

## October 2019!



October has arrived, and our summer is officially over. While it can be sad to see the end of another season, it's also nice to welcome a new one and all of the adventures that come with it. How boring life would be with just one season! Be sure to enjoy your Fall and all it has to offer, because the next one will be here before we know it!

### October Birth Month Flower ... The Marigold!

For those of you born in October, your birth flower is the Marigold! Marigolds, with their rich, autumnal colors, symbolize undying love. These pungent-smelling flowers can also mean "I'm thinking of you" or indicate sadness and sympathy.

Happy Birthday to the October folk!



## Ornaments for the Garden

By Rosemarie Daviduk

I have been driving along Hastings Street in Burnaby for decades, passing by Ital Décor Ltd, - 6886 East Hastings Street. I always noticed the large array of garden ornaments and decided this year was going to be the year that I stopped and bought one. The signage '40% off' was an incentive for me to stop in early February.

Ornaments which I have usually seen in city gardens are made out of concrete or cement. They include bird baths, fountains, pots/urns, pagodas, statues and numerous other items. Garden ornaments can add visual stimulation to the outdoors.

If one decides to put a garden ornament in their garden there are some things to consider. These include:

*Finding the right place for the item. Do you want it to be a focal point in the garden, or to complement the existing landscaping which may include trees, plants and shrubs?*

The size of the garden will dictate the size of the garden ornament(s). Small garden = small statues/ornaments. Large garden = large accent pieces.

*Using too many ornaments can make the garden appear cluttered. It will not be relaxing and inviting. The ornament(s) should be placed where they can be seen – looking out a window, walking thru the garden, or when using the lawn or patio.*

*Plants should enhance and not compete with the ornament. They should bring out the beauty of large statues. They should not block the ornament/statue. Choose something you love and want to see in your garden.*

*The view – will you be looking at the front, around the ornament? Will it be viewed from a distance? The size – is it going to be a focal point or an accent to the garden?*

*Style of your garden – is it formal, informal, country style? Do you have a particular theme for your garden?*

## Statues:

If you want a statue to take centre stage in your garden, you can place it in the centre of a flower bed. It can contrast with the colours of the flower bed.

Corner spaces are often good for statues as this is an area which is often empty or under used. The size of the statue is again dictated by the size of the garden.

My purchase at Ital Décor Ltd was a small Japanese lantern. I've always wanted one. A factor also in the size I chose, small, was the weight. It had to be something that I could carry and move about in our small garden to find the perfect spot for it. Right now I enjoy looking out the front window and seeing it next to a hydrangea plant. I also purchased a sun plaque. Again an item I've wanted. Soon I will decide whether to hang the plaque or prop it in the garden.

I invite all to stop and have a walkabout at Ital Décor Ltd. There just might be something there for your garden.

Note: water sealer should be used once a year for all concrete statues – wash before applying.



Rosemarie has written an interesting and informative article on garden ornaments, and provided pictures. I hope you enjoyed it! Thank you Rosemarie! Remember, if you have anything to share, - stories or pictures that you think our BRAGS members might enjoy, please send them on! If you've been on a vacation, or visited a local attraction, or saw something of interest, don't be shy. We'd love to hear all about it! Send to Cheryl Fiddis at [ecfiddis@telus.net](mailto:ecfiddis@telus.net).

## BRAGS Membership

Still only \$12 per year, BRAGS members share various gardening interests and enjoy monthly guest speakers, plus are entitled to discounts of regularly priced items at GardenWorks and other garden centres, simply by presenting their membership cards. Monthly meetings (excepting July & August) start at 7 pm at the Burnaby Village Museum, - Main Building, up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Easy to get to with ample free parking and refreshments are served! Please join us!

If you haven't yet switched to 'digital only' newsletters to keep our costs down, please speak to David or email him at [info@brags.ca](mailto:info@brags.ca).

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## Upcoming Meetings Events/Club News

### October 2, 2019 Meeting

Join us for our speaker Jennifer Zuk, - her topic is Dahlias. She will be bringing dahlias from her garden as part of her presentation.

### November 6, 2019

Kristen Crouch will give a presentation on "How to start a cut flower garden". After all, it's time to think about next year!

### December 4, 2019

Our December meeting will start off with our AGM, and then move right into our BRAGS Christmas party. Bring your favorite dish to share, and a guest if you wish, and get ready to welcome the festive season!



## Out & About Etc...

### Gardenworks Customer Appreciation Days

October 17, 2019

Mark the date for 15% savings all day!

### *September Meeting... Tidbits...*

*Thanks to all who submitted and shared pictures, and to David who did his usual amazing job of putting them all together in a great presentation. It was a lovely evening and a perfect way to wrap up the summer.*

*And Congratulations to Daniel Ng for winning the 'Best Dahlia in Show' prize at the Vancouver Dahlia Society Show. Well done!*



- Photo by David