



Alden Lane Nursery Newsletter

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Announcements

- **Watch the Valley Gardener** on CTV30 for great gardening tips with host Jacquie Williams-Courtright at 7:30 a.m. every day, repeated on Saturday & Sunday at 11 a.m.
- **Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club** meets at the Alisal School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The April meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st at 7 p.m. with **Dr. Gordon Frankie**. "The Importance of Urban Bees" will be the topic. The May meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 6th and feature Carolyn Parker. Ms. Parker's topic will be "Roses". For more information please contact Sally at 417-8809.
- **Fremont Garden Club** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month February - October. Guest speakers, field trips, annual garden tea. For more information phone 510-401-0138 or email fremontgardenclub1@yahoo.com.
- The **Mt. Diablo Rose Society** meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Call for details 829-4929.
- **Visit Valley Perks Coffee Bar at Alden Lane!** Have you ever wanted a warm cup of coffee while you browse Alden Lane? Now you can sip a warm beverage while you shop. Valley Perks is located in our "Seasons" store next to the greenhouse. We hope you'll enjoy a cup next time you're in!



Alden Lane Nursery Hours

Daily from
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A Mother's Day Treat for the Senses



Come and smell the roses, enjoy a beautiful stroll through our rose section, all our roses will be in peak bloom . . .

then give Mom a special treat . . .

We're offering a special event designed to treat your Mom like the queen she is. *You can plant a purse with annual flowers and garnish with a beautiful butterfly accessory*, then stroll through the roses up to the coffee shop where we'll treat Mom to a *Almond Rocha Mocha with a delicious sweet treat*

from Valley Perks, our coffee company on site!

We will be offering this Mother's Day special on **Saturday, May 10** and **Sunday, May 11** from 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. Advance reservations are required, the cost is \$24.99 per person.

IT'S BONUS DOLLAR DAYS — SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS!!

Water Gardening . . . Another Dimension to the Garden

Today it is surprisingly easy to add a water garden to your yard. Even a modest pond can become a beautiful and intriguing focal point in your garden. First, starting with a pre-formed pool or flexible liner, you create the shape or style you desire. When you add water nozzle displays, water runs, circulating pumps, statuary and light you can create your own special look. To add a natural setting to your pond, add various types of water plants from shallow bog plants to deep-water lilies, and to finish off the pond you might want to add fish. Now your yard and water gardening pond become a miniature ecosystem, where plants and fish thrive in a balanced and decorative environment that will provide you and your family with years of enjoyment. Your weekend project recreates a natural habitat with re-circulating water so it's a thrifty water user. Come in to see our water garden displays, plants, and accessories.



Mosquito Fish Give Away!!

Drop by the nursery on Saturday, April 12th with a pail or bucket and take away some mosquito fish for your ponds or large fountains. These fish are courtesy of the Mosquito Abatement District. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organic Lawn Seminar

Want a beautiful lawn without using chemicals or excess water?

Want to create a lawn that is safe for pets and children?

Want to be environmentally responsible without giving up your lawn?

Come to our “**Organic Lawn Seminar**” on Saturday April 26th at 9:30 a.m. **Annie Joseph** joins us to show how to have a “Green” lawn without changing political parties.

Known as a friend of Alden Lane for 20+ years, Annie has been an avid gardener and colleague in the nursery business for years. Annie currently consults with agencies and municipalities about how to reduce the use of chemicals in landscapes and has even spoken on the subject internationally. Annie lives with her family in Benicia and has a beautiful lawn (and garden) that does not require a whole lot of water and is now organic, safe for people and pets and looks great.

Annie will share the story of how she transformed a typical, thirsty suburban lawn, (weeds and all) into a vibrant, lush lawn without using harsh chemicals. Come hear Annie share her practical experience and knowledge (and a few pictures of her garden) There will be free samples of organic garden products as well for you to take home and use.

Call ahead, (925) 447-0280 so we have a headcount. ***This seminar is free to the public, another way Alden Lane strives to serve our community.***



Orchids 101

Want to learn more about your orchids and how to be successful? Sue Fordyce is conducting Orchids 101 classes every second Saturday of the month at Alden Lane. Pre-register with our cashiers (phone in or drop by). The cost is \$5.00. Bring a friend for FREE!

