



Pistachio berries are food for the birds and décor for your table.

What's trending in the garden world for 2016, you ask?

- Gardeners across the nation are seeking larger plants that repeat bloom.
- Compact size plants for small patios, condominiums, apartments, and town homes are in big demand. These space savers include dwarf and compact varieties for containers.
- Fragrance tops the list for new purchases.
- Water-wise plants will become the norm in drought areas such as ours.
- Low maintenance is a priority as people have busy work and social schedules. Plants that are easy-care without too much pruning or deadheading are popular.
- Edible fruits and vegetables will be part of most households as we all embrace the plant to plate movement in our own kitchens. There really is nothing better than growing our own for freshness, flavors and nutrients.
- Earth matters most. Consumers crave plants that will survive and thrive in local conditions without harming our environment.



Cynthia Brian wishes you a Happy New Year!

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WINTER TIPS

Cleaning and thinning your trees may reduce the potential storm hazards without compromising the shade. In some situations the risk of failure cannot be reduced without removal of branches. Remember that healthy structurally sound trees are generally wind fast even when mature.

Storm damage is usually, but not always, related to structural problems that could have been addressed with proper structural training when the tree was young. Co dominant (two trunks with a narrow angle of attachment) trunks account for many trees failures. The hazard of wind damage is higher on the regrowth of trees that have been "topped".

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