



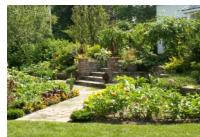
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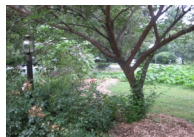


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## EDIBLE LANDSCAPING



While researching topics for this mailer, I came across an article about "edible landscaping", which intrigued me.

**Edible landscaping is a whole new movement, whereby food plants do double duty as both food sources and things of beauty.**

The idea behind edible landscaping is that fruits, vegetables and other edible plants can be intermingled with ornamental plants such as shrubs and flowers. Edibles can be used in place of more common landscape plants, for example, planting rhubarb instead of hostas or a fruit tree in place of a maple.

It not only is an *economical* approach to landscaping but it has *health and environmental benefits* as well. Home-grown food is more nutritious than much commercially produced food and growing food locally saves the energy needed to ship it long distances. Reducing a lawn to make room for food plants means less maintenance, less need for chemicals, and less use of noisy, polluting equipment.

Mixing a variety of plants is better at *reducing pest problems* than traditional food gardening methods as destructive bugs have a harder time finding individual food plants that they do a whole row. Inter-planting also *enhances soil fertility* as the plant beds aren't completely re-planted each. Tilling annually breaks down the soil structure, which is detrimental to the soil's health. Also by incorporating plants grown specifically to be cut down they are returned to the soil as fertilizer.

There are some great books on this subject if you're interested in trying this out yourself. Check out "The Edible Front Yard" & "Edible Landscaping" both available through amazon.com.

Source: www.kansascity.com



**"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."**  
~ Mark Twain

## LEAP YEAR TRIVIA



Occurs every 4 years. The year must be divisible by 4, however, it excludes years that are divisible by 100 (unless they are divisible by 400). So 2000 was a leap year while 1900 was not.



Is traditionally the day when women can propose to men, a tradition that started back in Ireland in the 5th century, became a right of women by Queen Margaret of Scotland in 1288, and is now called "Sadie Hawkins Day" in North America.



According to astrologers, those born under the sign of Pisces on February 29 have unusual talents and personalities reflecting their special status.



February 29 plays a pivotal role in the famous Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera, Broadway play, and movie "The Pirates of Penzance". The hero, born on this day, is bound to his apprenticeship until his 21st birthday, meaning he'll be in his 80's before he's done!



Some famous Leap Year babies (or "leaplings"): Tony Robbins, Dinah Shore, Henri Richard, Antonio Sabato Jr., Jimmy Dorsey, Ja Rule, Pope Paul III

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