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*Creating Innovative, Insightful, & Sustainable Landscapes*

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gardening questions**

## Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. - Warren Buffett

**Dear friends,**

Summer is here - and don't those shade trees make a difference! Trees are the focus of this issue. As newly certified permaculture consultants, we've been getting back to our roots (pun intended) and designing more like our ancestors did. We borrow techniques of the past that make sense - like shade trees and rain barrels - while thinking to the future. Our hope is for future generations to enjoy the deep connection to the land that our grandparents passed along to us.

Are you finding that that spiritual connection to the earth in your daily existence? Take time to enjoy nature. Plant now for future shade, fruit, birds....maybe even a food forest, such as you will read about later in this journal. Your backyard can - and should - be a sanctuary for you and a legacy for the next generation. Let us know how we can help. Perhaps your property will be the next design featured in our summer edition! Congratulations to the Gradys for their award-winning landscape featured this year!

Enjoy!

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*"If I could spend time in only one place", declared Pam Grady, the featured garden's owner, "it would be my backyard... We enjoy our garden immensely and are so glad that we chose Salsbury-Schweyer. The beauty continues with each passing year."*



## International Award-Winning Garden (before & after)



**This "Family Sanctuary" received the Perennial Plant Association's highest design honor!**

We love to design beautiful garden sanctuaries. This featured project is a backyard in North Canton. The owners desired a more cohesive solution to the steep steps and

slippery slope leading from the lawn to the wooded area beyond. What we created was an intimate garden space that brings the family and its frequent visitors "into the experience" of nature, rather than just "viewing" it from across a lawn. See additional pictures of this garden on our website, [www.salsbury-schweyer.com](http://www.salsbury-schweyer.com). Read the rest of this story featuring this award-winning design [here](#).

## Company News

### **Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc receives International Design Award!**

Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc was recently chosen by the Perennial Plant Association to receive a Landscape Design Honor Award for their design of a backyard in North Canton. They were presented with the award at the association's annual symposium in Portland, Oregon on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Read more in the [press release](#) and in the "Featured Garden" section above.

### **Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc is now on Facebook!**

We are pleased to announce that Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc now has a company page on Facebook. Follow us by clicking on the "Like" button. You'll find photographs, new plants, garden tips, and interesting articles - maybe even some videos in the months to come! We look forward to staying in touch with you.

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### **Habitat for Humanity**

Construction on the *Habitat Grows Green Project* has officially begun! The house construction is underway; the landscape is to be installed in September. Next issue maybe we'll have pictures. In the meantime, read

the [rest of the story](#).

## **Recent Magazine/Newspaper Articles**

### **Currents**

Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc graced the cover of the June edition of Currents magazine. The article details four areas in which we excel: integrating architecture, history, sustainability and spirituality into the landscape. [Award Winning Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc Specializes in Design](#)

### **Akron Beacon Journal**

This May 22<sup>nd</sup> article addressed the best plants to grow in trouble spots. Sabrena was a featured expert. Whether it's wet, shady, dry, or subject to salt, discover species to satisfy every condition. [No Garden Paradise? Get Tough](#)

### **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

Sabrena was interviewed on how to beautify the shady areas of a garden for the June 09<sup>th</sup> issue, with a focus on ferns. Check out this article. [Filly, Flowerless Ferns Bring Calm to a Shady Green Garden](#)

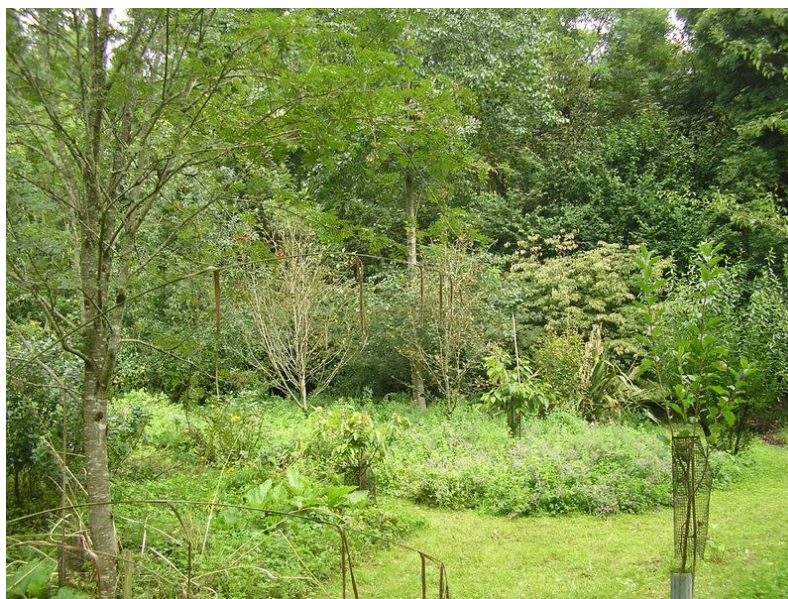
## **Q & A:**

### **How do I water my recently planted tree?**

Throughout the first two weeks after planting, you will need to water your tree every day or two. This is best done either in the morning or evening when the sun and summer heat will not evaporate the water. Using very low water pressure allows the water to soak into the ground, saturating the root ball area. After the initial two week period, water approximately once a week for a year as long as the tree is not dormant (without leaves).

