



Save Your Newspapers !!

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Winter weeding and mulching
This Fall has brought us wonderful sunny weather and we have had great opportunity to tidy up our gardens. If we haven't had a chance to finish the clean-up while the soil was still relatively dry, we need to be careful not to damage the tilth of the soil by walking on it while it is soggy wet. This would cause the soil to get compacted and we definitely want to keep it as fluffy as possible. However, those wonderful dry spells through winter when the soil isn't too wet are a great time to get rid of the weeds as they have an uncanny talent for spurious growth during the cold

winter months when all else is dormant! If we get rid of them during the dormant season, we will have a clean slate for more fun gardening this coming spring.



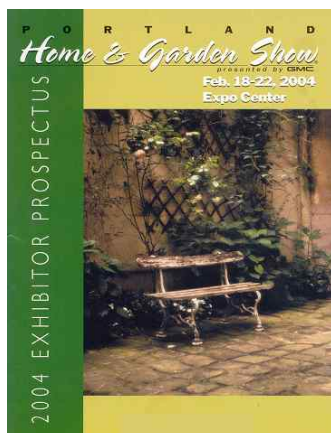
Save up your newspapers and just cover the weeds up!
Should you have any uncontrollably weedy areas in the garden, it is always a good



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In the News

Last week a new magazine article about my gardening came on the shelves. It was published in the Better Homes and Gardens Special Interest Winter issue of Garden Shed. Copies can be found at any number of grocery and book stores such as Thriftway, Fred Meyer and Barnes and Noble. For a list of articles published about my garden, please turn to page 2 of this newsletter.



Home and Garden Show

Margaret's Enchanted Gardens will have a display garden at the Expo Center February 14-18, 2004. The garden will be a little, old world courtyard called "Le Petit Bistro". This display will be part of a group of six courtyards, each created by a variety of designers to demonstrate different approaches to creating courtyard garden spaces. The designers are all mem-

bers of the Association of Northwest Landscape Designers (ANLD). I am featuring two of my partners: Dave Jensen of Acorn Solutions, who will display several stunning copper structures in the Expo garden and Lucinda Packard, The Garden Coach, who will be promoting her new service teaching new gardeners the skills and tricks that produce a flourishing and beautiful garden.

List of Magazine Articles

"Margaret de Haas van Dorsser has been featured in many magazine articles by several different publishers"

It has been such a delight for me that my garden has been shared with so many people in several publications. I have been very fortunate to have had quite a few professional photographers capture the seasonal nature of each garden room. It has been fun writing some of the articles! Here is a list of most of the articles and photos that have been published.

Garden Showcase "A Local Touch" pp 8-9, Jun 1997, Janet Loughrey

Fine Gardening "Stroll Through the Seasons on a Woodsy Garden Path" pp 38-43, Aug 1998, Margaret de Haas van Dorsser (photos Alan Mandell)

Better Homes & Gardens "The Garden Artist" pp 74-82, Garden, Deck & Landscape Special Interest Publications Spring 1999, Margaret de Haas van Dorsser (photos Stephan Cridland)

Sunset "Lushly Layered Landscape" pp 73, May 1999, Steven R. Lorton

Kitchen Gardener "A Kitchen Garden Built from Scratch" pp 29-33, Oct/Nov 1999, Margaret de Haas van Dorsser

Fine Gardening "Make a Large Lot Manageable" pp 50-53, Dec 1999, Margaret de Haas van Dorsser

Sunset "Trading Lawn for Flowers" p 95, Apr 2000, Jim McCausland (photos Janet Loughrey)

Better Homes & Gardens "Get Intense" pp 22-30, Flower Gardening Special Interest Publications Summer 2000, Margaret de Haas van

Dorsser (Photos Stephan Cridland)

Garden Retreats "Creating an Outdoor Sanctuary" 2000, Barbara Blossum Ashmun (Photos Alan Mandell)

Fine Gardening Design Guides—Exploring Garden Style "Stroll through the Seasons on a Woodsy Garden Path" pp 56-61, 2001 Taunton Press, Margaret de Haas van Dorsser (Photos Alan Mandell)

