



The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."  
~ Nelson Henderson



"Life is never so busy that there is no time to serve."  
~ Author Unknown



"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." ~Dr. Seuss



"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."  
~Winston Churchill

## Giving Back...Many ways to be generous

One of the most counter-intuitive concepts is the one of giving to receive. For us it is so true and we have constant reminders of how this conundrum works in our lives. When we started Jefferson Landscaping almost twelve years ago, our primary purpose was for Jeff to build on his passion for working with soils. As we grew, we made the decision that providing a healthy work environment and investing in our employees was our most important mission. We transitioned over to alternative fuels because it is better for the environment and better for our employees not having to breathe those fumes. We have gained so much knowledge and education from our professional association (WALP), we want to make sure we continue to give back so the next generation of landscape professionals have the same opportunities.



## December Fun Facts....

The original Julian calendar had it as the tenth month and it wasn't until 1582 that Pope Gregory XIII showed it was drifting off by one day every 128 years and made the changes to add January and February. To their collective annoyance the spacing between the calendars was 11 days. When the switch was made the British Empire went to bed on Wednesday 2nd September 1752 and rose on Thursday 14 September 1752, missing the 11 days in between.

The word "twelve" is from the old English twelf, literally "two left" after ten. The poinsettia was known by the Aztecs as cuetlaxochitl. Its current name came from the first U.S. envoy to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, who noticed the plant, sent a few north to the United States in the 1820s. They were short lived and considered a novelty, but now make up a multi-million dollar industry.

## What's Growing on... News & Noteworthy

We just returned from our annual strategic planning retreat for our professional association, WALP (picture above) and are reenergized and looking forward to a great year!



Our King County Chapter's holiday party is coming up in early December and it is always a blast. From Elvis impersonators to sketch comedy it is always a surprise. Great food and fellowship!