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**Moana Lane & South Virginia
Store Hours**
Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Florist at Moana
Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Landscape & Design Center
Water-Wise Irrigation, Hardscapes &



Mother Nature continues to conspire against the local ski resorts and our thirsty plants by offering no precipitation in months! So it's up to you to provide water to your landscape. Water all your plants now - lawn, trees, shrubs, perennials, etc. - especially those that are newly planted and in more exposed areas.

For trees and shrubs three years and older, apply the water under the drip line and not at their base near the trunk. To survive and thrive, all plants need water every three to four weeks during our current dry weather. When temperatures turn much colder, water once a month when the ground is not frozen and clear of snow.

Watering will need to be done by hand - so keep your hoses accessible. Plants in the ground, especially newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials, need the equivalent of one inch of precipitation per month. Plants in containers need more since they dry out faster.

- Mulch perennial beds and roses with 2-4 inches of **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost** if not yet done.

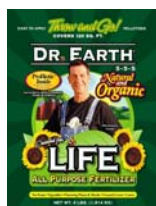
Water Features
1190 W. Moana Lane, Reno
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Feature Products:



For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or transplanting all plants: Superthrive, Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost and Dr. Earth Life Fertilizer.



- Apply **Bonide's All Seasons Horticultural and Dormant Oil Spray** to trees and shrubs to prevent insects & bacteria. Use according to directions.
- Start seeds for early spring annuals requiring a long lead time before being set out in the garden.
- Continue to supply fresh water in a heated bird bath or add a de-icer to a frost-proof bird bath to ensure a steady supply of water.
- Feed orchids with **GrowMore Orchid Food** weekly, all year long.

[Click here for all our bi-weekly Timely Tips!](#)

"Pesticides"

Tips from Plant Doctor Jon

Winter is the best time to check your lawn and garden chemical supply. Optimal storage conditions include temperatures between 55 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit, no exposure to sunlight and low humidity. Most pesticides have a shelf life of at least two years if their storage has met these conditions. In Nevada, we regularly experience temperatures outside those ranges, so the shelf life will be shorter. [Click here to read the rest of Jon's article.](#)



[Tips for fire damaged plants and landscapes](#)

by Plant Doctor Jon Bruyn

If you have any questions specific to your landscape, please stop by any one of our garden centers to speak with one of our experts.

It is so warm & dry ... we decided to extend our ...

End-of-the-Year Sale

Continues Through January!

Save 40% on Moana-grown Plants

Save 50% on non-Moana-grown Plants

Delivery and planting available until the ground freezes.

Limited to stock on hand. Excludes Home Improvement Specials, new arrivals, and other already discounted items.

Bird of the Month: Spotted Towhee:



Plantskydd keeps rabbits away from lawns and other areas of your garden by a combination of both taste and smell.



Bonide All Seasons Spray Oil and Bonide Systemic Houseplant Insect Control



Dr. Earth Final Stop Yard & Garden Insect Killer

Spotted towhees are smaller than a robin, about 8 inches. Like many songbirds the male has striking plumage. His head and upper parts are black. They have a thick pointed, black bill, and fire red eyes. The sides are rufous, and the breast and belly are white. White spots stand out on the black back, and wings. The long tail is black with large white spots at the corners which are visible in flight. The female is similar, but has brown where the male has black.



Photo by Jacque Lowery

Spotted towhee's main diet is seeds but they also eat insects and fruit. Although they do search for food in trees they mainly forage on the ground. They scratch the ground by kicking both feet backward at the same time to uncover food. These birds prefer to forage in bushes with leaves on the ground, making quite a racket as they rustle through the leaves. If you have a seed feeder near bushes towhees may search for seeds fallen, or sprinkled on the ground.

Their song is a long buzzy chweeee. In some areas the bird is called a chewink because of the sound of their alarm. Other sounds are shenk, chup-chup zedededee, and a cat-like meow call.

[Click her for more local bird information at reno.wbu.com](http://reno.wbu.com)

Moana Nursery Rewards Program

Attention Rewards Members:

Rewards Certificates will be mailed out next week!

Please [contact us](#) if you think you earned one and don't receive it. Remember that the amount of your reward is based on your retail and landscape purchases from July 1 to December 31, 2011, with a minimum purchase of \$100 to earn a Rewards Certificate.

Please note that we made some changes to the program. To view the 2012 brochure and read about these changes please [click here](#).

