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Happy July!

Welcome to the July Edition of our newsletter. (This newsletter was resent with a corrected link)

It's midsummer and my bonsai are growing nicely. Some are doing well, despite the heat, and others like the desert rose that I'm babysitting for the summer, thrive in this heat. This one is in bloom and from the looks of it, it will be flowering for the rest of the summer. We will need to bring it back indoors before it gets cold.

We have a few different article types today, please let me know what you think of the format.



Serissa Japonica

Let's start with our focus on the tree for this month, which is Serissa Japonica.

Tree of the Month

You can also connect with the blog on the website to find articles featured in earlier newsletters.

Sometimes, I stare at my laptop and try to imagine what I should write about, so if there is something you would like to know about bonsai - please, don't hesitate to ask.

Featured Bonsai Trees



Black Olive Bucida Spinosa
Bonsai Extra-Large 10"



Black Olive Bucida Spinosa
Bonsai Large



Black Olive Bucida Spinosa
Cascade Bonsai Large



BONSAI JUNIPER SPECIMEN
In a 10" Pot Extra Large- OUT
OF STOCK

If you've ever wondered about those little brown bumps on the underside of your tree's foliage and on the stems of your plants, you might be well advised to check out:

Dealing with an Unwanted Visitor

Interested in growing your own food?

Summer is time for more than just bonsais. It's time for all kinds of gardening and given my choice, no backyard would be complete without a vegetable garden. Here is a little information on some of my favourite vegetables to grow.

Vegetable Garden Tips



Summer Recipes

Finally, what's the point of growing food if you don't get to eat it.

Summer is such a great time to entertain (well maybe not so much this year, but Covid will not be with us forever) that a few easy recipes are featured in our final article for the month of July.

[Recipes to Sip and Savour](#)

Blog posts

Scale- Dealing with an unwanted visitor

I know that some people will use pesticides to take out scale, but you don't really have to and they are often not every effective, anyway. Just carefully inspect your tree and scrape off any scale that you see. You might need to do it a few times to get all of them and you can wash the sap off with water. If you're squeamish, you can use a Qtip to scrape them off.

[Read more](#)

Serissa japonica- The tree of a Thousand Stars

The thing that I find funny about Serissa is that some people think its a piece of cake to grow and for others "it's impossible". I think there are a few factors contributing to that rather wide range of opinion.

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Easy Foods to Grow in Your Garden (or Balcony)

One good thing to come out of the pandemic is a renewed interest in vegetable gardening- (and gardening in general, actually and even