

Goddess Gardener December Garden Tips

CONSIDER purchasing a living Christmas tree instead of a cut one. Garden centers have a selection of cypress, pine, fir, and even rosemary clipped to resemble a Christmas tree. Place your tree in a charming copper container or wrap it with festive fabric. Live trees will survive year after year and prices are reasonable.

FERTILIZE shrubs and trees after all the leaves have fallen to provide food to last for the season.

RAKE the overabundance of leaves in your gardens to add to the compost pile.

RESEED lawns with Pearl's Premium Ultra Low Maintenance Lawn Seed if you are keeping a lawn. The roots grow down to six feet with 75% less water, and no chemicals are needed which keeps children, animals, pollinators, and biodiversity safer. Pearl's Premium lawn seed sequesters 10 times the carbon compared to shallow root grass. Best of all, scatter it over your existing grass to outcompete everything. www.PearlsPremium.com

GATHER pinecones, berries, twigs, and grasses to add to your arrangements.

ATTRACT birds to your backyard throughout the cold months by keeping feeders filled and baths ready.

PICK persimmons, pomegranates, quince, and lemons to use in displays and holiday cooking.

PRUNE dormant fruit trees including peach, apricot, prune, plum, apple, and pear. Save the wood for barbecues next summer.

LIGHT up your decorations with battery-powered twinkle lights, or other outdoor lights set to timers. Trees trimmed with lights inspire delight.

HARVEST cauliflower, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts.

ALLOW rosehips and berries to remain on the bushes as holiday bird feasts and picturesque ornaments.

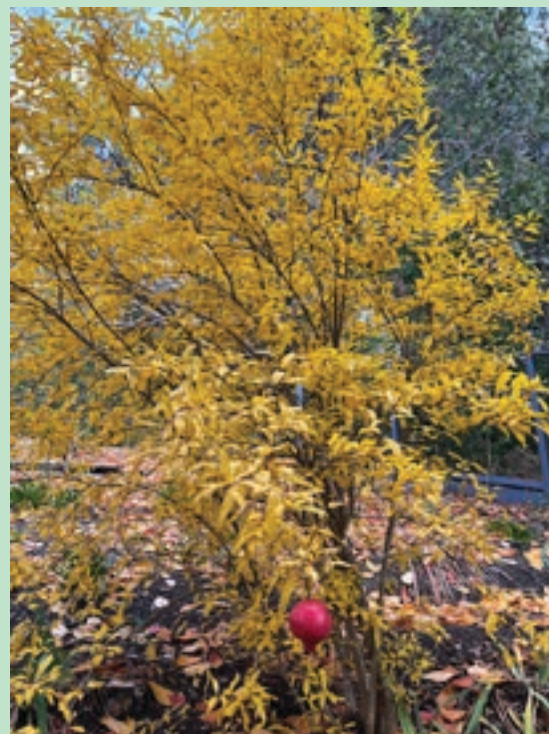
Nature provides enough material to decorate the holidays with ornaments as glorious as cathedrals. Embrace them as part of your festivities. Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Holidays!



The third flush of florets of cauliflowers.



Golden orbs of Meyer lemons.



Single pomegranate dangles from yellow-leaved branches.



Red nandina berries are beautiful but poisonous.