Orchids 101 will be held April 12, and repeated on May 10th and June 14th.



Orchid University

This is your opportunity to learn the basics and beyond about the intricate world of ORCHIDS. **Sue Fordyce** will “de-mystify the mystical” and teach you what you need to know to grow-and BLOOM fabulous orchids. Many types of orchids will be discussed, both indoor and outdoor. You may choose one class . . . or sign up for all three. The workshops will be repeated in July — so if you missed one, you can catch up.

WORKSHOP I: Your plants are talking to you- how to interpret the sign language of orchids and understand their basic needs. How to tell underwatering, overwatering, root problems, light issues and lots more. You may bring a plant to be diagnosed.

WORKSHOP II: *Potting Party!* Issues of repotting, dividing and root health will be addressed by hands on demonstration. Care after repotting will also be covered. You may bring a plant to be repotted. You may purchase a pot from us, or bring your own. We will provide the mix and instruction.

WORKSHOP III: Pests and diseases, water quality, greenhouse culture, mounting orchids, and exploring the needs of more unusual but attainable orchids are addressed in this highly informative session.

Session 1: Wednesdays

Workshop I JUNE 4 7pm to 8:30 pm

Workshop II JUNE 11 7pm to 8:30 pm

Workshop III JUNE 18 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Session 2: Wednesdays

Workshop I JULY 16 7pm to 8:30

Workshop II JULY 23 7pm to 8:30

Workshop III JULY 30 7 pm to 8:30

Please call Alden Lane to sign up for the workshops at 925/447-0280 which have limited registration. Classes will be held in the Alden Lane Event Center. The cost is \$10.00 per class, or sign up for all 3 for \$25.00. Prepayment is suggested to hold your space.

Alden Lane's Educational Opportunities

This year Alden Lane is introducing basic gardening classes, and scheduling them on both Saturdays and Sundays so you can easily work a class into your month.

A series of 4 classes will cover the most common questions we encounter from gardeners. All classes will include about 30 minutes of instruction/ demonstration and optional 20-30 minutes of question/ answer time.

Sunday, March 30 at 1:00 pm or Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 am

Sad soil?, Make it better!

What constitutes good garden soil and what you can do to nurture the nature of your soil.

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm or Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 am

Plant nutrition.

What it takes to keep your plants looking vibrant, flowering well or fruiting well.

Sunday, April 27 at 1:00 pm or Saturday, May 3 at 10:00 am

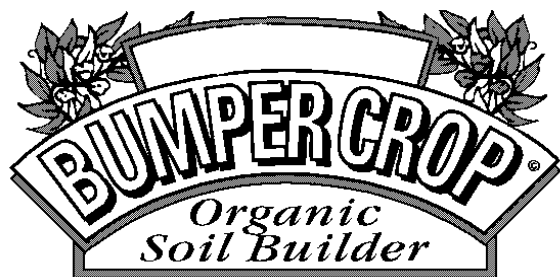
Take the mystery out of watering.

Avoid the most common problems for new gardeners. Find out what your plant really wants and learn valuable tips to read a plant's moisture needs.



Notes for April Gardening

- Looking for planting directions? Check out our **planting instructions** on our web site (www.aldenlane.com). The new planting instructions are simple, easy to follow and well illustrated.
- Now is the time to hang **Yellow Jacket Traps**. Early spring is the time to capture the colony's queens thus exponentially reducing the yellow jackets in the area later in the year.
- Make sure to **fertilize all your plants** to support and nurture all the beautiful spring growth.
- Protect new plantings from slugs and snails with pet safe **Sluggo** or **Master Snail, Slug & Insect Control**.
- Grub control for lawn. Now is the time to apply **Bayer Advance Lawn Grub Control** for a full season of protection. Avoid the dead patches typical with grub infestations. Apply this product now.
- Control broadleaf weeds in the lawn with **Master Green Weed and Feed**; it fertilizes while it weeds. The toughest broadleaf lawn weeds are easily controlled at this time by spraying with **Monterey Spurge Power**.
- Alden Lane Nursery has a wide selection of **bedding plants for summer color**. Choose favorites like cosmos, impatiens, petunias, marigolds, and zinnias. And **don't forget the vegetables** . . . You can also plant tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and zucchini this month. Plant this month and reap the reward of bountiful produce through the summer and lots of fresh flowers for your home.
- Oxalis (yellow flowered clover look alike) can now be controlled (amazingly) in most lawns with **Monterey Turflon Ester** or **Spurge Power**.
- Raise the height of your lawnmower** to 2½ -3 inches for the summer. Taller grass survives hot temperatures better and helps shade our weed invaders.
- The warm weather has also brought out the aphids. Check the tender new growth on roses, ornamentals, fruit trees and vegetables. Hose them off with a stream of water. Control out of hand populations with **Ladybugs** or **Pest Fighter Oil Spray**.



