

New Arrivals

Glazed Birdbaths
Seed starting supplies
Seed packets from: Botanical Interest; Harts;
Agway; Burpee & Livingston
Wrought Iron Benches/Glider/Swing
Wireless Barn Security camera system
Indoor Pottery
Chicken Soup for the Pet Lovers Soul - pet food
Orchids - Slipper, Spray & Fragrant varieties

Looking Ahead

Witch Hazel
Camellias
Note: View this new blog
www.longislandcamellia.blogspot.com

Fruit Trees
Espalier Fruit Trees
Berries
Ornamental Trees
Flags & Windsocks
Summer Flowering Bulbs
Onions/Potatoes
Chicken Orders for delivery in March

Special Events

Pet Adoptions

1/21/12 L.I. Kitties
2/4/12 New Leash Animal Rescue
2/18/12 L.I. Kitties
3/3/12 New Leash Animal Rescue



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GREEN THUMB PRINTS

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Start small, think big...

... whether you garden on a large tract of land or in containers on a patio, you can enjoy a bountiful place of beauty. Attracting birds or growing your own fruit and vegetables in either can be achieved successfully. Blueberries, such as top hat, for containers and any number of larger varieties for the garden could be considered. They provide nourishment for us as well as our birding friends and add seasonal interest.

January is the time to:



- Recycle your Christmas tree. Use the branches to cover and protect perennials.
- Continue to plant paperwhites
- Check pond heaters

How to: Grow sprouts for Salads

A winter supply of fresh greens to grow on your counter top.

- ☞ Distribute seeds evenly on seeding tray or sprouter.
- ☞ Add 2-3 times as much cool water.
- ☞ Mix seeds with water to insure contact. Soak 8 to 12 hours. Place in direct sunlight.
- ☞ Rinse and drain frequently to keep moist. Sprouts will be ready after 6 or 7 days.
- ☞ Dehull sprouts (not necessary especially with alfalfa).
- ☞ Try: Fenugreek, Alfalfa, & Mung beans.
- ☞ Refrigerate. Add to salads and Stir Fry

Bon Appetite!

Earth Friendly Choices:

Deer Scram- Organic (no odor)

A green solution to deter deer and rabbit damage.

Organic Vole Scram

Natural Icemelt products (Salt or Salt/Sand mixes)

February is the time to:

Prune grapes and fruit trees, spray with dormant oil.

Evaluate your landscape and add some seasonal color.

Garden FAQs:

Blue green fungus on my trees. What do I

The blue green “fungus” is a lichen. It is a combination of green algae and fungal tissue. They are not harmful to your trees and trying to remove them may damage your trees or shrubs.

Garden Trivia

Espalier originated in the middle ages as a method of growing fruit inside the castle walls. Training a tree to grow flat against a wall, one could grow substantial amounts of fruit

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Repot orchids before new growth begins



Water and light are the top two concerns when growing Orchids. Different species have different requirements and tolerances. During the winter the humidity in our homes is generally low so the use of a humidity tray is recommended.

Something Different:

Pieris Passion Frost, a new Heronswood selection of variegated andromeda. The pendulous bright cerise/red flowers cover this evergreen, low maintenance plant. As with all Andromeda they are deer resistant.

Talmage Tip

Trim branches of fragrant viburnum and witch hazel that will flower and perfume the air in the warmth of your home.

Garden Projects: African Violet Leaf cuttings

- 1 - Fill a small pot with African violet mix and moisten.
- 2 - Select a leaf - From a fully hydrated plant select a leaf from the middle ring of leaves.
- 3 - Trim leaf stem as close to the base of plant. Trim stem to 1 inch and cut at a 45° angle.
- 4 - Insert leaf firmly into mix. Use 2 leaves to insure success.
- 5 - Enclose pot with glass or plastic to maintain humidity and moisture. Air weekly and water as the soil dries. Roots in 4 to 6 weeks. Let plantlets fill pot before transplanting.

Talmage Tip



Sow seeds for cool early season vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower & sprouts. Check germination times on the seed packets to

The Perennial Corner - Hellebore

Gaining popularity among gardeners are the stars of the early spring garden. The Lenten or Christmas rose is ideal for naturalizing in woodland gardens. They flower in a multitude of colors, semi doubles, doubles and picotees. Deer and rabbit resistant they make perfect companion plants for ferns, pulmonarias and epimediums.

Talmage Tip

For the birds: From 2/17 to 2/20, bird watchers of all ages are invited to view, count and report bird sighting at your bird-feeders. Go to www.birdcount.org for more information.



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