



AMERICAN
BEAUTYBERRY



BULBINE



VIOLETS

Cool season annuals With many plants going dormant in the winter, annuals really beautify the landscape by adding splashes of color. Now is the time to plant annuals for color through the fall and winter. Some great choices for our area are white alyssum, pansies, snapdragons, cyclamen, and dianthus.

Alyssum are low to the ground and have small white snowflake-like flowers that cover the mounding plant. Alyssum can be used as a border.

Pansies come in a variety of colors and are also low growing. Deer love to eat this flower, so don't plant them where deer are a problem.

Snapdragons come in bright colors and varying heights. Last year the snapdragons showed a small amount of color through the winter months, but burst into full bloom at the beginning of spring, looking really fantastic for several weeks. Consider using them in a mixed planting with other annuals in a sunny location.

Cyclamen are extremely showy and attractive. They can grow well in part shade, and look beautiful with a border of alyssum. Cyclamen can tolerate temperatures well below freezing.

Dianthus are also known as China Pinks because the flower petals look like they have been trimmed with pinking sheers. They come in pinks, purples, reds, and whites.

Now is also a great time for general fall trimming, composting the lawn, and refreshing the mulch in your landscape beds. Call our office to schedule a meeting.



ALYSSUM



PANSIES



SNAPDRAGON



CYCLAMEN



Children at University UMC dig for 'artifacts' in topsoil donated by Schultz & Co.

Topsoil for 'dig site' Can you imagine the excitement of children with a chance to dig in the dirt looking for bones, pots, and other buried treasures? Schultz & Co. recently donated a load of topsoil to University UMC for their Sunday School program to set up a site for children to dig for 'artifacts'. One small archeologist said "Awesome! I'm finding all sorts of old stuff." We're glad to contribute to this learning adventure.

Skip schedule begins November 1 Maintenance clients with a contract for every other week visits in the winter should be aware that the skip schedule begins November 1. If you have any questions about how this will affect you, please call our office and talk to Steve Rico or Gus Ortiz.

Lawn disease watch Fall temperatures create ideal conditions for fungal disease on lawns to develop. To prevent disease, refrain from watering in the evening. Instead, water in the early morning. Symptoms of brown patch, one of the most common fungal diseases, are dead circles in the lawn bordered by a ring of yellow grass.

Drought continues Stage 2 drought restrictions are still in place, despite the recent rainfall. According to the city ordinance, the aquifer level must remain above 650 feet for a 30-day period to end the Stage 2 restrictions. This year alone, we are 10" below the normal rainfall to date, however, as a city we have managed to stay above Stage 3 drought restrictions through the hottest and driest part of the year.

Featured landscape



Pots are grouped by the pool with annual color, vegetables, and fruit.



Punched copper light fixtures from a local artisan light the landscape.

Renovating a landscape with shade loving plants

Schultz & Co. collaborated with Judith Maxwell, a local landscape architect, to renovate an existing backyard landscape. Mrs. Maxwell is the widow of the architect, Isaac Maxwell, who began a workshop here in San Antonio over 40 years ago handcrafting punched copper lights. Mrs. Maxwell continues to oversee that business where craftsmen still create Isaac Maxwell's original designs.

The clients requested a welcoming, informal, relaxed space, that would attract birds, bees, and butterflies. The major existing site feature is a landmark Live Oak that shades the entire south segment of the garden. It was very important to keep the root zone of the live oak undisturbed because the oak is a priceless asset to the home and landscape. Under the shade of the tree, several different types of ferns, violets, violas, and pink buttons were planted, along with liriopse and agapanthus.

Well placed perennials were planted in the center of the garden and around the pool, where they would receive the most sunlight and attract butterflies and bees. Judith referenced the Master Gardeners Display Garden and the San Antonio Botanical Center for different plant varieties that would thrive in the shade and this climate. See some of the plant choices on the front page of this newsletter.

This is a unique landscape designed for this special location. Schultz & Co. worked closely with the client and landscape architect to select and install the appropriate plants. The clients were involved in the entire process; Mrs. Maxwell said: "it was a pleasure to work with you all," and the feeling is mutual. The design successfully created a relaxed environment for all to enjoy.



A heritage live oak spreads its branches over the majority of the back yard. Ferns, begonias, violets, and other plants grow beneath its shade.

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