Plan on a "Bumper Crop" This Year!

April is high season to start your vegetable gardens and to encourage you we are offering Bumper Crop soil amendment at a special price.

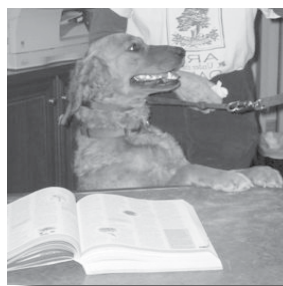
Buy four bags for the price of three!

THAT'S A 25% SAVINGS!

Bumper Crop is a blend of composted fir bark and forest humus fortified with 15% chicken manure, worm castings, bat guano and kelp meal. pH balanced with dolomite and oyster shell lime.

We love Bumper Crop for vegetable gardening. It adds nutrients and improves texture resulting in better yields. Mix a couple of inches into your garden soil every year to nurture, nourish and refresh. Use 5-8 bags per 100 square feet.

Our Special Price through April: **Four bags for the price of three** (Save \$8.99, regular price, \$8.99 each). Offer good through April.



Hailey's Comments

As official "Watch Dog" for the 2008 Spring, the season has officially made its mark on the Alden Lane Nursery. Allow me to introduce myself, I am Hailey, the resident canine of Livermore's premier garden center. We celebrate the spring season with our

gates open longer for your walking pleasure. Secure your leash to a human and take them for a walk thru the beds looking for plants to decorate your kennel area or mark your territory.

*Being the "Bone-A-Fide" expert here on dirt and digging let me share this month's scoop for successful planting. Thanks to the taste and profession of being a dog, I highly recommend the use of **Bone Meal** when planting flowers, perennials or shrubs. Before nestling your new litter of plants into the soil, vigorously dig, mix and move the dirt and a generous portion of Bone Meal around with your muzzle. This simple pleasure of living like a dog will result in strong roots, abundant blooms and prolific fruit.*

***I am leading the pack and "Going Green" for the spring.** My tail wags and I are growing our vegetables and tomatoes in our own garden, ensuring organic, pesticide free results. Every time you harvest, you collect your trophy with the thrill of having grown it yourself. The human folk here at the nursery are taking my lead and will be training for "Green" solutions for your lawn and composting in this and future months.*

Paws for Reflection: If you can look at a dog and NOT feel vicarious excitement and affection, you must be a cat.

Color Trends and Garden Gifts



Naturally Green or as Hines nursery calls it "Earthen" are two terms to describe the color trend for this season. According to Hines Nursery, ***"In today's modern world, there is an increasing appeal to a rich, earthy color palette that soothes the eye and calms the soul."*** The warm rich tones of the natural world are making their way into our everyday lives. Along with the colors is an array of unexpected textures and shapes to add interest into the home and garden.

It is exciting to see home décor and gift embracing the natural world of plants for inspiration. According to the Pantone fashion colors for this season the warm rich tones are golden olive, Croissant, Freesia, and Daiquiri Green. These colors were clearly represented in Atlanta at the America's Mart gift show. Many new products will be arriving at the nursery following these trends that were found at the show.

