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Flourishing in our gardens

Scripps-Mesa Garden Club



By Bob Gale

I'm always amazed at the beauty and size of the dragon fruit blossoms. It's always so interesting to explore the structure of the blooms then to watch the dragon fruits develop. The fruit has a wonderful and unique flavor and it adds a tremendous dimension to any fruit salad. From their flower to their fruit, its easy to grow and an interesting addition to any garden.

The dragon fruit plant is remarkably easy to start from cuttings. Just stick it in the soil where you want to grow it and watch it thrive.

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Agnes Kaspar-
kova, a 90-year
old Czech grand-
ma, turned her
small village into
an art gallery by

hand-painting flowers on its houses. A former agricultural worker, she picked up a new hobby, painting, in her retirement. Reminds us... age is just a number and you are never too old to demonstrate your creativity!

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How Do Members' Gardens Grow?



(Left) Erica Berick's garden has produced some Starfish Cactus flowers from one that was given to her by a friend some years ago. The unusual flower is from South Africa and is said to be stinky during its summer blooming that only lasts about a day.

(Above Right) Helen Plutner shared seeds with Susan Castellana in April, and Susan created a mound and planted two seeds on May 12th. The watermelon variety Crimson extends over 7 feet in her raised bed with numerous yellow blooms and several more watermelons forming. The one in the photo is about 4 inches. Too small to harvest, but fun to watch grow, she says.

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Albert Einstein



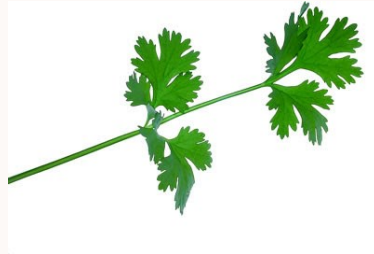
October Chores

- ◆ Time to plant herbs that like cooler weather: parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, chives, lavender, cilantro, mint
- ◆ Time to plant veggies that like cooler weather: beets, carrots, rutabaga, turnips, radishes, cauliflower, celery, potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, spinach
- ◆ Plant bulbs for early spring blooms
- ◆ Make repairs and seed lawns
- ◆ Plant new trees and shrubs
- ◆ Clean out spent warm weather bloomers
- ◆ Add 2 to 3 inches of compost to your garden

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Growing Cilantro

Plant cilantro seeds in rich well-drained soil that contains compost or organic matter. Fall or early spring is the best time. Cilantro prefers full-sun. Keep it moist. Feed regularly with water soluble plant food. Harvest when leaves are large, taking less than 1/3 of the plant at a time. The dried seeds are known as the spice called coriander.

What NOT to Compost



Don't attract animals and pests to your compost pile. Avoid these items:

- Anything containing meat, oil, fat or grease
- Diseased plant materials
- Sawdust or chips from pressure-treated wood
- Dog or cat feces
- Weeds that go to seeds
- Dairy products