Sunset "Turn a Lawn into a Bed" p 76, Nov 2001, Jim McCausland

Fine Gardening "Garden Architecture / Copper-pipe Structures" pp 78-81, Apr 2002, Margaret de Haas van Dorsser (Photos Alan Mandell; Virginia Small)

Country Living Gardener "Portrait of a Garden" pp 62-66, Mar / Apr 2002 (Photos Janet Loughrey)

Sunset "Seasons" [note: photos only] p 18, Gardening in the Northwest, Jan 2003, (Photos Alan Mandell, this is the birch path)

Sunset "Mixing Things Up" p 104, Apr 2003, Jim McCausland

Better Homes & Gardens "New Gardens—Plotting for growth in the family and the garden" pp 78-82, Aug 2003, Craig Summers Black (Photos Stephen Cridland) [Note: this is a clients garden]

Fine Gardening "The pleasures of poppies" [note: photo only] pp 32-35, Aug 2003 Jane Eaton Hamilton (Photo Alan Mandell)

Better Homes & Gardens "painterly impressions" pp 46-53, Garden Shed Special Interest Publications, Winter 2003, Veronica Lorson Fowler (Photos Stephan Cridland)



Margaret's garden on the cover of three national magazines

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idea to just cover these up with about 4 to 6 layers of overlapping newspaper and cover with a 4" to 6" layer of mulch without weeding them out first.

Be sure the mulch doesn't touch the stems of plants and doesn't cover the crowns of your dor-

mant perennials. Hand weeding encourages more weed seeds to sprout, so just covering them up is really great for weed control. You have probably heard this one from me before and it is worth repeating! Of course you know that using horse manure for mulching is my favorite!



Newly mulched flower bed covered first with newspaper

Communicating over the Internet

For the past several years, while creating and tending the several garden rooms on my own property, I have enjoyed learning about many helpful and practical ways to work. My current goal is to share these tips with other avid

gardeners. With the development of the world-wide internet, this has become easily possible. To subscribe to "Margaret's Garden Tips," please send me an email message at:

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Margaret's Garden Tips

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Featured Plant — Sasanqua Camellia 'Yuletide'

I prefer the camellia Sasanqua to the c. japonica because of its graceful form and lavish show during the cold winter months. My favorite, Yuletide has an upright form and lush dark green foliage. The fiery red single blossoms have bright yellow stamens. This elegant shrub thrives in full sun or shade and prefers acidic fertile soil. Bloom time spans from late November to January. What a great time for a little gar-

den cheer to lift us out of the winter doldrums!

This is a very good time to visit local nurseries to find this wonderful winter blooming shrub. You can plant it right now in a garden location that allows room for six feet of height and four feet of width. Prepare a planting hole that is twice the size of the plant's pot. Be sure to amend the soil with compost and water in thoroughly. Do not plant the shrub

too low, it should be at the same soil level as it was in the pot. The

Yuletide blossoms are great for cutting and arranging during the holidays.



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Next Issue: There will be Garden Tips, Featured Plant, and a section for Questions and Answers. Please send me a question when you send me your email address. My goal is to launch the electronic publication after the New Year!

Newspaper again!

Have you been contemplating turning your lawn or part of it into a garden bed? This is the perfect time to create new beds with very little effort and unless your soil is very heavy



bluish clay, this method will work great.

Create an outline for the new bed with a garden hose repositioning it until you find the perfect shape. With marking spray (used by construction workers and can be found at Home Depot or Fred Meyer) paint the new outline.

Cut a v-groove about 4" deep following your new bed outline with an edger or flat shovel. Remove this soil from the groove and you will have created an air space to hinder the root growth of your lawn at the edge on the lawn side and a nice place to tuck your newspaper on the bed side. Cover the grass with newspaper about 4 to 6 lay-



ers deep, making sure it overlaps so as to not create gaps when it is walked on. We don't want any gaps for the old lawn to growth through!

I usually cover all of the grass with the newspaper unless I am bringing in new soil mounded higher than six inches which effectively kills the grass underneath. If I am gradually sloping the new soil, then I cover the old lawn grass with newspaper up to where the new soil is six inches deep. You will be ready to plant in the spring!