Some of the exciting finds will be highly textured items in the warm tones with simple botanical interest applied. For example there will be a **collection of products from lamps, vases, bags, metal buckets, candles and much more with this trend in mind.** We have artwork from Linen Home Décor with a dark wooden background with carved trees in the foreground. So it has all the elements: wood which is a natural material, rich color tones of mahogany and croissant, raised carvings which has the texture and the final element of botanical inspiration. Other products from Linen Home Décor are mirrors made from green fibers. So again it provides the warm rich tones of nature with the green tones and the fibers are natural products that also provide texture.

For the recycling conscious, which I hope we all are, we will be carrying woven bags in the warm tones with a simple leaf pattern. These bags are meant to be used to do shopping, decorative enough for the mall but practical enough for the local farmer's market.



This collection will also have some new **soap from La Lavande.** The rich color of green in a verbena scent and also an oatmeal colored soap in a honey almond scent. Another element to add is the botanicals in the form of **potpourri** to enrich our lives, fresh clean fragrances with a great look.

Please come in and see all the great products that were sought out to bring out the trends of the season, but more importantly to create a soothing environment for you to enjoy.

Don't Forget!

Moss Basket Workshop

Saturday, April 12th, 10 a.m.

Brian and Jacquie will team up to teach this fun class. Come and join in.

Create a beautiful 14" moss basket brimming with gorgeous annuals for sun and shade. Cost is \$48 per participant including tax. This class will fill up fast, so call today to prepay and reserve your spot - (925) 447-0280.



It's Time for Bonus Dollars Again!

Our traditional springtime event - **Bonus Dollars are back!** Bonus Dollars are distributed April 1 through May 31. You earn 10% of your total purchases and are paid in Alden Lane Nursery Bonus Dollars. These Bonus Dollars are redeemable August 1-31. They are to be used for up to 50% of your purchases in August. For example: if you have 10 Bonus Dollars you may use all 10 on a purchase of \$20 or more.

(Bonus Dollars are not valid with other discounts or coupons. Bonus Dollars are not valid on sod, sale items or other special orders. Sales limited to stock on hand. Not redeemable for cash.)

Tool Sharpening Service Well Received!

ABSOLUTELY SHARP will be at the nursery each Saturday in April from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Absolutely Sharp will be set up in our entrance, offering sharpening services while you do your gardening shopping. You can bring in your tools, scissors, chain saws, and anything else you need to have sharpened. For a nominal fee, you can keep all your tools in tip top condition. Most services range from six to nine dollars.

For more information, you can visit their website at www.absolutelysharp.com or visit them here at the Nursery, Saturdays in April from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Great Gardening Gifts for Mother's Day

Mom would probably like a gift from you that reminds her of you every season of the year. And one that grows as her love does for you. With that in mind, take a walk through our garden department!

❁ Roses are everywhere and in every color, flower form and type – from hybrid tea to floribunda, tree rose to David Austin roses. **We have just the perfect rose for Mom.** Alden Lane has hundreds of roses including climbers, tree, shrub, hedge, minis, Flower Carpet™ and more. You can choose a dozen roses for Mom that will give and give each and every year with a larger display of flowering beauty. Included in our selection this year are the 2008 All American Rose winners and the new 'April In Paris' rose bush.

❁ In late spring there is no more breath-taking sight than that of a **dogwood tree in its full blooming glory.** Four roundish bracts surround the flower clusters and figuratively they smother the tree with blooms putting on a spectacular show. The leaves will turn red in the autumn before falling and then clusters of small scarlet fruit is visible. The fruit will last into winter if the birds don't eat them. Dogwood are also known for their horizontal branching pattern. In our warm area they do best if planted in high shade (in the shadow of another taller tree) and are protected from western sun. Some of the staff favorites include: *Cherokee Chief* (rosy red bracts with pale base), *Cornus Kousa* with profuse white flowers, and *Rubra* (long time favorite for its rose or pink bracts).

❁ **Peonies are an excellent addition to a perennial border or cottage garden.** Many of them have a fragrance similar to old-fashioned rose varieties. Peonies are long lived and are available in a range of colors, singles, semi-double or double flower forms. They make excellent cut flowers. No garden should be without one!



Spring Rose Shows!!

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Rose Shows. They are easy to exhibit in and easier to attend. Plan on attending these two!

