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The High Desert Gardener



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Better Plants. Better People.



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The Florist, Greenhouse &
Gift Shop
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775-825-0600

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Outdoor Living, Tree Land & Moana
Rock
11301 S. Virginia St., Reno
775-853-1319

Pyramid Hwy. Garden Center
Spanish Springs Nursery
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Store Hours

New Hours Begin Nov. 4th

Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Pyramid Hwy. only, closed on Wed. &
Thur., open 9-5 except 10-5 Sun.)



Christmas Preview Open House Thursday, November 7th 9 am to 8 pm

Please join us at our Moana Lane location. See below for details. Also, here is a quick look at our **November "still fall" specials**, with more detail below.

Timely, Local High Desert Tips ... Now is the Time To ...

Pine needles yellowing and shedding . . .

It is common for pines to shed needles annually; as long as the needles are on the inside of the branch (close to the trunk) instead of at the tip of the branch, there is nothing to worry about. If needles are browning and dropping at the tip of branches, there is a problem; in this instance, bring a branch in to one of our plant doctors for a diagnosis.

- Call Landscape Services to schedule your irrigation system shut down - - 825-0602 x 134.
- Continue to plant trees & shrubs and apply 2 to 4 inches of **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost** to protect their root zones, being careful to keep it 4 inches away from their trunks.
- Wrap young, tender tree trunks with **Dalen Protective Tree Wrap** to help prevent winter sun-scald and frost damage to the south and southwest sides of their bark.
- Use **Molemax** to repel burrowing rodents and **Plantskydd** to protect perennials from deer, squirrels & rabbits.
- Add 2 to 4 inches of **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost** to garden beds once the ground has completely frozen. Moana recommends **SBC** because it stays in place.



The Florist at Moana
Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Landscape & Design Center
Water-Wise Irrigation, Hardscapes,
Maintenance & Water Features
1190 W. Moana Lane, Reno
775-825-0602 X 134

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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 or Starter Fertilizer



- Continue to regularly water lawns, trees and shrubs as long as the ground is not frozen. If natural precipitation does not arrive, this will be necessary throughout the winter. Visit [this helpful link on high desert winter watering](#) to read our fact sheet titled Winter Watering.

[There is a lot to do in your garden & yard during the fall ... see all our Timely, Local, High Desert, Bi-Weekly Tips - - Click here and check often - - now is the time.](#)

Christmas Preview Open House 9 am - 8 pm Thursday, November 7, 2013

Please join us for a wee bit of holiday cheer and be inspired for your Christmas shopping! We'll be decorated and stocked with a wide array of unique gifts and decorations. A plethora of Moana Elves will be available to assist you.



15 Minute How to Demos:

Morning:

- 10:00: Wreath Decorating
- 10:30: Winter Containers
- 11:00: Miniature Gardens
- 11:30: Ideal Birdfeeding Station

Afternoon:

- 1:00 Wreath Decorating
- 2:00 Winter Containers
- 3:00 Miniature Gardens
- 4:00 Ideal Birdfeeding Station

Gift Drawings

All Rewards Member purchases will be entered into a drawing for 24 gifts. Winners will be notified the following day.

Refreshments

Throughout the day, enjoy hot cider, coffee and cookies.
From 5:30 to 8:00 wine and light snacks will be served.

Live Music

Enjoy the Galena High School Core Jazz Vocal Ensemble from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

From the Florist

There is always something to be thankful for. Show your appreciation with a unique fall arrangement or a Thanksgiving centerpiece. Order early, Thanksgiving is November 28th! Call us today ... 775-825-0671

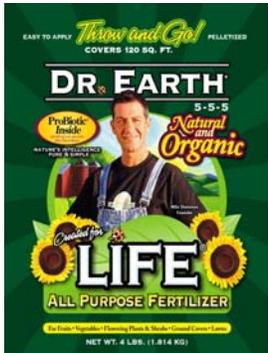




Store Hours have changed with the shorter days and "fall back" time change this weekend. See the menu on the left for the exact hours of your preferred location. Thank you.

