

Pamper fuchsias, geraniums and dahlias in winter

Just like perennial plants, some garden questions come up year after year. How to keep geraniums, fuchsias and dahlias from dying over winter is one of them.

"Some plants are what we call tender perennials and are living outside their hardiness zone," said Brooke Edmunds, horticulturist for Oregon State University's Extension Service. "In most places in Oregon, that includes geraniums and fuchsias. If we get a cold snap, they'll have problems and most likely die."

To keep that from happening, bring potted plants into shelter for winter, she said. But keep in mind each plant needs different conditions.

Geraniums — more accurately pelargoniums — continue to grow throughout the cold season, albeit slowly. Fuchsias go dormant in cool weather so need less fuss. Dahlias, which are tubers, need even less attention and can be dug up and stored like potatoes.

For geraniums, Edmunds advises moving them into a bright spot in the house or greenhouse where the temperature doesn't get above 70 degrees. They won't tolerate too much moisture on the roots, so leave off watering until they dry out almost



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Bring tender perennial potted plants into shelter for winter.

completely, about once a month. Fertilizer isn't necessary. To get geraniums to fit in the space you have available for storage, pruning is OK. Don't, however, get too severe. Be sure to leave some leaves and green stems. Be aware they won't be very attractive as they take a winter break.

The hardiness of fuchsias depends on the cultivar. Many can survive in western Oregon in a protected spot, Edmunds said. Those bought in hanging baskets are usually more tender. If you still have the label, check that for information. Or, if you're not too attached, an experiment might be in order. Leave the plant out this year, see what happens and keep a record. If it dies, switch to a hardier variety next year that will survive outside.

To keep fuchsias safe from too-cold temperatures, move hanging baskets or pots into a cool spot between 40 to 50 degrees. A cold frame or cool greenhouse will work, and, since fuchsias don't need as much

light as geraniums, a garage or shed will accommodate them. A cool room in the house is fine, too. They'll want more water than geraniums, so check often to make sure the soil is moist, but not soggy. Pruning isn't necessary, but will allow plants to be stored closer together. Don't over prune and cut off all the green wood, however.

"Lots of people treat fuchsias and geraniums like annuals and don't go through the trouble of bringing them inside," Edmunds said. "But if you want to baby them a bit, they'll come back to life in spring."

Many people dig up dahlias in fall, more because of rot than cold, Edmunds

said. Before digging, cut plant down to soil level. Be sure to use the shovel carefully as nicks and scratches will cause them to dry out faster. Wait until spring to separate tubers. Store clumps of dahlia tubers in a dry, dim spot in a cardboard box with plenty of air circulation. Check periodically and remove any tubers showing rot.

In spring, fuchsias and geraniums should be trimmed back, fertilized and moved back outside. Plant dahlia tubers when all threat of frost is over and soil has warmed up to about 60 degrees (use a soil thermometer available at garden stores to check), usually from mid-April through May.

BIRTHS

Hafner

Harper Pierce Hafner was born to T.J. and Jayme Hafner of Independence at 8:43 a.m. on Oct. 31 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Harper is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Lucy McClellan of Hillsboro; James Pierce of Bremerton, Wash.; Ted and Margaret Hafner of Aumsville.

PEDEE NEWS

The Pedee Women's Club has its candy made and the women lined up to bring soup and pies to serve at its holiday fair this Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They usually have over 30 kinds of soup and as many kinds of pie for purchase for lunch, but do run out from time to time, so don't wait till too long after 1 to get here. Candy, baked goods, and crafts will be there till the end, though.

Daniel and Heidi Russell and their six kids spent time at a house in Newport with James and Jenny Mellein, their two kids Leo and Annika and Jenny's parents, Beldon and Barbie Hedgpeth of Wren. Heidi's parents and neighbors Nic, Cassandra, and Josh Heller joined them on Saturday. They had a grand time playing in the ocean at the beach and playing hide and go seek at night with the house all dark. Daniel did get his deer last week before going.

The seniors at Kings Valley Charter School are planning to practice the business skills they've been learning this year by opening a coffee shop on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the old Kings Valley church building on Highway 223 just north of the school. They will also serve soup and sandwiches. The shop will open the Satur-



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day after Thanksgiving and will include a clothing closet and food pantry. They would like to have a few vendors in the building as well. If you are interested in having a table there at that time or have items that the students can sell for you, please contact Diana Barnhart at school, 541-929-2134, ext. 105.

Judy Guida's childhood friend Theresa Erickson came from Eagle Point to visit her for several days. Her daughter Sarah, who is Judy's goddaughter, is a nurse at OHSU and came down while Theresa was there. She and Judy went horseback riding together, which was very fun.

I'm sure you heard that Sgt. Mark Garton will be interim sheriff since Sheriff Bob Wolfe will be retiring on Nov. 30, but what the paper failed to mention is that he grew up in Pedee (What were they thinking?). His parents are Alan and Sue Garton who still live here. Garton will be running for sheriff in the next election.

MI TOWN

We're barely into the month of November and around our house, we frequently comment that the days are going by much too quickly. We are still getting used to the time change and now Thanksgiving is just around the corner. All the big department stores are getting decked out for Christmas and we still have leftover Halloween candy in the pantry. Call me the village spoil sport, but I just can't understand why the rush is on to begin the shopping season this early. Thanksgiving is such a wonderful holiday, with friends and families gathering to share good and happy times together, and for us to all give thanks for our many blessings. It would be good to take the time to enjoy this special time of year and not



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be inundated by Christmas carols and decorations.

Today we celebrate Veteran's Day, veterans and everyone in MI Town is invited to a free breakfast at the Monmouth Senior Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The Disabled American Veterans (DMV), AmVets 1776 Ladies Auxiliary and the senior center are working together to honor all veterans and community members. As a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I'll be honored to welcome

everyone and to thank my seventh great-grandfather, Daniel Robertson, who emigrated from Scotland in 1775, for his service, as well as the youngest member of my family, my grandnephew, Thomas Martin Taylor, a newly-minted United States Marine — honoring friends and family members who have served in the years in between.

Are you a dyed-in-the (orange and black) wool Oregon State Beaver or would you like to curl up wrapped in a yellow and green University of Oregon blanket on cold winter nights? The Friends of the Independence Library are holding a fundraiser just prior to that annual football game that pits neighbor against neighbor — or in some families —

sister against brother, when the Ducks or Beavers will have football bragging rights for the next year. Raffle tickets are only \$1 each, and the more tickets you buy, the better your chances are of winning a pretty cool prize. The drawing for winners will be held at 5 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Rob Winningham, Ph.D., will present a program on Brain Health and Aging on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in ITC Building, Room 205. This is one of a series of WOU Community Lectures the public is welcome to attend.

See you at McArthur Stadium on Saturday, when the WOU Wolves meet Humboldt State in the last football game of the season. It's been a great football season and the fun begins at 1 p.m.

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Solution on Page 3A

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How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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PEANUTS MOVIE (NEC Dolby 3D) (G)	(2:20)	
THE 33 (PG13)	(1:40" 4:30)	7:10 9:55
BRIDGE OF SPIES (Digital) (PG13)	(12:40" 3:50)	6:50 9:45
LOVE THE COOPERS (Digital) (PG13)	(12:10" 2:25 4:50)	7:20 9:50

Wednesday Nov. 18

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