When trees are newly planted, they need a lot of water for roots to become established. Remember that the root growth is slow in soil that is too wet or too dry. Therefore, during the first year, keep the soil moist yet not soaked. Check the soils moisture six inches below the surface at the base of the tree. If dry provide about 1 ½ gallons of water per diameter inch of the trunk.

Once the roots start to extend beyond the root ball, you know they are establishing themselves. The tree will no longer require as much of your care, as the environment can take care of the tree instead. Continue to monitor the moisture level throughout the first three years of planting. Your specific soil will greatly affect how often you will need water.



Edible Food Forest  
Phoenix Permaculture Guild

## Q & A: What is a food forest?

A food forest is a developed system that mimics a natural woodland environment using trees, bushes, shrubs, and groundcovers to produce edible yields. Following natural patterns, such as beneficial plant and animal relationships, a food forest has the ability to remain largely self-maintaining. To accomplish this, food forest gardening relies on the development of multiple layers of plants that produce a wide range of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and berries. Food forests can be any size and have been achieved on lots ranging from as small as 1500 square feet to as large as 2 acres.

Recently, as mentioned in our spring issue, Sabrena helped design a food forest at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. The garden was planted in May and we look forward to seeing the results as it becomes established and productive.

Additionally Sabrena just returned from Portland, where she visited various sustainable landscapes including forest gardens. We continue to implement and develop various methods used in forest gardens.

Learn more about food forests in the classes and the resources listed below.

## We Recommend

### Information on Food Forests & Sustainable Landscape Design

Visit [Dave Jacke's website](#) for basic as well as expert knowledge on Food Forest Gardening.

#### Books

[Edible Forest Gardens Two-Volume Set](#)

by Dave Jacke and Eric Toensmeier

Great resource for information regarding food forests, with the second volume addressing important considerations for the design, establishment, and maintenance of your edible forest.

[Sustainable Landscape Construction, A Guide to Green Building Outdoors](#)

by J. William Thompson and Kim Sorvig

A "must read" for anyone interested in sustainable landscapes.

## Regional Classes & Events

**In case you missed Edible Forest Gardens with David Jacke this past weekend in Cleveland, here are some upcoming events:**

### **Edible Forest Gardens: Home-Scale Ecological Food Production**

**Dates:** Friday July 30th 7p.m. - 9p.m.

**Location:** Clinton Heights Church 15 Clinton Heights Ave., Columbus

**Dates:** Friday August 6th 7p.m. - 9p.m.

**Location:** Civic Garden Center 2715 Reading Rd., Cincinnati

**Details:** Edible forest gardens mimic the structure and function of natural forests through all their stages of development and grow food, fuel, fiber, fodder, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, and fun. We can meet our own needs and regenerate healthy ecosystems at the same time! This talk introduces the vision of forest gardening with some scientific background, a few living examples, and a sampling of some useful perennial edibles you can use in your own garden.

Cost: Free, \$10 donation appreciated. No pre-registration necessary.

### **Edible Forest Gardens: Fundamentals of Ecological Gardening**

**Two Day Workshop by:** Dave Jacke

**Dates:** Saturday July 31st - Sunday August 1st 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Location:** Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Rd., Delaware, Ohio

**Details:** Ecosystem agriculture mimics the structure and function of natural ecosystems in food-producing ecologies. This workshop explores the vision, theory, design, and practice of ecosystem agriculture using the temperate deciduous forest as the model. Lectures, field observations, and experiential classes will help participants develop practical design principles, practices, patterns, and processes for garden design and management. Pre-registration required.

### **Edible Forest Gardens: Forest Garden Design Intensive**

**A Weeklong Design Immersion Course with:** Dave Jacke

**Dates:** Monday August 9th - Sunday August 15th

**Location:** Andelain Fields, Springfield, Ohio

**Details:** Dive deeply into the vision, theory, design, and practice of creating edible ecosystems using temperate deciduous forest ecosystems as models. Dave Jacke and his Ohio-based teaching team will offer lectures, site walks, and experiential exercises to help you understand the architecture, social structure, underground economics, and successional processes of natural forests. You'll also learn a variety of ecological design processes while designing a range of food-producing ecologies at our host farm near Yellow Springs. We'll engage with issues of garden management, economics, and the deep paradigmatic shifts required to succeed at cocreating humanatural landscapes and cultures. Pre-registration required. For more information, contact Laura Wies at (614) 421-2022 or laura@oeffa.org. Space is limited.