Mt. Diablo Rose Society Spring Rose Show

- Saturday, May 3rd, Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.
- Novice public entries welcome between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.
- Enjoy the show from 1 to 4 p.m.

The 68th Annual Pleasanton Public Rose Show

- Co-Sponsored by Alain Pinel, City of Pleasanton and Alden Lane Nursery.
- Saturday and Sunday, May 10th & 11th; Pleasanton Library, 400 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA.
- All backyard novice entries are welcome
- You can enter cut flowers from Saturday, 6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Show hours: Saturday from 12:30 to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Award Ceremony: Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
- For more information call Deb at 925-251-1111 ex. 307

Upcoming Garden Tours

5th Annual Bay-Friendly Garden Tour – Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Online registration for the 5th Annual Bay-Friendly Garden Tour is now live at www.BayFriendly.org. There's a whole new set of gardens to see with clusters in Pleasanton, Livermore, Alameda, Oakland and Berkeley. Sign up now to reserve your space!

Bringing Back the Natives Tour – Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This is a **FREE TOUR** of 60 pesticide-free, water conserving gardens that provide habitat for wildlife and contain 50% or more native plants.

These gardens are in the East Bay cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Danville, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Hayward, Livermore, Martinez, Oakland, Piedmont, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, Richmond, San Leandro, & Walnut Creek.

Registration is required by April 19. This tour expected to fill; early

registration is suggested to ensure a place. Visit the website to register for the tour: www.bringingbackthenatives.net.

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Garden Tour – Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This tour benefits the Valley Humane Society. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from Alden Lane Nursery and the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton. For more information call 925-918-0799.

Kid's Club Activities

Stepping Stone Class

Saturday, April 26th

Cost is: \$20.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Come decorate a stepping-stone for Mom! It will be something she will cherish for years to come. A stepping stone decorated by a child with little pieces or memorabilia and a hand print will capture a moment in stone to be enjoyed more and more with the passage of time.

We make the mess, your kids get to be as creative as they wish, and we clean it up. We will have 9x9 stones poured and ready to decorate. Bring your own decorations, or use our collection of stones, beach glass and pottery for "Kids" of all ages. Call ahead to register and pre-pay.

WeedGuard — A Biodegradable Weed Block

Something new and causing quite a stir in gardening circles, WeedGuard is a weed control product that will be great for this year's flower or vegetable garden. WeedGuard is simply a cellulose fiber paper weed barrier product to be used seasonally to establish flowers vegetables or perennials and keep them weed free in the process. After the season passes, the barrier can simply be tilled back into the ground. No messy plastic debris to deal with.

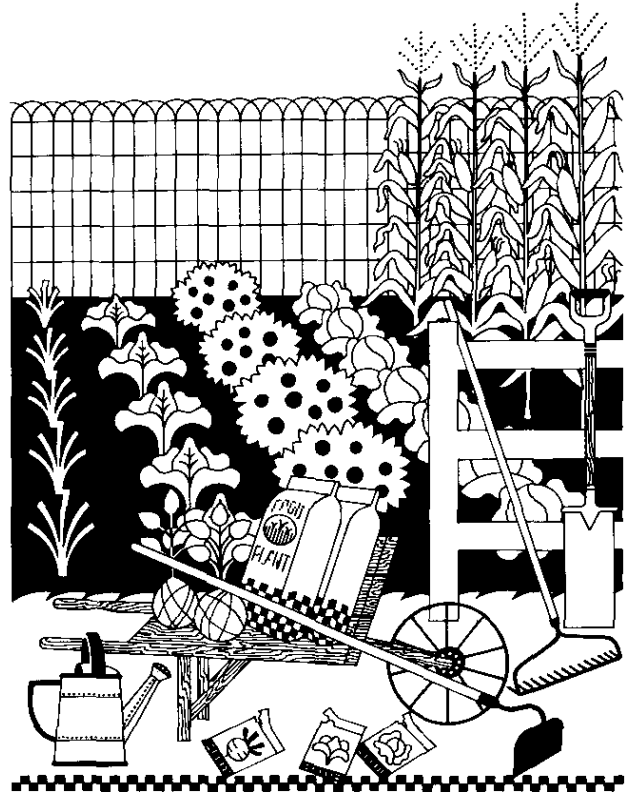
Available in rolls, or perforated sheets - just place over the garden area, and wet down lightly with water. Sprinkle some soil over the mulch paper to keep it weighted down, make holes for your seedlings and plant them. Watch your plants grow.