Folkmanis Puppets

Folkmanis Puppets, the most award-winning specialty puppet maker in the world, is now at Moana Nursery. We are presenting a parade of darling puppets that are sure to become beloved companions for life. They encourage imaginative play, a love of nature, and endearing hugs for children of all ages. These unique handcrafted puppets make great gifts all year round and for Christmas, too.



Christmas Sampler

You will find hand painted nativity scenes, beautiful ornaments, trim a tree, gifts handcrafted in the USA, angels, snowmen and Santas of every size and shape from traditional to whimsical. Let us help you in selecting a gift or decorating ideas for your home.



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

New Arrivals ...

- **Vine maple; 'Little Bunny' pennisetum; dark green spreader yew; 'Regal Prince' oak; 'Princeton Gold' maple.**
- **Moana Lane Greenhouse: arriving weekly is holiday color -- anthuriums, mini poinsettias, orchids and more.**
- **Moana Lane: Gift sets of Christmas bulbs make it easy for you and are the perfect hostess gift -- paperwhites, pre-chilled hyacinth and many varieties of amaryllis bulbs for forcing inside.**



'Princeton Gold' Maple

Bonide Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control





Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Planting Mix



Vine Maple



Dark Green Spreader Yew



Dr. Earth Rose and Flower Fertilizer

Gail's Plant of the Month: Amaryllis



The amaryllis bulb is an easy one to plant and take care of for indoors. It is available in many colors and varieties for the holidays. Just keep about a third of the bulb exposed when you plant it. You can plant in soil, gravel or water and enjoy watching it bloom for around six weeks.

The bulb will flower first and then get long leaves to follow. Cut the flowers back as the bloom fades at the base of each flowering stem. Most bulbs will have more than one flower so I like to

cut back the faded bloom to enjoy the fresh one. Another trick is to plant the bulb with trailing ivy and a variegated or neon pothos in a container or basket. With in a few weeks you will have a flowering plant along with the other plants for your holiday table.



Bonide KleenUP Grass & Weed Killer

Matt's Tree of the Month: Weeping Serbian Spruce

Uncommon and magnificent, formal tree adds height and drama to any garden. It has an open habit when young but matures into a neat, narrow spire. This tree's beauty and weeping character increase with time.



Trish's Timely Tips

- Stock up now on premium **Packsaddle Pellets**, \$6.99/bag, available now at all three locations. Packsaddle Pellets are clean burning, natural high quality wood pellets with no chemical additives and produce very little ash
- Protect your broadleaf evergreens - rhododendrons, laurels, and photinia -- with **Bonide Wilt Stop** now and again in January to lessen winter damage.



Bonide Wilt Stop



ACECAP Systemic Insecticide Implants

: Protect trees with quick action - 2 to 4 days after application, kills aphids, birch borers, emerald ash borers, gypsy moths, scale, pine tip moths, thrips, web worms, whitefly and 18 other destructive insects.



Bonide All Seasons' Spray Oil

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SALE

Suet & No-Melt Dough

Bird Food Cylinders

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Mealworms

New Foods, New Birds, New Fun

Whether they are preparing for fall migration or the onset of winter, birds need foods that are high in fat and calories. Meet their needs with a variety of our Specialty Bird Foods including Bird Food Cylinders, suet, mealworms and Jims' Birdacious® Treats.

It's a great way to try new foods and to save while providing your birds with much-needed nutrients.

Mix & Match Specialty Bird Foods Sale:
Buy 4; get 5th one for a penny*

*Buy any four specialty food items, get the fifth item of equal or lesser value for 1 penny. One discount per purchase. Offer not valid on previous purchases or sale items. Offer expires 11/15/13.

November Bird of the Month: White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows

Late fall and all of winter provide an opportunity to see beautiful members of the sparrow family in your back yard. White-crowned Sparrows are a winter resident and a common sight in yards all over the Truckee Meadows.

