



Lael's Moon Garden Plant Your Own Eden

Abundance!



Good planting and a warm early summer has our crops producing an abundance of delicious fruits and vegetables. We're harvesting the strawberries weekly, just pulled most of the garlic for drying and are eating our fill of salads and pea pods. Soon we'll be picking the cherries and blueberries.

Our birds are also enjoying an abundance of tasty treats and helping to rid us of bugs. The tree swallows have nested in the walled garden and are busy harvesting bugs to feed

their young. Both mom and dad are so busy feeding the nestlings - about every 90 seconds one of the other swoops in with food.



Swoops in



Feeds



And off again!



This is a great time to enjoy your garden with your eyes, your nose and your ears and relish the abundance around you.

Gardens are so much more than just flowers or for producing food to eat. The article that follows has some useful ideas for garden design or rehabilitation. This article appeared in 'The Perennial Post', a publication of the Northwest Perennial Alliance (NPA); 'a gardening community of friends, neighbors and experts who are passionate about perennials and the Pacific Northwest environment we all share and love.'

You can learn more about the NPA at <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>

Flowers Ain't Everything!

At its best, gardening is an art form. Unfortunately some gardeners, particularly new ones, concentrate almost exclusively on flowers. Color provided by flowers is a major



design element but experienced gardeners also work (consciously or not) with line, form, texture, sound and scent. When I started gardening almost 70 years ago I didn't know what weed from Shinola, but over the decades I've learned a few things. In building my gardens, I have moved plants a lot to try for pleasing combinations and to get leaf and flower timing right.

Flowers are fleeting, but foliage lasts much longer and comes in a great variety of colors and textures...Read more about Foliage Art at:

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/flowersainteverything.html>

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program

This year three of the five gardens open for tours on August 17th are right here in Rochester! And we highly recommend visiting all of the gardens. A prairie landscape, a riding train and an old quarry with a waterfall are just a few of the stunning sights on tour. And best of all, you'll come right by the nursery. A perfect time to check on our tomatoes and apples, sniff the cimicifuga and see if Larry is actually dosing under the wisteria. Enjoy a popsicle on us under the trees.

See this link for details

<https://www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays/open-days-schedule/openday/771-olympia-area-open-day>

Or pick up a postcard with details at the nursery.



What's Looking Good



Catalpa 'Aurea'

<http://www.greatplantpicks.org/plantlists/view/305>



Catalpa bignoniodes



Abelia Ed Gaucher

<http://www.greatplantpicks.org/plantlists/view/4>



Taxus 'Dwarf Bright Gold'



Hydrangea 'Ayesha'

<http://www.greatplantpicks.org/plantlists/view/797>



Pinus contorta 'Taylor's Sunburst'





Bletilla - hardy orchids

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/bletillahardyorchids.html>



Blueberries ripening on our plants for sale



Hydrangea 'Oregon Pride'

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/hydrangeas.html>



Magnolia grandiflora 'Victoria'

<http://www.greatplantpicks.org/plantlists/view/950>

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Garden Tasks

Water - very important! It has been a dry spring! Grey and cloudy but low on rainfall. We've had about 1.2 inches at the farm since the first of June and that is not enough for growing plants. Especially for newly planted trees and shrubs.

Even DNR is warning about increasing number of young Douglas fir trees dying.

So water! See this link for watering tips:

<http://laelsmoongarden.com/gardentips/howtoplantwater.html>

Need help or advice? Bring in pictures of your garden to the nursery and we'll give you some tips. We'll show you plants with multiple seasons of interest to make your garden glow.



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<http://laelsmoongarden.com/>

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