



Orchard  
OF LAFAYETTE

# Home & Garden News

Certified Nursery Staff • Rare and Unusual Plants • Distinctive Gifts • Floral Design Services

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### An Autumn Evening... In The Garden

**Thurs., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 PM**

We have another fantastic event planned with beer and wine tasting, gourmet sampling, music, art show, "Haunted Halloween Party", or just strolling around on an Autumn's eve. Just \$10.00 per person, and it all benefits the **Lafayette Library & Learning Center Foundation**. Call 925-299-5444 for reservations.

### Christmas Open House

**Sat. & Sun., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

Make plans today to join us for our Christmas Open House. The talented staff has once again transformed the store into a magical Holiday wonderland and created the charming and delightful Christmas atmosphere that Orchard has become famous for. Visit Orchard Nursery to remember your Christmas' past and create some new Christmas memories you'll cherish for years to come.

**Orchard Nursery, Florist  
& Lazy K Gift House**

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*Orchard's  
Harvest Festival*

*2009*



*Something Fun Every Weekend!  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Halloween*

*Enjoy fall planting and decorating workshops, farm animals, scarecrows,  
"Pumpkin Patch," music and family fun!*

## Saturday October 3rd

### 11-1 The Straight Talk On Natural Gardening

Stephanie Ripple, Natural Gardening Specialist, teaches how to identify and organically manage insects and diseases in your garden. Perfect for beginners and experts alike.

### 11-4 The Bubbling Cauldron Co.

Sally Case's handmade Haunted Halloween Houses are back. Perfect for your tabletop Howl-i-Day decorating!

### 1-3 The Steve Snyder Trio

Live Jazz music catering to your requests.

### 2-4 Thrillers, Fillers & Spillers

Our own Shawna and Victoria will help you create a beautiful mixed planter, just like the ones you see in Collector's Corner. \$15 per pot, then choose the planting materials to fit your pocketbook. Limited to 12 participants. Reservations required, call Chris at 925-299-5444.

## Sunday October 4th

### 10-12 It's Tomato Tasting Time!

Guest, Lesley Stiles, and our own Randall Barnes provide you with a variety of delicious tomatoes to sample and consider planting in next year's garden.

### 11-1 'Harmonics' Steel Drum Band

Peter Best & Friends make their annual trip to share their soothing island sounds.

### 11-4 The Bubbling Cauldron Co.

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### 2-4 Tim Campbell at the Piano

Tim plays the "crowd pleasing" classics and standards.

### 2-4 Primp your Pumpkin

Back by popular demand! Our Flower Shop Gals will teach you how to decorate a pumpkin to fit the season. \$10 per pumpkin, then choose the primping materials to fit your pocketbook. Limited to 12 participants. Reservations required, call Chris at 925-299-5444.



## Saturday October 10th

### 8-1 Get Your Flu Shots

Stay healthy this winter! Get Flu shots from a Licensed RN. \$25 each. (No H1N1 vaccine will be available.)

### 10-12 Roses 2010

Once again, Orchard's rose expert, Bonnie Brusseau, presents what's new for 2010, and offers helpful information on the care and cultivation of your roses.

### 11-1 Haunted Treats & Favors

Our Lazy K gals share recipes and ideas to help you host the perfect haunted Halloween party. Seating is limited. Reservations required, call Chris at 925-299-5444.

### 12-2 Meet Tom Jones!

It's not unusual for our E.B. Stone rep, Tom Jones, to share great gardening info with a crowd. Come prepared to ask him about gardening with nature in mind. From fertilizers and mulches to insects and weeds. He's your man!

### 1-3 Bolero y Mas

Lively Latin music will perk up your afternoon.

## Sunday October 11th

### 11-1 Food In The Raw! It's Not For Adults Only

Meet Joni Sare, Certified Nutritionist and Chef. Her class focuses on whole-food nutrition and you will have a taste of her creative raw food cuisine and learn to prepare it.

### 11:30 Hey Kids... It's A Puppet Show!

This short, whimsical program will delight young and old. Our nurseryman, Michael Gold, is author and performer.

### 1-3 Bryan Girard Duo

Kick back and relax to the stylings of this jazz duo.

### 2-4 Bee Keeping Basics

Our guest beekeeper, Steve Sharp, shares the rewards of backyard beekeeping. With honey this good, everyone wins. Lecture includes a visit to Orchard's beehives.

## Calling All Kids! Enter the Coloring Contest

Be sure to get your free drawing early  
in the Festival so you can color it in  
and participate.

## Saturday October 17th

### 11-1 'Duo Gadjo' - Jazz with a French Twist

Anyone familiar with Django Reinhardt and the world of Gypsy jazz will recognize this bright and happy music.

### 1-2:30 Home Composting Seminar

Home Composting for Busy People. Learn from experts at the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority.

### 2-4 You're Invited To Our Fall Sushi Party

Come see our interpretation of a Fall Sushi Tabletop, sushi and floral demos with a cool harvest twist. Learn how to make: Skinny Cucumber Roll, Vegetarian Roll and Reverse Roll with Fruit. Take your summer harvest to a new level.

