

## Peonies VII



"Enjoy the little things in life,  
for one day you'll look back  
and realize they were big  
things."

~Robert Breault



"You are never too old to set  
another goal or dream a new  
dream."

~C.S. Lewis



"When we are no longer able  
to change a situation, we are  
challenged to change  
ourselves." ~Viktor Frankl

### Emotional Balance....

There is never enough time in the day to do everything, and I really struggle to find a healthy balance between work, family, friends, faith, service and self. I used to get frustrated, but I have found over the years that if I can keep an open mind and just focus on the next most important thing in front of me, I will feed and be nurtured by all the important relationships in my life. Although I think I should be able to do it all in one day, I know that I can't. I know that sometimes I will have periods of time that seem out of balance. But ultimately, when I reflect back on my year, I will find that the scales of my life will be balanced. This year, our busy season lasted longer and was heavier than normal, but we have had two amazing family vacations and opportunities for service work.



### September Fun Facts....

#### 'Predictions'

September is off to a windy start and I have no idea what winter will bring this year. The Farmer Almanac is calling for an exceptionally snowy and cold winter in the Pacific NW. While the strongest El Nino record is coming (already nicknamed 'Bruce Lee') and is usually tied to drier and warmer conditions. Either way, I have a feeling it will be one for the record books.

Did you know September has three birth flowers? Morning Glory, Aster and Forget-me-nots.

### What's Growing on...

#### News & Noteworthy

Time to turn off your irrigations systems. Please set your clocks to the "off" position. We will not be blowing the systems out until late October or November, but it appears the rains are back.

We are currently booked into late October for landscape projects. Now is the time to get on the calendar for the winter. Trenching, drainage, French drains, patios, lawn renovations and much more. As long as the ground is not frozen, we are working.