### **Keep Akron Beautiful: Raingarden Clinic**

**Dates:** Wednesday August 11 7p.m.-9p.m

**Location:** Voris Community Learning Center, 1885 Glenmount Ave., Akron, Ohio

**Phone:** 330-375-2116

**Do you know of any exciting events in the area? Please let us know so that we can share them with the garden community!**

## Summer Garden Tips

### WATERING

Summer watering is crucial! Most perennials and garden plants need one inch of irrigation or rain water per week. You can measure how much rain or water your garden gets using a rain gauge or even a simple container set under the sprinkler in your back yard. Deep, long waterings are generally preferred to more frequent ones. New plantings may need to be watered two or three times per week.

Water plants between 6 -10 a.m. to keep water loss through evaporation to a minimum. Mulching will keep soil cooler, help it retain moisture longer, and also reduce weeds.

#### **TRANSPLANTING**

Avoid planting or transplanting on hot summer days. Late August - early September is an ideal time to move or divide bearded iris, oriental poppies, peonies and many other perennials. Cut perennial foliage back by half or down to basal foliage. Most ornamental grasses or fall-blooming perennials are best transplanted in the spring.

#### **DEADHEADING**

"Deadheading" is the process of removing spent blooms. Generally speaking, it involves cutting back individual flowers when they fade or cutting back a stalk of blooms to the plant's basal foliage. Deadheading is more than just a way to maintain an attractive garden. It also serves to: **Prolong bloom time.** After being deadheaded, some perennials will send up a second batch of flowers; others may send out side blossoms. (See care tips below)

**Grow healthier, stronger plants.** By snipping off spent flowers, you reduce the amount of energy a plant uses in production of seeds.

**Prevent seeding or spread.** Some perennial seedlings, such as black-eyed Susan or chives, can be a nuisance.

**Deadheading is not always recommended.** Some seedheads are attractive and/or provide food for birds and wildlife. There are often times when seedlings are welcome. But don't be surprised if these seedlings do not match the plant that was planted initially.

#### **Recommended tips for deadheading:**

Yarrow, catmint, Russian sage, hardy geraniums and many other perennials will often bloom again if cut back after their first flush. Deadhead garden phlox (and various other perennials) back to the next set of leaves for rebloom. You might see new flower buds forming just above these leaves. For threadleaf coreopsis, once seedheads outnumber blooms, shear about an inch off the top. This will take most of the seedheads without the painstaking work of removing each individually.

Some perennials will often bloom a second time in the fall if cut back hard to basal foliage once they finish blooming in the spring and/or summer.

Some of these plants include delphinium, foxglove, and verbascum. If you would like these plants to self-sow, leave up a few stalks allowing seeds to ripen.

#### **COMBAT MOSQUITOES**

Bird baths, gutters, flower pots, even pet dishes can become mosquito breeding grounds this time of year. Prevent water from pooling and becoming stagnant. Mosquito Dunks (TM) offer biological control that is safer than traditional mosquito repellents such as DEET and malathion. The dunks contain a bacterial mosquito larvacide that is effective on mosquitoes and blackflies. (As with all products designed to harm living organisms, this product should be handled with care.) Waterfalls prevent ponds from becoming stagnant.

#### **LAWN MAINTENANCE**

Mow the lawn at 2 ½ - 3 inches height through the hot dry summer season to encourage deeper rooting and to help shade out weeds. Tired of mowing? Try one of our "No-Mow" lawns!

#### **ORDER SPRING BULBS NOW FOR FALL PLANTING!**

Just give Salisbury-Schweyer, Inc a call if you need assistance with bulb design/planting or with maintenance needs that are beyond your ability. We are here to help.

## About Us

[Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc](#) is a nationally recognized, award-winning landscape design firm specializing in personal gardens, water-features and sustainable landscapes. Principle designers, Samuel L. Salsbury, APLD, and Sabrena Schweyer, APLD, incorporate a broad palette of plants with natural materials such as stone, water and wood, to create landscapes that are rich in experience and enduring value.

Inspiration is gathered from nature and from travels to many of the world's finest gardens. Each garden is a reflection of its owner, designed to create an artistic experience meaningful to them, full of life and continual change. The designs of Salsbury-Schweyer, Inc set the standard for a new culture of homeowner - those in search of beautiful, individual, low maintenance and earth-friendly landscapes.

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