturday, August 2, by **Enchanted Family** photographer, David Lenderman.

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The Cost of Living - Remembered

Here we go again, discussing — and perhaps complaining about — the high costs of living. A wise person once joked, "is it the high cost of living or is it the cost of living high."

It is truly amazing how we live, but how little we truly need to live comfortably. Certainly, the cost of gasoline is on our minds these days. Since our economy, and therefore, our society, is energy-bound, we watch with concern as the cost of a tank of gasoline rises. We instinctively know that transportation costs of even life's necessities are rising as well.

How were things in the days when gasoline was 25 cents a gallon? It must be

remembered that, at that time, a monthly wage of \$500 was considered a comfortable income. Our wants and needs were adjusted to our salaries, and not vice versa. I remember a time when many things were made at home and made to last. Woodworking, gardening and needlework were not only necessary, but were considered arts in themselves. Not only were these pursuits practical, the results were rewarding. I still consider a gift from the garden or one handcrafted to be the most valuable. To receive such a gift is to receive one from the heart. These heart-felt gifts are also kind to the pocketbook. Each of us has special talents. Take time to find and use your talents — share and enjoy them!!!

—Betty

Sno-Cone Saturdays

It's icy, it's sweet, it's refreshing....and it's free!!!

Each Saturday
from 11 am—3 pm
Both locations



"I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds on my neck."

Emma Goldman

WEEKLY WEB SPECIALS

We are now offering weekly web specials for both Enchanted Forest and Enchanted Gardens (each location's specials will be different).

Just print out the "Specials" page and present it to the cashier at checkout.

Did You Know?

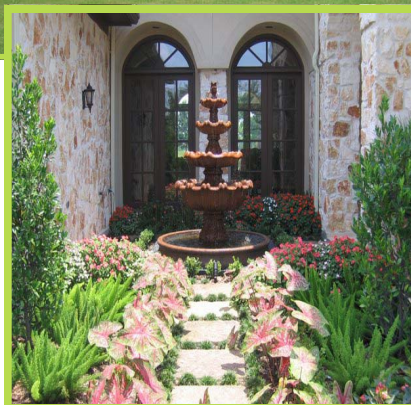
Enchanted Landscapes, a member of the Enchanted Family, is a full-service, fully licensed landscape company. Providing designs, irrigation installations, and many special requests, Enchanted Landscapes can make your dreams a reality. Simply complete an online consultation form or visit either of our garden centers.

Want to Sell? Landscaping Can Put You Yards Ahead

Selling your Home?

In Real Estate, we hear a lot about the factors that influence the sale of a house. The obvious always comes to mind: "Location, Location, Location."

BUT WAIT! What about the house that isn't in the "perfect location?" I always tell my sellers to think of the "WOW" factor. The moment the client approaches the home, they make a decision about the property based on the view from the curb! The first impression (the front yard) sets the stage.



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The right landscape can make a huge difference and can add as much as 15% or more to the value of your home. I have actually had clients purchase a home simply because they fell in love with the yard!

Two of the most important and beneficial elements of "curb appeal" are healthy, well-groomed trees and a lush, bright green lawn. We have all heard about the grass always being greener on the other side of

the fence. That's because someone took the time to fertilize, water, mow and occasionally

treat for a fungus or pests. It may take a little extra time but it can increase property value and provide years of aesthetic benefits to future owners.

Next, by adding a few permanent flowering bushes around the foundation and around the sidewalk and front entry, the curb appeal of your home invites the prospective buyer to look more closely.

Last but not least, the "WOW" factor! Gardeners

on a budget will appreciate the look they can accomplish by adding pretty splashes of color simply by adding bright, flowering perennials. Flowering summer plant choices are endless and inexpensive. Many colorful succulents are easy to maintain and thrive in our hot, dry temperatures.

Everyone enjoys driving up to their home and being able to admire their own yard. Nothing says Home Sweet Home like a beautiful yard. Just a little extra effort and a SOLD sign will be taking the place of the FOR SALE sign!

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*"How strange that Nature does not knock, and yet does not intrude!"
Emily Dickinson, Letter to Mrs. JS Cooper, 1880*

Getting Comfortable With Summer Heat...No, Really!!!

Summertime gardening in Southeast Texas has got to be all about... .. comfort. That's right, comfort. In June, July and August, when the average daytime highs reach into the 90s and the relative humidity seems pegged at 80%, I just don't have the vim and vigor that I have in the spring. I find I'm less interested in the newest cultivars, garden trends and newfangled techniques. I'd really prefer to sit in the shade with a cold drink, in the company of my tried and true garden favorites, as comfortable as my worn-out shoes.

Bulbs are the backbone of my summer landscape. These familiar old friends may not dazzle, but they've been reliable performers in our area for decades. As an added bonus, all these pretty pets take well to transplanting, making them perfect "pass-along" plants.



