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Summer 2020 Newsletter

Gifts from our Gardens

by Sherida Phibbs

Reflecting on the “shelter-in-place” restrictions of the past few months raises many mixed emotions. However, a place or time of personal isolation can often be a place of unexpected blessing. As we begin to emerge from seclusion, what opportunities have you searched out to find peace and sanctuary by communing with nature? Many have taken this time to learn or return to the joy of gardening, their corner of heaven in their own backyard. [\(read more\)](#)

Be sure to join us for our virtual classes during the month of July.

[Check out our lineup and register](#) for the free classes on our website



What's Wrong with my Rose?

by Sherida Phibbs

What's wrong with my rose?! There is a section of this rose bush where the new spring leaves are small, yellowed and odd shaped. The shoots are stunted and narrow. Also, malformed flower buds are present. [\(read more\)](#)



Rhododendrons - Ask a Master Gardener

by June Walsh

Rhododendrons and Azaleas grow really well in the coastal zones of Humboldt County. They grow in abundance and in pockets of the wild throughout Humboldt. Once established in the garden they are very drought tolerant, needing only occasional summer water. [\(read more\)](#)



Humboldt Botanical Garden Feature Davidia involucrata

by June Walsh

Also known as Handkerchief Tree or Dove Tree In the winter of 2008-2009 we planted 3 Davidia involucrata in the Moss Family Temperate Woodland Garden at Humboldt Botanical Garden. The trees were in 5 gallon pots so were quite small. The Davidia involucrata planted in the center of the garden was posthumously dedicated to Larry Moss. [\(read more\)](#)



Brussels Sprouts – You either love them or loath them! Perhaps here is the reason why –

by Sherida Phibbs

Growing up as a child the vegetable I dreaded being put on my plate and expected to eat were Brussels sprouts. That dreaded experience always started when I came into the house from playing outside. Opening the door to step inside, I was

immediately smacked in the face with that smell. You all know what smell I am referring to! [\(read more\)](#)



Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onion and Pine Nuts

by Sherida Phibbs

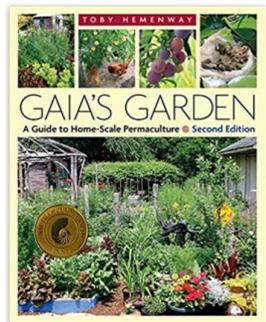
This is one of my family's favorite Brussels sprouts dishes. It's not a real quick recipe, but it is sure is tasty-even those who think they loath Brussels sprouts will like it. Thank you to my husband Bob, for sharing his recipe. [\(read more\)](#)



Artichoke Patties

by June Walsh

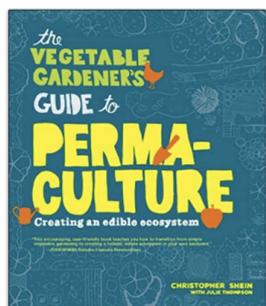
First grow more artichokes than you and your neighbors can eat! No, really, this is where the story of our friend Dick (1921-2003) comes in; Dick was born and raised in San Francisco just off Broadway and Columbus and was a fine cook. [\(read more\)](#)



Good Reads - Gaia's Garden

reviewed by Maria Krenek

Nature exists with or without us. We do not exist without the bounty that nature provides to sustain us. As a matter of fact, we manipulate our environment to be able to make it work for us. We can make choices in how we provide for ourselves and manage our place in nature. Permaculture is an approach or a set of choices we can make that is ecological and productive. [\(read more\)](#)



Vegetable Gardeners Guide to Permaculture

reviewed by Maria Krenek

This is very much a how-to approach to permaculture practices and principles. It is a great companion to GAIA'S GARDEN with specific and concise information about methods, plants, processes. [\(read more\)](#)



Building Local Food Security through Cross-County Collaboration

by Sunny Baker

Gardening nourishes our body, mind, and soul, and makes us healthy and happy. Watching tiny seeds are growing into the edible plants is both therapeutic and rewarding. However, gardening is not the cultural norm, and many of us do not have basic gardening knowledge and skills. Surprisingly, interests in home gardening have been exploding during this Covid-19 pandemic. [\(read more\)](#)



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The four important areas are: Healthier Plants, Healthier Environment, Healthier Gardeners and Healthier Community

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