

Core Essence Studio

A Fine Dining Studio for Everyone



Intro Classes

Sept. 6th, 7pm to 9pm

Sept. 8th, 6pm to 8pm

Sept. 9th, 12pm to 2pm

Also offering plates & reform on Shen Tao

(503) 233-0777

www.coreessencestudio.com



Pedal Pusher

For the Rest of Your Life

YOU'RE UNIQUE. SHOULDN'T YOUR BIKE BE?

Pedal Pusher is unique, too.

Want to try one? Tell us where and we're there.

www.gopedalpusher.com or 503-358-0990

bella stella
FRESH STUFF for KIDS

**New and gently used
clothing, toys,
furniture & gear**



Unique hand-crafted
local, organic
& European goods

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

2635 NE Broadway

www.bellastellaresale.com 503.284.4636

The Trendy Gardener

Dirty Dan leads novices through decades of outdoor fashion

by Dan Young

This month I find myself in the midst of two big projects, the first being the remodel of my really “retro” harvest gold kitchen and the second being the completion of my new back yard. Doing these two things at the same time made me realize that, like interior design, landscaping definitely has its own trends. Long before I even started thinking about which plants I would like to have in my yard, I was poring through old landscaping books from the 1950s. Flipping through those pages was amazing. So many of the ideas that people had back then seem so perfect for today, like creating livable outdoor spaces for entertaining, ease of care and doing projects yourself. On the same note, some of the ideas or plant choices also seem so totally out of date, like the large expanses of a well-watered lawn or keeping the plantings in your front yard well trimmed and against your house.

I think most decades have had their own themes, too. The 1960s still loved the foundation planting, but the idea of sustainability and vegetable gardening started to creep in. If I had to sum it up, I would say that the 1970s would be all about the houseplant. As for the 1980s, well, your guess is as good as mine. Probably anything that could outdo your neighbor. The 1990s saw the revival of the perennial garden. Big, fussy English borders were what you needed to have if you were anyone in the garden world. Then toward the end of the '90s came the rise of the ornamental grass, giving people the big, heaving borders without all the dividing and dead-heading. Was all this gearing everyone up for what might come next? Or was something completely new going to take us gardeners by storm in the new millennium? Somewhere in there, the peak of "tropical" gardening happened. "Drought tolerant" became a buzz phrase. The Internet took us from catalogs to online shopping, and suddenly everything in the horticultural world was possible. But does it mean it's necessarily better?



I am no different from anyone else when it comes to these trends. I admit I raced to get the new darkest-leaved elderberry. Then the next year the even darker-leaved one came out. Then I thought I was getting the hardest eucalyptus and it froze, only to be replaced by a "new," hardier one. I planted every banana I could get my hands on, trying to see if maybe I could get one to live through a winter. I had my share of new variegated plants that never really grew that well. I have tried exciting, recently discovered treasures from the far reaches of the planet. I tried out new colors of old favorite perennials, dwarf forms of this tree or that shrub. I have dismissed so many plants as not worth growing, or not cool anymore, that I have been starting to count out plants that I really like. My God, what have I become?

I will not claim that I have been gardening in full force for as long as some of you out there. And



Get Dirty with Dan

BY DAN YOUNG

the last tree that I have been able to watch mature was planted when I was a mere lad on that Wisconsin farm. But I have torn through so many gardening books and Web sites. I have pulled out my credit card at quite a few nurseries. I have planted and replanted my fair share of garden beds. I did all of this to find my trend in gardening. Over time, certain plants or ideas of how to do things have stuck with me. I am a big believer in low



Ornamental grass set trends in the '90s

water usage, and I know that I love growing tea trees. Definitely these things will stay with me regardless of the latest trend. There will, of course, be space for the new, hottest thing, in case something should come along that I love. I am also sure that by the time I move and start a new garden (hopefully a good number of years down the road), I will have changed my style of gardening. If you look at your garden like you see your house, I think the trends might become more noticeable. I certainly would not redo my kitchen with harvest gold appliances, but next time around, I might just plant a big, floppy English garden. Well, that might be a stretch. 

To reach DIRTY DAN, who will answer any and all of your gardening questions, simply e-mail dirtydthegardener@yahoo.com.

or call me at azbizguy@motiv.com

Upscale Romance Store seeks passionate singles, couples, and groups for intimacy enhancing retail play. Must be open-minded and enjoy pleasure inducing, orgasmic experiences. Slightly to extremely kinky okay. Creativity a plus. See our bio and get info. at www.myfunlove.net.

GWF with a great ~~quality~~ and a

Let's hook up.



FASCINATIONS™
Love. Laughter. Life.

love, laughter, life.

866.fun.love | myfunlove.net