WeedGuard is made from all natural earth friendly cellulose fibers. Unlike plastic weed barriers WeedGuard is made from eco-effective renewable resources. No petro-chemicals.

Key Benefits:

- ✓ Opaque Material Blocks Sunlight Prevents Weeds
- ✓ No Weeding means Less Work, More Fun, Better Results
- ✓ No Weeds, so Watering and tending benefits only your vegetables and plants not the weeds
- ✓ Naturally Porous so water is allowed to penetrate and percolate into the soil, No run-off, wasted water or soil erosion
- ✓ Naturally Decomposes at the End of the Growing Season means it can be tilled and plowed into the soil with no plastic clean-up
- ✓ Dark, soil colored mulch is attractive and can also help warm soil temperatures for better start, better yields

Available in rolls that are 24" x 25' or 24" x 50' or in 24" square sheets (5-pack)
Be sure to ask about a free sample!



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Snails, Slugs & Other Bugs!!!

Consider earth and pet friendly Sluggo! The base ingredient of Sluggo is naturally occurring Iron Phosphate that does a great job of controlling snails and slugs in the garden while not harming other creatures including pets and people; and as it breaks down it actually nourishes the plants.

Check out our **Slug Pubs**. These beer or yeast reservoirs are a great organic way of ridding your garden of these plant-eating pests.

Our **Copper Tape** is a good mechanical barrier that can be used to protect your plants. Use 2 widths of it to keep snails and slugs from devouring your plants.

Old standby favorites are **Master's Snail, Slug and Insect Control Meal and Granules**. These two products do a great job at combating earwigs and pillbugs (rolly pollies) too.

Aphid Control – Lady Bugs to the Rescue!

Ladybugs are handy critters to release in your garden in the spring, summer and fall. They can help keep the populations of aphids under control.

Aphids are a greater nuisance than perhaps any other garden insect, they suck the juices out of fresh tender growth, weaken the plant and deposit a sticky, sugary residue on items below their work site. They are prolific in their reproduction.

For those wishing an organic, or natural method of controlling aphids, We suggest a one-two punch, first with **Master Nursery Pest Fighter Year-round Spray Oil**, followed up with **fresh release of Ladybugs**. The spray oil simply sprays on at the end of a hose, no mixing. It smothers pests, rather than poisoning them. The Ladybugs mop up the leftovers and sort of stand guard against local aphid uprisings.



Rose Spray Program

The program, combines diseases and pest control with fertilizer. The following are the ingredients to make up the basic spray and the amount of each to be combined and added to one gallon of water.

Ortho RosePride Disease Control (Funginex)	1 tablespoon
Ortho Systemic Insect Killer (Isotox)	2 tablespoons
MAXSEA 16-16-16	1 tablespoon
Gromore Seaweed Extract	4 tablespoons
Vinegar	1 tablespoon

The first spray should be made at the moment disease is first noticeable, then as needed thereafter. For maximum protection and feeding, you can spray every 10 days through the spring growing season. Read and follow Pesticide labels.

Remember never spray or feed a thirsty plant. Always

water your plants well the day before. It's important to avoid the heat of the day when treating and take care with your dilutions (don't overdose)!

Tasty Tomatoes For Your Summer Salads! Vegetable Gardens Start This Month!



Feeling adventurous? Ready to try some new tomato varieties this year? We have them! Check out this list of varieties and sizes. We know there's something to fit your taste and gardening needs. Prepare your soil with our Recipe for Good Garden Soil. If you want to plant your tomatoes in containers we'll help you select just the right varieties. April is also the month to plant everything in the vegetable garden. We have seeds, seedlings and four inch plants to help jump start your garden. Once the danger of frost has passed you can set out tomatoes, eggplant and pepper starts, plant watermelon, cucumbers, pumpkins, beans, and more. We have a great selection of tomato cages, snail and bug baits, vegetable fertilizer along with tips for good growing. Stop by and see us soon!

