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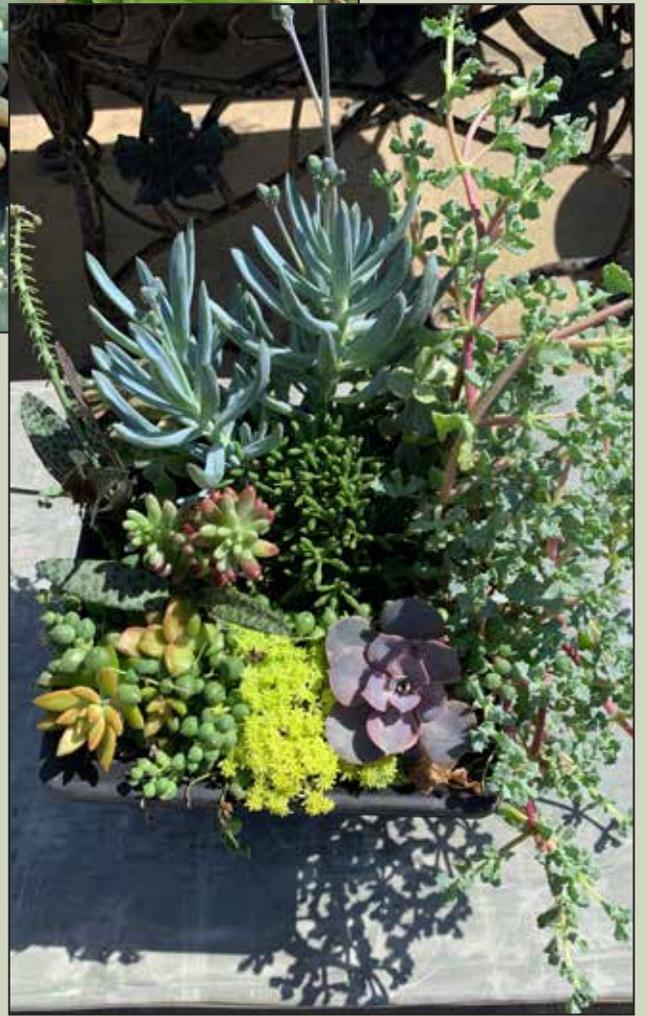


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OPEN HOUSE JUNE 7, 8, and 9

Our annual Open House and Hosta Walk will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7, 8, and 9. The hostas should be looking great at that time. Refreshments will be served, and drawings for prizes will be held each day. The Backyard Party Guys food truck will be here on Friday and Saturday selling their wood fired pizzas. We will have a selection of specially priced plants, including a good selection of hostas. Look for specials on some of our Shop items. You never know what we might decide to feature. The Open House specials list will be available on our website by June 6.

New this year are extended hours on Friday night from 5-7 p.m. We are referring to these evening hours as the Friday Night Sip and Stroll. Enjoy beer, wine and pizza from the food truck while strolling through the gardens and checking out our Open House Specials. The Saturday afternoon "Make and Take" Hypertufa workshop is full. We do have a waiting list in case of any cancellations.



Finally, Some Heat!

Is it just possible the cold weather is behind us? The plants in our annual houses certainly hope so. We keep getting in fresh loads of annuals that are looking fantastic. There are some outstanding combo pots, as well as a great selection of hanging baskets. So come grab a load of color!

For you succulent fans, we have an incredible selection of these sun loving, drought tolerant plants. They are so versatile! Use them as house plants, as table centerpieces, in combo planters, or in the ground along a sunny sidewalk or path. We have several succulent combos all potted up in wooden or ceramic containers, as well as a huge selection of individual plants with which you can use your creativity.



ARTISAN MARKET on September 7th from 10 am to 4 pm.



Revamp In The Hosta Ravine

A couple of years ago, we removed a large walnut tree near the top of the Hosta Ravine. Although we have planted some trees to replace the shade eventually, the loss of shade meant that some well-established hostas were now burning up in too much sun. So Dave and his crew did a revamp of the area, creating a grass path through it, crossing a stream which was extended by some 50 feet. Hostas were removed in the process, allowing us to plant around 50 new perennials and shrubs that are more sun tolerant. The revamp, along with the extension of the stream opened up space for more aquatic plants to be installed.

As always, we hope you notice and enjoy the improvements we make to our gardens. For us, gardening is an ongoing process. Changes and improvements are challenging and fun. The gardens are never “done”.

Cutting Back Perennials

In our last newsletter, we wrote about cutting back most spring flowering shrubs right after they are done blooming. But there are many perennials that benefit from being cut back (not just dead-headed, but trimmed back with pruners or scissors) right after their blooms brown out. By doing so, you not only make the plant look better, but you often get another flush of blooms. Salvia is a good case in point. If cut back after each flush of bloom, it will bloom from three to five times in one season. Other perennials that benefit from being cut back are Achillea (Yarrow), Nepeta, Stachys 'Hummelo' (the 2019 Perennial of the Year, and one of our favorites), and Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisies).

Some perennials that grow tall can be made to be fuller and shorter by cutting them back well **before** they bloom. Mums and Asters can be cut back a couple of times, the last time around July 4, to keep them from blooming too soon and getting too tall and leggy. Platycodon (Balloon Flower), tall Phlox, and the taller forms of Monarda and Perovskia (Russian Sage) are good candidates for cutting back right now. Perennial Hibiscus is slow to come out of the ground, but when it gets around two feet tall, pinching it back will promote side shoots, resulting in a fuller plant with more of those huge blossoms.



HOURS:

Through July 10, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m.
From July 11 through October 10, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and we will be closed on Sundays.