White-crowns are a large sparrow with a long tail. They are easy to identify with the crisp black and white crown stripes of the adults and their pink or yellow bill. First winter (immature) birds sport buff and brown head stripes. White-crowned males are one of the few birds you will hear singing in the winter; their song is

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Bonide Liquid Copper Fungicide

described as a series of clear whistles followed by buzzy notes. Female birds will sometimes sing, also.

This bird spends the summer on tundra or in boreal forests of Canada and Alaska. During summer they supplement a seed diet with insects, grains and fruit.



Lots more on Winter Sparrows, the rest of our expert's informative articles & local birds at www.reno.wbu.com. Sign up there for our monthly Wild Birds Unlimited Newsletter and more.

Last Month of Fall ... The Best Time To Plant Specials ...
November 2013

30% Off All Outdoor Plants ... trees, shrubs, vines, roses, grasses & more!
(Excludes Living Christmas Trees. Discounts do not apply to other promotions.)
In-store specials: up to 45% savings on select outside vendor plants - selection varies by store.
40% off perennials and annuals.



40% Savings on all Moana Grown B&B Specimen Trees at South Virginia St. TreeLand.



Bonide's Line of Durable Grass Seed Products



#1 Selling Moana Product

Organic Products Best Prices in Town:

- 3 cu.ft. Gardner & Bloome SBC - **\$9.99** (reg. \$12.99)
- 1 Quart Bonide KleenUP - **\$4.99** (reg. \$6.99)
- 4 lb. Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer - **\$7.99** (reg. \$9.99)
- 5 m Bonide Lawn Winterizer **\$19.99** (reg. \$22.99)



Green It Corn Gluten Weed Preventer

Fall Home Improvement Specials:
\$15 shrubs and \$59 trees ...

- #15 'KV' Plum (reg \$114)
- #15 Scarlet Oak (reg. \$109.99)
- #5 'Little Princess' Spiraea (reg. \$29)
- #5 'Grefsheim' Spiraea (reg. \$28)
- #5 Dwarf Arctic Willow (reg.\$26.99)



'Little Princess' Spiraea

[See all the November "specials" here.](#)

Gail's Planting Tips
Fall Bulbs

Now is the perfect time to plant your bulbs for next spring. Amend your soil first then plant them next to





Dr. Earth Lawn Fertilizer

perennials, roses, grasses or a flowering shrub. Don't forget about garlic; plant now and harvest next July. We have a full selection of bulbs to choose from. A little work now will help your garden SHOW next spring and many springs to come.



Why Plant Seeds Now?

Believe it or not there is still time to plant lettuce, radishes, spinach, kale, onions, garlic and carrots. Cover these with row cover for protection from the cold nights and enjoy your fall edibles. Temperatures are still good for growing but length of the daylight will slow your crops dramatically so what to 30 days may now take up to twice as long to mature. Why do this? Have you ever tasted winter spinach? The leaves look bumpy and wrinkled but the taste is sweeter and the texture is like velvet when you bite into it. Try some!

If you are done planting for the season, add compost to your garden plot and plant a cover crop. This puts good things back in your soil for next season.



Bonide Eight Insect Control



Ginger rock in 3/4" and 1 1/2" is now in stock. And check out our flagstone, Sunset Gold and Mesquite Charcoal, both in the 3/4-1 1/4 size, perfect for walkways and patios. We are located right behind the Garden Center on South Virginia St. and are open 7 days a week. Call us at 775-853-1319 x 3.



November Seminars & Meetings:

November 2: Composting 101 - Turn your Garden and Kitchen Waste into Black Gold!

Join Moana plant doctor, horticulturist and long time high desert gardener Steve Packer to learn the basics of composting: what to compost - from yard waste to kitchen scraps; the steps and recipe for turning them into a rich soil amendment for your garden; the numerous kinds of composters available along with their benefits. Steve will share his own tips for successful composting.