### 2-4 'The Blue Moon Brothers'

Kick up your heels with one of our most loved bands.

## Sunday October 18th

### 9-1 Get Your Flu Shots

Stay healthy this winter! Get Flu shots from a Licensed RN. \$25 each. (No H1N1 vaccine will be available.)

### 11-1 Create A "Succulent" Dish Garden

Our own Jan Enderle, Advanced CCN Pro, gets into the "sticky business" of showing you how to create a mixed cacti/succulent planter, just like the ones you see here. Materials fee of \$30 per pot. Limited to 12 participants. Reservations required, call Chris at 925-299-5444.

### 12-2 Kids Krafts With 'The Dumpster Diva'

R.C. Ferris teaches kids of all ages how to create clever craft items like her popular Phoney Rhythm Shakers made from old phones. Come and enjoy this free event and learn how to create something new with recycled materials.

### 1-3 Live! 'A Party Of Three'

Enjoy our friend, Jack Pollard and his band, as they perform the standards and all your R&B favorites.



## Saturday October 24th

## You are Cordially Invited to Join Us for our Annual Christmas Open House!

### 11-1 Harpist Renée Roberge

Delight in her beautiful music while you enjoy this year's Holiday Open House.

### 11-1 Gardening 101

Learn the basics from one of the best... our own Bonnie Brusseau will explain watering, soils, fertilizers, terminology and gardening basics. Excellent for beginning gardeners or those who just want a refresher course!

### 2-4 Classical Guitar

Solo artist, Glenn Staller, returns for a Command Performance. He has performed at Davies Symphony Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Leshner Regional Center for the Arts and others.

## Sunday October 25th

### 11-1 Locavores

Tracy Leighton & Daniel Clayton of Nibblers Eatery and Wine Bar in Pleasant Hill demo a delicious recipe and share their thoughts on using sustainable and organic foods from local sources.

### 1-3 6th Annual Pie Contest

Bring us your favorite Harvest Pie and we'll let our esteemed judges hand down the verdict. Entries must be presented by noon. Winners will be announced at 3 PM. Put your name and phone number on your pie plate. Contest limited to 12 entries. Please call Chris at 925-299-5444 ASAP to reserve your space!

### 2-4 The Strolling Musician

Tom Torriggia, of All Things Accordion, will delight you with his European inspired repertoire.

That Halloween feeling is here again,



## at the Lazy K



And look what I've found! Witches galore. Some flirty, some nasty, but all ready to ride home on their brooms to help you celebrate the season.

Our very own talented designers, Laurel & Cathy, have conjured up a bevy of fun-loving witches with character. Each one-of-a-kind "girlie" is adorned with jewels, ribbons and spiders.

I am really excited about Jaimeson Designs, a group of imaginative young artists from the midwest that have been inspired by vintage Halloween.

They have created great looking



*papier mâché pumpkins and figures that you'll be proud to add to your collection.*

*Don't forget the skeletons & spellbooks.*

*The webs & spiders. Treats & Tricks. And for all you gourmands, "Cast a Spell" in your kitchen with our Retro Kitchen Witch Hats & Aprons.*

# The Lazy K

*"Source for the Exceptional"*

## Indian Summer Wreaths

from... Orchard's Flower Shop



Beautiful, nature inspired wreaths in a range of sizes and colors to fit every decor.

Come by, and let us inspire you!

## SOW YOUR SEED!

**It's a perfect time to make babies!**

There is so much more to look forward to this time of year than cold weather, clean-up chores, and heaping piles of green waste. It's a great time to procreate!

We've been deadheading flowers and picking vegetables all summer to keep them coming, but now is the time to let some of your favorites fulfill their desires. Help them procreate by saving their seeds for planting next spring. Some of the easiest summer seeds to save are: beans, cosmos, zinnias, tomatoes, sunflowers, and zucchini.

September and October's warm days make it an ideal time to plant cool season flowers and vegetables from seed. Lettuce, spinach, chard, cabbage, peas, Brussels sprouts, violas, pansies, and kale are some of the easiest to germinate.

Tips for Planting Seeds...

- Plant seeds in cell packs – it saves time and frustration.
- Thoroughly saturate the soil before and after sowing seed.
- Tend to your babies every single day.
- Use the "mist" setting on the sprayer until plants sprout, to avoid knocking the seeds out of the soil. Make several passes.
- Water in the morning, not in the evening.
- Never let them dry out. Soil must stay evenly moist.
- Locate your nursery where it receives morning sun and afternoon shade.
- Thin out crowded plants when they're large enough to handle.



