

### It's Good to be Thankful - By Stan Southwick

Thanksgiving is really something we should focus on every day of the year, not just a couple of weeks in November. Looking at your world with thanksgiving in your heart will change your life.



Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow. Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons. Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.



Happy Thanksgiving at this season and through the entire year.

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never have enough." - Oprah Winfrey

### Favorite Flora:

#### Punica granatum 'Wonderful' Fruiting Pomegranate - By Jon Marenfeld



Edible landscaping is becoming something more and more people are looking to include in their home landscapes. Choosing a plant that not only has good landscape value but also is edible is relatively easy in our climate given the right conditions. One plant to consider should be Punica granatum 'Wonderful' commonly known as Wonderful Pomegranate or Fruiting Pomegranate. This cultivar thrives in our hot summers and cool winters. It produces largered/orange trumpet-shaped blooms in summer followed by large red fruit in early fall. The fruits are edible right off the plant and can be made into juices,

Photo of the Month

jams, or jellies. Punica granatum 'Wonderful' has deep green leaves and grows up to 10' high and wide and can be left as a shrub but can be trained into tree form or on an espalier.

Plant the Fruiting Pomegranate in full sun in average well-drained soil. Water it deeply during the first few growing seasons to ensure an extensive root system. Once established water it more during its blooming period and reduce watering after the fruit ripens. Prune it in early spring as needed and fertilize it before the blooming season begins.



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