Helpful Links:



Moana Nursery is on Facebook!
Click the link and become a fan!
[Become a Fan Now!](#)



Nature News e-Newsletter
Sign up for Nature News - the Wild
Birds Unlimited e-Newsletter from
Moana Nursery [HERE](#)

Home Improvement Specials

\$15 shrubs & \$59 trees

Buy 5 or more shrubs - For \$12 each!



#5 Purple (Common) Lilac
(Reg. \$29.99)



#5 Burning Bush (Reg.
\$29.99)



#5 Dwarf Arctic Willow (Reg.
\$28)

Buy 3 or more trees - For \$55 each!
(we are still planting - until the ground is frozen)



#15 'Crimson King'
Norway Maple (Reg.
\$109.99)



#15 'Cardinal Royal' Mountain
Ash (Reg. \$109.99)



#15 'Brandywine' Flowering
Crabapple (Reg. \$119.99)

*Limited to stock on hand.
Selection runs through January 31st*

New Products:

**Sloggers - garden rain boots, shoes and clogs -
waterproof and comfortable. Made in USA.**

**Available at Moana Lane now;
arriving at South Virginia store mid
month.**





Seeds for 2012 are here with more arriving weekly

New this year are Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds - they'll be arriving mid-month.

Grow these pure seeds for better tasting and more nutritional foods for your family. The open pollinated varieties can often contain almost twice as much protein as the new hybrids.



NEW GREENHOUSE PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY



Choose from bloomers to succulents and everything in-between to spruce up your home or office with a living plant for a happy, healthy New Year. The natural beauty of plants is soothing and can even brighten your spirits. Indoor plants provide humidity and many clean the air of

indoor pollutants, including Mother-in-Law's Tongue pictured here.

If houseplants are new to you, fear not! There are many varieties you can grow successfully with little effort . . .



from mother-in-law's tongue and cactus to sculpture-like succulents (shown here in a Container Garden) and cast iron plants. We'll help you make the right selection for your space and lighting.



Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful's Annual Christmas Tree Recycling runs until January 16, 9am-5:00pm with a \$3.00 donation.



Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, and Shadow Mt. Sports Complex in Sparks. Remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights, wooden stands, etc. Flocked trees, wreaths and other yard waste will not be accepted. While providing the community with a convenient means to dispose of cut Christmas trees, this program also preserves landfill space, limits illegal dumping, improves air

quality through reduced green wood burning, provides mulch for area park and open space projects and models effective conservation practices for our present and future.

Do your part to be Green!

Upcoming Seminars:

All seminars are held at 1190 W. Moana Lane, in our Landscape and Design Center. Seminars begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Seating is limited to 60 and is first come first served. Call 825-0600 or visit www.MoanaNursery.com for more information.

January 14th - Seed Starting for Beginners

Learn how easy it is to start seeds indoors and how to involve your children.

January 21 - Hard to Kill Houseplants

Never had a houseplant or had one and it died? You'll be introduced to plants that will grow in your home or office

successfully with little care from you.

January 27, 28 and 29th - Weekend Orchid Show and Seminar

Sean Abbott, Ph.D. President Orchid Society of Northern Nevada

Learn about the many varieties of orchids, how to care for them and which ones are easy to grow. Members of the Orchid society will be exhibiting some of their rare plants at the show.

You don't want to miss it!

Orchid Seminar - Landscape & Design Center
Saturday, January 28 - 10 a.m.

Orchid Society of Northern Nevada Show - Moana Lane
Garden Center
Friday, January 27 - Noon - 5 p.m.
Saturday, January 28 - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, January 29 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Register Now for Moana's 2012 "Way to Grow" Gardening School

"I have absolutely loved and enjoyed Charlene's gardening series. I have learned something new each class and her enthusiasm is contagious!! I hope you offer her series again as I intend to re-enroll in this class."

-Anita, 2011 "Way to Grow" Student

Instructor: Charlene Oakes

Former Washoe County Horticultural Assistant, UNR Cooperative Extension, UNR Certified Master Gardener. University of California, Davis ISA Certified Arborist Training. Charlene is the sole proprietor of The Potting Bench Fine Gardening Services.

Cost: \$145.00 - Payment is due at registration. Class is limited to 50. Call 775-825-0600 or visit the Moana Lane garden center to register. Registration deadline is December 30, 2011.

Date, Time & Location:

Classes are held the second Saturday of each month, January through December from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Landscape & Design Center, 1190 W. Moana Lane.

[Click here for class schedule & topics.](#)

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