# Orchard's Garden Calendar

## Garden Tasks and Tips for October

- Invest in spring, and your garden now, by planting bulbs, shrubs, natives, trees, perennials and more.
- It's time to plant fall color in the flower beds, Iceland poppies, pansies, violas, calendulas, primroses, snapdragons and stock are just a few we have to offer.
- Give your garden one last feeding of an all purpose plant fertilizer to feed it through the winter.
- Feed azaleas and rhododendrons with **Masters 0-10-10 Fertilizer** through the bloom period.
- There is still time to renovate lawns. As long as the soil remains warm enough for seed germination you can do it. Check with our California Certified Nursery Professionals for details.
- Lower the mowing height of your lawn mower to 1½ inches for the winter.
- Water plants located under the eaves of your house on a regular basis through the winter because they may not receive any benefit from the rains.
- If you're looking for a tree with brilliant fall foliage, plan a trip to Orchard now and early next month for just the right one. It's best to choose deciduous trees in the fall when you can be assured the foliage is just the color scheme you wanted.
- Help prevent the spreading of spores that cause peach leaf curl by picking up and removing all rotted fruit and decaying leaves from under peach and nectarine trees. Bag and remove debris from the garden.
- Once the soil cools plant daffodils every two to three weeks to prolong the bloom period next spring.
- Divide established perennials and plant new ones in the garden this month.
- Plant chrysanthemums this month for a brilliant show of flowers for Thanksgiving.
- Replant your containers with winter blooming annuals and perennials. Your garden can be bright and beautiful even on gloomy days.

## 2010 Roses & Fruit Trees

Our new **Rose List** is available, so come in or visit us online to see what all the excitement is about. We're stocking many new rose varieties, including the new AARS award winner for 2010; **'Easy Does It.'**

Our **Bareroot Fruit Tree List** is also available, and once again, one of our suppliers is making a large selection available for your shopping pleasure (before Nov. 1st)—ask for the **Special Order Fruit Tree List**. Both are available online at [www.orchardnursery.com](http://www.orchardnursery.com)

Have a question about your garden, home decorating or houseplants?

**Ask the experts at Orchard. We're here to help!**



*A Benefit for the...  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center Foundation  
Open Doors, Open Minds Fund  
\$10 per person*

*Hosted by Orchard Nursery & Florist  
Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm*

• Come learn more about the  
**Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium,**  
an unprecedented collaboration among  
12 of the Bay Area's most prestigious  
educational and cultural resources.

- Make a donation and receive a special, Limited Edition Library Card!
- Consider making a contribution—it's not too late to get your name on The Wall!

*The inviting atmosphere of a warm Autumn's eve at Orchard is perfect for a leisurely stroll while enjoying beer, wine, gourmet food, music, art, massage and more.*

*Don't miss our "HAUNTED HALLOWEEN PARTY" at the Lazy K House.  
Kids of all ages welcome!*

- Our guests include:** Drake's Brewing Co., San Leandro • Ale Industries, Concord  
• E.J. Phair Brewing Co., Concord • Michael Pozzan Winery, Napa  
• Bo's Barbecue, Lafayette • Diablo Foods, Lafayette • The French Bakery, Lafayette  
• The Duck Club Restaurant, Lafayette • Aidells Sausage Co., San Leandro  
• Hand massages by The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa  
• Local artist, Carmel Dewies Blore • The Lafayette Library's Legendary 'Miss Donna'  
• Music by Jack Pollard 'Party of Three'

Reservations required, call 925-299-5444.

\$10 per person collected at the door. Children under 12 free, costumes encouraged. Carpooling is recommended.



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## *Saturday October 31st*

### **10-12 Smooth Jazz with 'Daybreak'**

Enjoy the return of these talented musicians and their Jazz stylings. Perfect background for a stroll in our garden.

### **10-12 Maximum Veggies, Minimum Space**

That's what Janet Miller, Master Gardener, has been teaching and practicing in her backyard for years. Biointensive gardening is a sustainable practice. You will learn exactly what this method can do for the health of you, your family and the earth.

### **11-1 Hey Kids, Paint A Mini-Pumpkin!**

Our own Anne Jewett helps kids create their very own Mini-Masterpiece to take home and enjoy.

### **12-3 Put On A Happy Face**

Our friends return to delight kids of all ages with clever and creative face painting.

### **2-4 The East Bay Banjo Club**

If you love Banjos, happy music and fun, this is the place to be. Tips and compensation are donated to worthy charities.



## *Sunday November 1st*

### **11:30 Hey Kids...It's A Puppet Show!**

This short, whimsical program will delight young and old. Our nurseryman, Michael Gold, is author and performer.

### **12-2 'Insect Songs' Sing-A-Long**

Voted "Best Interactive Kids Program" by Diablo Magazine, the charming and inventive Sandi & Stevie lead the children in silly song and dance play.

### **Noon Kid's Coloring Contest Winners**

We will announce the winners!

### **Noon 'Guess The Weight' Pumpkin Weigh-in**

Winners announced and prizes given.

### **1-3 Bring Home a Bulb Garden**

Kerri, from Kellogg Garden Supply, guides you through the steps of layering bulbs and fall annuals in a terracotta pot. \$30 materials fee per pot. Limited to 12 participants. Reservations required, call Chris at 925-299-5444.

### **2-4 The Guitar Man Returns**

Dave Schroeder plays and sings all your favorites.

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