Caladiums

Once upon a time, caladiums were typically planted only in the shade, but today there are many strap-leaf varieties that will hold up in open sun. (The leaves of the strap-leaf varieties are lance-shaped and a little thicker than the fancy-leaf varieties. Those heart-shaped beauties will perform better in full to partial shade.) These colorful tropicals provide vivid color throughout the long summer months, with very little effort on my part. I water

them when they begin to wilt. I try to keep the snails away, and if I feel very energetic, I may go out and pinch off the bloom stalks to encourage lush foliage growth. Otherwise, these dependable beauties take care of themselves.

Daylilies are the traditional pride of the June garden. These lovely tubers are best planted in full sun with good drainage. Daylilies flower freely in shades ranging from deepest red to almost pure white, from palest lavender to shocking orange. Each flower lasts only one day, but new buds continue to open throughout the blooming season. The earliest bloomers start the show in April and the last to bloom close out the summer in July. I've found that evergreen or semi-evergreen varieties seem to do best here, and all daylilies will benefit from a little extra fertilizer in early spring and fall. Daylilies are vulnerable to daylily streak or rust, but this fungal disease doesn't harm the flowers or kill the plant. To avoid rust, maintain good air circulation between plants and try to avoid nighttime overhead watering.

Rain lilies are a particular favorite of mine. These little sprites flower profusely after a summer rain, especially if it has been dry for a long time. Rain lilies are about 8-12 inches tall, and native to Mexico, Central America and South America. Flower colors range from white and yellow to pink and rose. In my garden, the traditional pink flowered varieties seem to be the most reliable. I don't think I've ever done anything for a rain lily, other than replant them when certain 5 year old children in my house yank them out of the ground. They

don't appear to suffer much for the rough treatment. They do best in full to partial sun.

Gingers of all kinds respond well to our heat and humidity. In the shade, I particularly like Peacock Ginger, whose intricately patterned leaves seem to glow under larger tropicals like elephant ears and philodendron. Peacock Gingers do require a degree of patience



Peacock Ginger

though. They are dormant in the winter and are one of the last plants to reawaken in the spring. Mine appear in mid-May. Usually I've forgotten exactly where they are by that time. June seems to find me carefully untangling them from whatever I've planted on top. Peacock gingers can be used as container plants for your porch or as a summertime shady ground cover. Perhaps more important, they ease my longing for hostas, which haven't grown too well for me over the years.

If it didn't freeze in your area last winter, you may see shell gingers blooming. Normally these stately canes are grown for their luscious 7-10 foot tall foliage. (Variegated cultivars are a little shorter and less vigorous in their growth habit.) But sometimes we are treated to the orchid-like flower clusters that fairly drip from the top of old-growth canes. These beautiful flowers resemble pinkish seashells lined in bright yellow, with a red throat. After the cane has flowered, cut it down. That stalk won't produce another flower. Shell gingers grow best in filtered shade or part shade, but I've had mine in full sun too. They require more water in full sun and the leaves can scorch a bit if the summer is hot, dry and windy.

So this summer, take it a bit easy on yourself and rely on some of our area's most dependable performers. These summer bulbs have provided me with years of beauty in my various southeast Texas gardens.

By Elizabeth Barrow

Master Gardener



"Trees are your best antiques."

Alexander Smith

Container Gardening: Think Outside The Pot!!!

Container gardening has grown in popularity through the years, spreading beyond the balconies of high-rise condos to yards, entryways, pool sides and window boxes across the country.

The choice of containers is not limited to the traditional terracotta or glazed pot. While these will always be tried and true choices, don't hesitate to *THINK OUTSIDE THE POT!!!*

Betty Lenderman, co-founder of the Enchanted Family, recently potted up a stainless



steel colander with herbs. She's also been known to pot up her husband's old work boots, as well as baskets of every size, shape and color. According to Betty, "The container you select can be a reflection of your personality and your imagination. If it can hold soil and be made to drain water, you've got a container!!!"

We found an old metal wagon recently under a table in a greenhouse. After drilling a few holes in it and adding a few inspired touches, to include a mailbox and a bird's nest, we had a very unique container garden.



Basil Chicken Wraps

- 8 Flour Tortillas (use plain, tomato-, or spinach-flavored)
- 1/2 Cup Basil Mayonnaise (below)
- 12 Ounces thinly sliced Smoked Chicken or Turkey (cut into thin strips)
- 1 Large, Red Sweet Pepper halved lengthwise, seeded, and cut into strips
- Fresh Purple or Green Basil Leaves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Wrap stack of tortillas in foil; heat about 10 minutes or until warm.

Spread one side of each tortilla with Basil Mayonnaise. Arrange chicken slices, sweet peppers, and basil leaves on tortillas. Fold up bottoms, roll into cones. Makes 4 sandwiches.

Basil Mayonnaise

In a small bowl, stir together 1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing, 1 tablespoon snipped, fresh basil and 1 small clove garlic, minced. If desired, stir in 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper. Makes 1/2 cup.

You Can Do It!!! Or We Can Help....Or We Can Do It All!!!

