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August Garden Tips

* It's August in the garden. Tomatoes may be cracking. Bugs have chewed through the leaves of many plants. What's a gardener to do? Try not to focus on the negative. This is the big month to sit back and pick a bunch of flowers just to enjoy. Dry some herbs. Plan what you'd like to do to improve your gardens this fall.

* Fertilizing your plants this month will help keep them blooming longer at the end of the summer.

* As the days grow hotter, deep, thorough watering is a MUST. Frequency is less important than the depth of watering your lawns and gardens.

* Remember to deadhead those spent blossoms. They'll be much prettier and last longer for your efforts.

* We're planning to grow a second crop of cool weather vegetables. Lettuce, spinach, onions and another batch of collards will be started in our raised bed gardens later this month. This was the first year we had any luck with purple onions. They grew so large that they were sitting on the ground back in the spring. The flavor was wonderful.

A Personal Message

This is shaping up to be one of the best summers of my life! Busy, but lots of fun.

Melissa and I have been fortunate enough to spend time at our small trailer in Ocean City. I enjoy fishing, gardening and riding my pretty blue scooter. Now, I've learned how to use my metal detector on the beach there. I've earned \$.87 and found a corkscrew and a lighter.

However, one of the most treasured times in my life came last month when my niece and nephew came to visit us for a week. And they were sans parents.

We were plenty scared at the prospect of a ten year old girl and a twelve year old boy alone with us for a week. However, it was an experience that Melissa and I will never forget. We want to make it an annual event. I guess the reason we were apprehensive is because we never had children. However, Melissa's sister and brother-in-law trusted us enough to let us bring their kids to Ocean City for ten days. We rode bikes and water slides. We surf-fished on Assateague and walked the boardwalk in Ocean City. There was plenty of swimming, baking cookies and going out for ice-cream. It was fun and a very memorable week for all of us. In other news, I'm still on a diet. Although I never weighed myself, I'm down a pants size. **(Applause.)** I can tell it's successful because I have more energy than I've had in years.

You can see the results of efforts at tweaking some of my recipes on my website. Go to dellsadler.com and take a look at the dry rubs and sauces I've managed to revise. Believe me, I'm very picky when it comes to food, but these revisions are mighty tasty.

The rest of the summer is stretching out like an open invitation. However, all too soon, this nice lull will be over and the race starts again. I'll be enjoying my birthday early this month. Wait till the next newsletter when I give you the details. Melissa is promising me a celebration that I won't soon forget.

Many of you will also be hearing from us within the next few weeks via the U. S. mail. We'll be sending information to you about our natural/organic lawn care program. Fall will be the time to consider renovating and reseeding your lawn. Our program is 80 % non-toxic, using basic cultural practices and organic fertilizers. We can help you have a lush, green lawn without using harmful chemicals that run off into the Chesapeake Bay. It's so important to protect the environment in our beautiful area.

Monthly Maintenance Program

Our Monthly Maintenance program is proving to be a big hit this year. This is the wonderful property evaluation that we compete for you each month.

And, the best part of all is that this service is absolutely free.

You only pay if we actually work for you.

This service is basically an extra set of eyes for your outdoor landscaping each month. You don't actually need to have any work completed each month. You can choose to skip a month and have us return the following month for your projects.

However, you know what happens when you don't keep up with the inside of your home. The outside can also become untidy very quickly. Then, it becomes very costly to keep everything looking shipshape. In our experience, staying on top of your outdoor projects actually reduces your expenses. You won't have that large, expensive bill that comes with cleaning up an overgrown mess.

There's additional benefits to this service too. An evaluation of your plants is included each month **AT NO CHARGE**. Other companies generally charge \$65.00 per month to review your plant health care needs. Our review is included in your Monthly Maintenance program. You only pay for the plants you want us to treat.

Some of the diseases we treat are scale, spider mites, Japanese Beetle infestation and iron deficiencies in the soil.

A Peek at a New Project

Recently, we completed a beautiful new walkway for a client in St. Michaels. It was a collaborative effort because he was involved every "step" of the way. Our client personally selected the brick pavers for the sidewalk to help match the brick sections of his home.

He helped to design the project to make it functional for his family. The design included a handicap ramp at the front entrance. We were there when the ramp was used for the first time. It was a huge surprise for the person in a wheelchair. It was one of the proudest moments I've ever experienced as a landscaper.

The walkway began at the big circular driveway. It flowed around a large magnolia tree that has been in front of the home for many years. The ramp used the same beautiful brick pavers on its gradual incline to the front door. It was shored up by timbers, placed along both sides. It can withstand any stress or weather-related issues.

We installed shade-loving plants under the magnolia with plenty of room for future growth. They go well with the landscaping that is already in place. It was a fun and meaningful project for us.

