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"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?"

Theodore Geisel



Jefferson Landscaping
wishes you a holiday
season filled with
warmth and good
cheer!



The magic of the winter garden... Dressing up your garden for the winter holiday season....

Many gardeners become discouraged this time of year. The rare beam of sunlight becomes more precious than gold. The rains seem never ending and the falling temperatures can reduce the enthusiasm for even the most dedicated gardener. You do not have to despair in spite being down to the fewest of plants; the garden can still offer plenty of excitement.

Fresh evergreen swags, and wreaths of holly and winter berries are readily available to warm the senses and brighten both the home and garden. Twinkling lights and seasonal decorations turn even the darkest areas in to magical moments.

The best blooms for cool season color are cheery Pansies, Cyclamen which have show-stopping vibrant bloom colors and make for a great bedding plant or can brighten any pot. Hellebores which offer beautiful winter color and are available in pinks, purples, green and white. The best winter berries can range in color from purple to red, to orange to white to yellow. **Winterberry** (*Ilex verticillata*) This native holly is deciduous, losing its leaves each fall to reveal bright red berries. Only female plants have berries; you need a male plant to pollinate the female to get berries. **Skimmia** Japonica also require both male and female for berries. **Purple Apple-berry** *Billardiera longiflora* is a vine that produces violet-purple, oblong berries that hang on the vine well into January. **Honeysuckle** (*Lonicera henryi*) has great blue berries that hang on well into December. The best deciduous trees in silhouette for winter interest are twig dogwoods both red and yellow, Amur Cherry (*Prunus Maackii*), the river birch (*Betula Nigra*) and paperbark Maple (*Acer Griseum*).

So if twinkling lights, or other garden are not your thing. It turns out that nature can provide us a colorful respite from the barren bones of winter.

What's Growing On? New & Noteworthy

We hope that you have already noticed, we have switched to our winter schedule and are now coming twice monthly and will be through February. We do our best to make it to you on your scheduled service day but due to holidays and weather incidents that is not always possible. We apologize in advance if this causes any inconvenience.

We will be closing down for our winter holiday December 24th returning to work January 14th. We will be on vacation but will be available via telephone or email if necessary. See you next year!

Happy and Joyous

Jeff and I would like to take a moment to thank you for giving us the opportunity to be of service. We have found great joy and happiness in working with the earth and are so grateful that we have been able to eke out a living doing what we most love. We truly feel blessed to have found our passion and be able to share it with you.

A quote that sums up well by **Daisaku Ikeda...**

"Leave behind the passive dreaming of a rose-tinted future. The energy of happiness exists in living today with roots sunk firmly in reality's soil."