

The Village Garden Center's Garden Club Newsletter

December 2010



Garden Resolutions for 2011

Improve your soil. Continue to amend your soil. Always keep sulfur and compost on hand, and use minor nutrients to improve the conditions in your garden soil. Always use amendments when planting anything new.

Did You Know... We kiss those dearest to us at midnight on New Year's Eve not only to share a moment of celebration with our favorite people, but also to ensure those affections and ties will continue throughout the next 12 months.

Use raised beds. The best way to control what is going on in the soil, and to guarantee superior plant growth is to use raised beds. You can grow anything in a raised bed—including blueberries. Raised beds warm up more quickly, and dry out faster in the spring, and they use less space.

Grow in containers. They are great for gardeners that do not have a lot of space, and for those of us who like to move things around. You can control the amount of water and the amount of light they receive. Specialty crops also do well since you can also control the temperature of the soil.

Mulch, mulch, mulch. Three to four inches of mulch on your landscaped beds can do so much. It protects your plants from insects and disease, as well as helping your plants to winter over. Mulching cuts down on weeds, and helps control the amount of moisture that your plants receive.

Garden regularly. The best sign of a healthy garden is the gardener's footprint. Even just 5-10 minutes a day is enough to make sure the plants are well tended and problems are noticed quickly and dealt with.

Pick early; pick often. For many fruiting vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, beans, etc. the more often you pick, the more the plants will produce. Just keep picking!

Don't stop planting. Once your crop is finished, don't just leave your ground fallow. Succession planting allows you to keep the vegetables coming right into fall.

Did You Know... The ball in Times Square falls a distance of 77 feet in a minute, and at the end of the fall one ton of confetti is released over New York City.

Don't stop dreaming. Never say it can't be done, and never stop believing that you can achieve it. The best thing about gardening is that you can always change it next year. You always have another chance to do it all over.

Did You Know... Drop a raisin in a glass of fresh champagne and it will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.

GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - January 30% off

(garden club members only)

An additional 10% Discounted Christmas merchandise (limit 5 items)

Gift item made of glass (limit 1)

Valentine's Day fresh arrangement (limit 1 - order must be placed and paid for in January)

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

~Norman Vincent Peale

May your Christmas season be filled with beautiful things, people, and memories. We look forward to gardening with you in the new year and sharing your passion for plants and the earth.

Happy Holidays to all of you, from all of us at
The Village Garden Center

***Please note that the **December Garden Club** meeting will be on the second Saturday of the month. We will see you December 11th, at 10:00 a.m.