Recipe for Good Garden Soil! Good Garden Soil Starts Here!!

If you are preparing a vegetable garden now or just dreaming about it, it's still a great time to improve the soil. Follow our "Recipe" to improve the texture and fertility of your little piece of earth. This should be a part of your vegetable garden routine 1 to 2 times a year. Amend the valley soils to give your plants their best opportunity for growth. Keep this recipe handy for your planting needs.

GOOD GARDEN SOIL!

For each 100 square feet add:

- 10 cubic ft. of soil conditioner: **Master Gold Rush** or **Bumper Crop**® (5-8 bags)
- 5 lbs. **Iron Sulfate** to acidify and add iron.
- 10 lbs. **Master Vegetable Food** or **Master Flower Food**, **Master Formula 49** can be used for ground covers.
- 50 lbs. **Gypsum**. It loosens hard soils as it adds sulfur & calcium. (An excellent addition in our heavy soil.)

Mix well with your soil to an 8" depth and water well.

Tomato Varieties

Cherry Size: Currant, Green Grape, Isis Candy, Red Grape, Red Pear, Snow White, Suncherry, Sun Gold, Sweet Olive, Thai Pink.

Small to Medium: Amish Paste, Black Prince, Pearson, Garden Peach, Green Zebra, Heatwave, Italian Gold, Juliet, Mt. Gold, Pink Ping Pong, Speckled Roman, Yellow Stuffer

Large: Abraham Lincoln, Big Pick, Black Krim, Cherokee Purple, Delicious Golden, Granny Smith, Great White, Jumbo, Mr. Stripey, Sausage

Extra Large: Big Rainbow, Brandywine, Yellow Brandywine, Dinner Plate, Prudens Purple, Watermelon, Hillbilly

Bababerries - The Heat Tolerant Raspberries!

Bababerries have a large sweet firm berry that thrives in our hot summers. They are vigorous plants growing to 8 to 10 ft tall and producing large crops of fruit in June and again in October. Bababerries have a California connection. A southern California gardener discovered them in her raspberry patch. She observed that they did extremely well in the heat compared to her other raspberries.

Stop by for your plants soon!

Win Free Soil Amendments Good Garden Soil Recipe Kit

Great gardening begins with your soil. Win this Good Garden Soil Recipe Kit to start your vegetable garden on the right foot this year.

- 5 Bags of **Bumper Crop**
- 1 - 50 lb. Bag of **Gypsum**
- 1 - 5 lb. Bag of **Iron Sulfate**
- 1 - 10 lb bag of **Masters Tomato Vegetable Food**

A \$65.00 Value

No purchase necessary. Need not be present to win. Drawing to be held April 30, 2008.

GOOD GARDEN SOIL

April 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

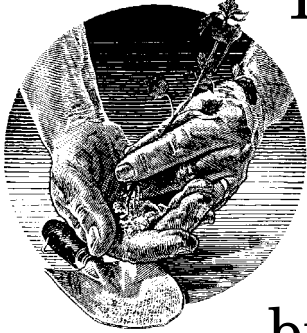
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Yes, I would like to receive the newsletter online.

SPECIAL COUPON

Present This Coupon & A Canned Food Item
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A 2" Seedling
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plus
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the *all new*
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Weed Guard!!



(Limited to stock on
hand. Value: \$1.50)

Food Donations are Optional. All donations go to local relief
agencies. One coupon per family, please!
Offer Good April 1-30, 2008.

HOW TO FIND ALDEN LANE NURSERY



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL DAY IS COMING! Don't Forget Administrative Professional Day on **April 23rd**. Remember to say thanks to the person who makes you look good all year round! Check in the Greenhouse for containers planted with blooming plants and fern combinations; there are great ideas for flowering beauty for desktops and we can do custom ones as well! The nursery is filled with wonderful gift ideas as well as gift cards.



**981 Alden Lane
Livermore, CA 94550
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Change Service Requested

**IMPORTANT!
Time Critical
Please Deliver Promptly**

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