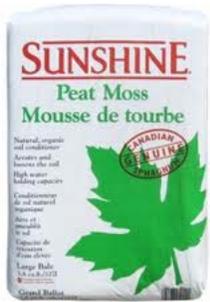
November 9: Creating an Ideal Birdfeeding Station and a Backyard Bird Sanctuary

Fall is a great time to set up bird feeders. It allows the winter dwellers to become familiar with them before bad weather arrives and gives migratory birds much needed nutrition for their travels. Join Jacque Lowery, manager of Wild Birds Unlimited Nature stores in Moana Nursery and active Audubon Society member, and local birding guru and longtime Audubon Society member Alan Gubanich to learn about creating the ideal bird feeding station. They'll discuss types of feeders and foods; placement of a birdfeeding station in your yard; how to keep a consistent source of water and how to identify the many species that will show up in your yard.

November 16: Winter Containers



Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew



Sunshine Peat Moss

Join Moana Nursery's Seasonal Planting Specialist Leslie Richardson for a demonstration of how to design and plant a winter container that will last thru December. Leslie has gardened in Vermont, Pennsylvania and Nevada and has extensive experience in residential landscaping -- designing, installing, and maintaining container plantings, seasonal displays and perennial gardens.

Containers are her specialty; she loves trying out new plant combinations and getting people excited about their outdoor spaces. You can also see Leslie's winter containers at the Summit after November 23rd. **This seminar will be held at the Moana Lane Store instead of in the Landscape and Design Center.** Seating will be provided.



Bonide Lawn Starter - Recommended for all lawn planting & patching

November 23: Holiday Decorating

Let us inspire you to create something natural and beautiful. Join our talented floral manager Shantel Smittle as she shows you how to decorate Christmas wreaths and combine branches with ornaments and trinkets to create your own rustic elegance. Whether you paint the branches or leave them natural, branches can be embellished to add to your holiday decorating theme. Decorating with branches can be tailored to any home using a wide variety of ornaments and trinkets. Seminar will be held at the Moana Lane store.

All seminars are free and held at Moana Nursery, 1190 W. Moana Lane, in our Landscape and Design Center unless otherwise stated. Seminars begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Please arrive 15 minutes early as seating is limited to 60 and is first come, first served. Visit www.moananursery.com or call (775) 825-0602 for more information.

Special Meetings - Held at Moana Nursery Landscape & Design Center

November 7th - 7:00 PM: Orchid Society of Northern Nevada monthly meeting:

American Orchid Society Judges will make their first appearance in Reno! You'll learn about the entire judging process. Bring whatever you have in bloom to be judged. Guests are welcome and encouraged to bring their own orchid in bloom. Held at the Moana Landscape & Design Center, 1190 Moana Lane. For more information visit www.osnnv.com



Uni Gro Peat Moss



Helpful Links:



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

Beginning November 29, 2013, stop by our Moana Lane or Pyramid Highway locations to pick out the perfect Christmas tree and support your local Boy Scouts. Here are some tips for choosing the best Christmas tree: When choosing a Christmas tree, select one with firm needles that don't drop off when the tree is raised up a few inches and dropped to the ground. The bottom of the stump should be moist with some sap present. Cut two inches of the stump and immediately plunge tree into a bucket of warm water. Make sure the stand is full of water each day. If left without water, the tree will form a seal which prevents it from taking up any water. Add **SuperThrive** to every watering.



Plan & Plant

(Do-It-Yourself Assistance)

Now is the perfect time to use our Plan & Plant resource to easily design and get expert assistance for those dreams and changes you have for your yard. [Take a look and see if it inspires you](#) ... we all can be "landscape designers" with these simple tools.



Or ... [explore our expert advice and high desert fact sheets](#) on subjects that may be of interest to you.

Our website is filled with local gardening & landscaping advice to make you a green industry, high desert expert.

Did You Know?

Tuesday is a special day at all three Moana Nursery/Wild Birds Unlimited retail locations. We call it **Senior and Military Tuesday** ... show your appropriate ID and if you are 65 or older, or if you are a current member of any branch of our armed services, we are pleased to take an **additional 10% off your total purchase**.



Tuesday is the day we honor our seniors and our military volunteers; we appreciate your service to our country.

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