

Peonies  
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"Every leaf speaks bliss to me,  
fluttering from the autumn  
tree."

Emily Bronte



There is a harmony In autumn,  
and a lustre in its sky,  
Which through the summer is  
not heard or seen,  
As if it could not be, as if it had  
not been!"

Percy Bysshe Shelley



## The Glorious Colors of Fall

Fall has become a magical time for us. I used to feel like hiding when the days got shorter and everything was withering and dying. I was focused on the loss rather than the grace. Each year now towards the end of October, I take a trip to the Seattle Arboretum or Japanese Gardens and surround myself with indescribable colors and let myself become transported by the beauty and inevitability of the season.



(Picture above and to the left I took at the Seattle Arboretum and bottom left is from the Japanese Gardens)

### World Food Day October 16

World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16 October in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. Please remember to share with those who are unable to feed themselves. Especially the children who go to bed hungry.



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

Jeff and I are focusing more energy into our professional organizations again. We get too busy during the spring and summer but it really comes back around in the fall and winter. My efforts are mainly with WALP, the WA Association of Landscape Professionals. I act as the state secretary and chairperson for the annual conference that we have with the state nursery association. It is a lot of fun! Jeff is the hardscape chairperson for the International org called PLANET. He is also one of the stakeholders in the state Sustainable Initiative sponsored by the DOE. We really enjoy being a part of something so much bigger than either of us and helping future generations.