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## *What's Coming Up:* This week's garden news

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### *In this What's Coming Up pdf\**

Mentors give us a Quotations library, we give you a sampler

*Short, sweet and fresh. That's the gist of our new Quotations Library.*



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## Happy New Year!

In this issue we bring you a sampler of 20 great quotes and images from our new Quotations library. We think you'll enjoy the ideas and images at this season when reflection and projection are both so fitting.

Meanwhile, we'll get back to summing up our first year of website newsletters. As we start the new year of newsletters we will let you know what we'll continue, what will change and what we need to know from you to help keep it all growing.

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1/3/13 in Waterford, Michigan, *Can't Judge a Plant by its Cover* PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION SEE WEBSITE!

2/2/13 in Detroit, *Organic Gardening*

2/5/13 in South Lyon, Michigan, Topic to be announced

2/9/13 in Toledo, Ohio, Collectors' Gardens and Entry Garden Design

2/16/13 in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Entry Garden Design and Visualizing Landscape Changes

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## New in our *Mentors* department: A Quotations library

We are never alone in the garden. The advice from parents, neighbors and other veteran gardeners grows on.

**You used to include quotes in your articles. I liked that. Why did you stop? - T.D. -**

We didn't stop, although it has been a while since we drew from our quotations files to embellish one of the newsletters. Thanks for letting us know you like that feature and reminding us to keep it up.

In your honor, we've posted on the website the whole collection of quotations that we've already published. At the URL below, there is a 23 chapter library of 290 quotations and excerpts with 170 pictures.

We also have more quotes and excerpts that we haven't yet used. From now on as we pull a quote from our files for a newsletter, we'll also add it to that library.

Read on for a sampling from the library.  
Happy New Year!

*One becomes a gardener  
by becoming a gardener.*

- Allen Lacy, in *The Inviting Garden* -



<http://www.gardenatoz.com/what%27s-up!/mentors%27-magic/quotes/>

### From the Quotations chapter, *Observations of gardeners' nature*:

From Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett's *Good Omens*:

*He had heard about talking to plants in the early 70's on radio 4 and thought it an excellent idea. Although, talking is perhaps the wrong word for what Crowley did.*

*What he did was put the fear of God into them.*

*More precisely, the fear of Crowley.*

*In addition to which, every couple of months Crowley would pick out a plant that was growing too slowly or succumbing to leaf wilt or browning or just didn't look quite as good as the others, and he would carry it around to all the other plants. 'Say Good bye to your friend,' he'd say to them. 'He just couldn't cut it...'*



*Then he would leave the flat with the offending plant and return an hour or so later with a large, empty flower pot which he would leave somewhere conspicuously around the flat.*

*The plants were the most luxurious, verdant and beautiful in London. Also, the most terrified."*



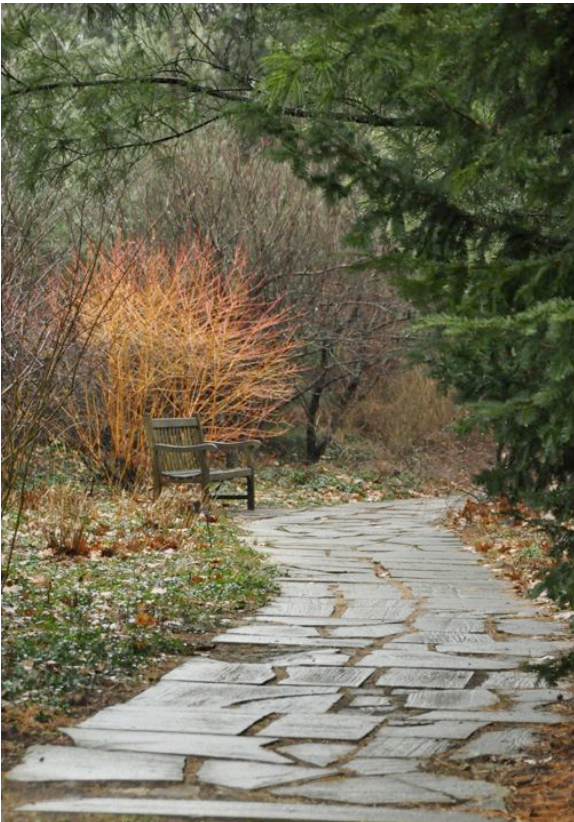
**From the Quotations chapter, *Life philosophy drawn from the garden:***