When it comes to planting a container garden, we know some of you could teach classes...but then there's some of you that would just like a bit of help and still others that would just prefer to have us do the whole thing.

We can do as much or as little as you need. You can use our potting shed to plant up your own containers. This helps you to select just the right amount of plants and avoid over or under purchasing. You can also bring us your favorite containers or pick something from our wide selection. Then we'll plant the container for you!!!

*"A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible."
Welsh Proverb*

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The contest will consist of three categories:

1. Kids in the Garden
2. Pets in the Garden
3. Gardenscapes

There will be first, second and third place prizes for each category:

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| 1st Place | \$100 Gift Certificate |
| 2nd Place | \$50 Gift Certificate |
| 3rd Place | \$25 Gift Certificate |

Entries will be accepted at both *Enchanted* locations from August 2—September 30. Winners will be announced at the Pumpkin Patch Party on October 12th.

All entries will require a completed entry form, which can be downloaded from our web site beginning on August 2, or picked up at either *Enchanted* location. All entries will become property of the *Enchanted Family* and may be used in print or internet publications.

Interested contestants can feel free to take photos at either of our locations, so get those cameras out and capture the beauty of gardens!!!



Summer Special Coupon:
10% Off Any Gift Shoppe Purchase
It's nice and cool inside!!!
 Applies to Reg. Priced Merchandise
 Expires 8/31/08

LP Spins The Latest: *Easy-To-Use Products For Summer*



So many times I've heard customers talk about being afraid of treating their lawn and garden because they don't know what products to use. I wanted to mention a few products that are easy to use and will help keep your lawn and garden looking great.

L.P. Kojis

First, there's **Agralawn**. It's a totally organic product that is great for treating Crab Grass, Basket Grass, Virginia Button Weed, and other similar weeds. It's an easy to use powder, just shake on effected areas.



Then there's **Bonide All Seasons Spray Oil**. It kills all stages of insects, including eggs. Can be used on a variety of fruits and vegetables (make sure to look at the list on the label), shade trees, and ornamental shrubs (do not use on hibiscus). It kills scale, aphids, white fly, mites, thrips, mealybugs, and leafminers. This can be used year-round and it comes in an easy-to-use spray bottle, as well as a bottle that fits on the end of your hose.



Next, **Amaze Grass & Weed Preventer**. This is an effective pre-emergent weed control which lasts all season long (3 months). It controls weeds in ornamental bulbs and ground covers, ESTABLISHED flower beds (do not use on coleus or begonias), and landscape ornamental trees and shrubs. You apply this product after your beds are planted and mulched. One application lasts approximately 3 months.



Lastly, there's **Dominion Tree and Shrub**. This is a systemic liquid for use on outdoor trees and shrubs. It treats a wide variety of chewing and sucking insects, such as aphids and thrips. Just mix with water and pour around base of tree or shrub. This is a great treatment for black sooty mold — it doesn't treat the mold, but it kills the insects which cause the mold in the first place. I

Gardeners Beware!!!

We're in a drought. There have also been high winds and unusually high temperatures. These conditions can make for a deadly mix. And, while sprinkler systems are a great frontline defense for keeping gardens watered...you must check the effectiveness of your system.

Are all sprinkler heads working? Are all areas of your garden/lawn being covered? Are newly planted trees getting too much or not enough water?

No sprinkler system? WATER!!!

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."
 Sam Keen

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar

Please check our website, www.myenchanted.com, for details and updates

| DATE | Event | Location/Time |
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| Saturday, June 14 | Summer Survival Tips for the Garden and Gardener | Enchanted Forest, 10 am |
| | Plant Propagation Process | Enchanted Gardens, 10 am |
| Saturday, June 21 | Container Gardening: Think Outside the Pot | Enchanted Forest, 10 am Enchanted Gardens, 10 am |
| Saturday, June 28 | Fairy Gardening: Summer theme | Enchanted Forest, 10 am |
| Thursday, July 3 | Will Close Early | Enchanted Gardens, 3 pm |
| Friday, July 4 | Will Close Early | Enchanted Forest, Close at 4 pm Enchanted Garden, Closed |
| Saturday, July 12 | Chip Off The Old Pot Sale | All Day, Both Locations |
| Saturday, July 19 | Palm Tree Seminar by Gary Lenderman and Sale | Enchanted Forest, 10 am |
| | Toughest Texas Perennials by Joey Lenderman | Enchanted Gardens, 10 am |
| Saturday, August 2 | Photography in the Garden by David Lenderman—Kick-off of Photography Contest | Enchanted Forest, 10 am Enchanted Gardens, 2 pm |



Save The Date!!!



OUR 3RD ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT BOTH ENCHANTED FOREST & ENCHANTED GARDENS.

FESTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE OUR PUMPKIN PATCH, PETTING ZOO, SEMINARS, GAMES...AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

COMPLETE FALL/HALLOWEEN DECORATING PACKAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, AS WELL AS A NEW, EXPANDED FALL LINE FROM THE ROUND TOP COLLECTION.