*Watching something grow is good for morale. It helps us believe in life.*  
- Myron S. Kaufmann, in *The Natural Habitat Garden* -



**From the Quotations chapter, *Planting:***

*A good gardener always plants three seeds -- one for the bugs, one for the weather and one for himself.*  
- Leo Aikman -



**From the Quotations chapter, *General garden care:***

*If you are late with your autumn work, as I invariably am, the tulip bulbs will not pursue you with reproachful glances.*  
- Christopher Lloyd -



### From the Quotations chapter, *Weeding*:

*Know your weeds. Because, as the old saying goes:  
It is always more powerful to curse it by name.*  
-Francis Kissinger -

Right: Poison ivy.

### From the Quotations chapter, *Watering*:

*Overwatering kills more house plants than under watering.*  
- Roberta M Coughlin -

### From the Quotations chapter, *Fertilizer*:

*The farmer's best fertilizer is in his footprint.*  
- Anonymous -

### From the Quotations chapter, *Tools*:

*"Your wheelbarrow needs oil, it squeaks!"  
"I know. Let it be. It drowns out the creaking of my joints."*  
- Steven Nikkila -



### From the Quotations chapter, *Pruning*:

*If you cut a shrub back because it's just too big, and it dies, you haven't lost anything but a plant that couldn't live by your rules.*  
- Janet Macunovich-

Left: The stubs of a cut-back smoke bush become so gnarly over the years, the gardener may almost begin to wish it would die from the next cut.

### From the Quotations chapter, *Bugs and animals*:

*Plants are the original chemists. Their sophistication makes DuPont and Monsanto look like little kids with chemistry sets.*  
- Allen Lacy, in *The Inviting Garden* -

### From Quotations chapter, *Working smart*:

*If someone says "You're not doing that right," hand him the shovel, sit and watch. THAT's the right way to garden.*  
- Janet Macunovich -





### From the Quotations chapter, *Design*:

*History is everything in gardening: With a site, weather, a particular plant. It solves mysteries. And it's why, when others say, "You can't do that!" you can know with deepest certainty that you can.*

- Janet Macunovich -

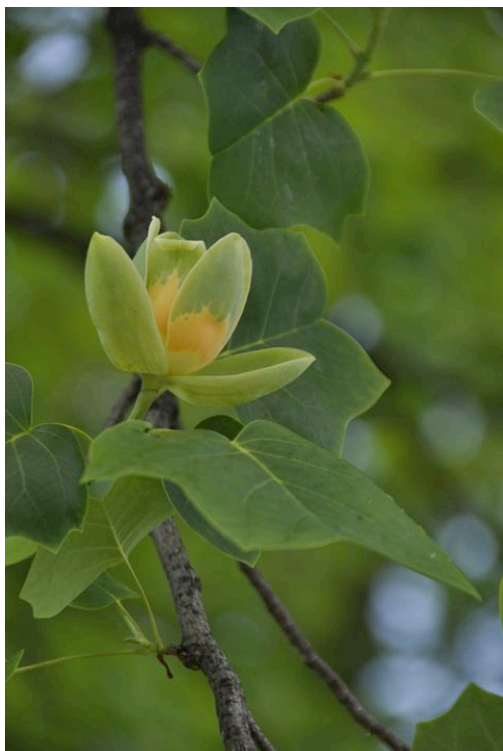


### From the Quotations chapter, *Choosing plants*:

*I cannot walk into our garden without constantly being reminded of the friends who have shared their plants.*

- Allen Lacy, in *The Inviting Garden* -

### From the Quotations chapter, *Vegetables*:



*Only two things that money  
can't buy, and that's true  
love and homegrown  
tomatoes.*

- Guy Clark, in his song  
*Homegrown Tomatoes* -

### In Quotations' *Trees*:

*Any fool can destroy trees,  
they cannot run away.*

- John Muir -

*Woodman, spare that tree!  
Touch not a single bough!  
In youth it sheltered me,  
And I'll protect it now.*  
- George Pope Morris, in  
*Woodman Spare That Tree* -

*Left: Tulip poplar,  
Liriodendron tulipifera  
Right: Burls on a tree's trunk  
create an "ent" face.*

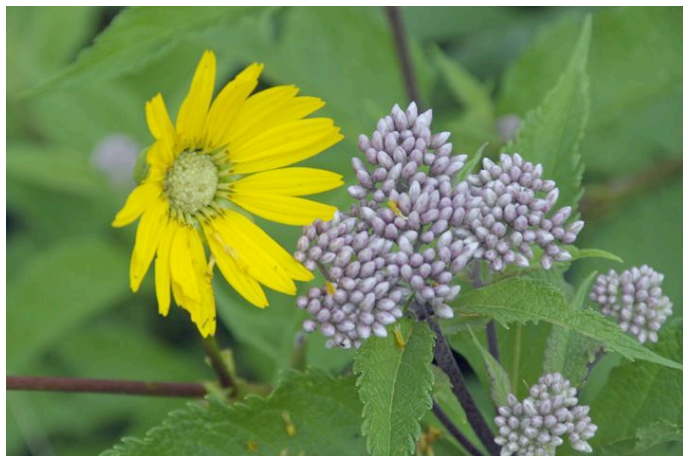




## From the Quotations chapter, *Wildflowers and native plants:*

*With names like butterflyweed, milkweed, ironweed, and Joe Pye Weed, you can be sure these plants were not named by a marketing person.*  
- Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery -

*Right: Prairie dock (Silphium terebinthinaceum) and Joe Pye (Eupatorium purpureum).*



## From the Quotations chapter, *Wildlife and ecology:*

*We can plant to suit the needs of the birds and other wildlife that find a haven and a habitat on our home ground, and we can understand that to do so is a moral dictate, not a personal whim.*  
- Allen Lacy, in *The Inviting Garden* -



## From the Quotations chapter, *Amazing facts:*

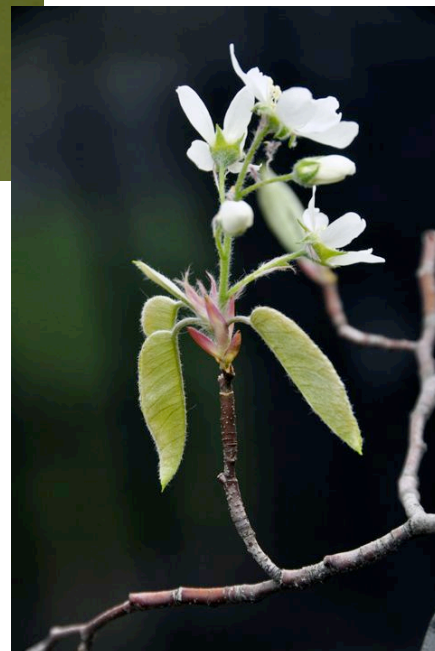
*We blame Walt Disney for goldenrod's bad name in modern times. Despite Sneezy's pronouncement, plants such as goldenrod with heavy, insect-carried pollen rarely cause allergic reaction.*  
- Janet Macunovich -

*Above: Goldenrod flower gives up its pollen not to the wind but to bees. It does not drift in the air but hitches a ride. It's very unlikely to be inhaled and cause an allergic reaction.*

*Right: Serviceberry (Amelanchier sp.) flowers open.*

## From the Quotations chapter, *Living in the garden:*

*In my garden, after a rainfall, you can faintly, yes, hear the breaking of new blooms.*  
- Truman Capote -





### From the Quotations chapter, *Seasons*:

*Winter's palette is clear and spare, restrictive enough to curb the excesses of even the most daring gardeners.*  
- Rosemary Verey, in *The Garden in Winter* -



### From the Quotations chapter, *Children*:

*Take them into the garden young and at your eye level. Nature will always be part of their world view.*

- Janet & Steven -

