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A MONTHLY GARDEN GUIDE

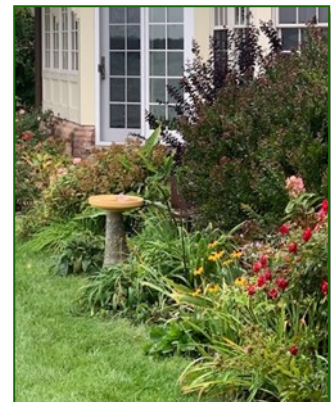
Many years ago, I purchased a *Garden Guide Calendar* by Jack Eden. It was a how-to, when-to and what-to-use in a four season, day-by-day and step-by-step guide, filled with pages of tips and facts for growing many trees, shrubs, perennials, tropical plants, etc.

Obviously, I have kept it and referred to it over the years as a garden resource guide. If any of you, as gardeners, lived in the Washington DC suburbs you most likely read Jack Eden's column in the *Washington Post* or caught his gardening programs on the PBS, WTOP television and radio stations. Sadly, he passed away in 2009.

Without aging myself too much, the Garden Guide I have kept and referred to over the years is the 7th Edition, 1997 Calendar of 95 pages! In referring to his [October Gardening Schedule for the second and third weeks of October](#), Jack says...

- After last roses bloom, spread bone meal over the soil and soak.
- Prune stalks of summer perennials to the ground.
- Prune peony canes to the ground, rake up debris and work in a couple trowelfulls of compost around each plant.
- Remove spent blossoms of hydrangeas as they will be starting to produce flower buds for next year.
- Apply iron-sulfate to acid loving trees and shrubs – azaleas, holly, laurel, rhododendrons, pine, juniper, and spruce.

Finally, do not prune any spring flowering shrubs – forsythia, azaleas, holly, lilac, spirea, viburnum, rhododendrons, etc., as they



Lin's Garden waiting for her to follow Jack's October advice



are in the process of forming buds for next year's blooms.

I think this is enough to keep me busy!
Happy Gardening...

Editor's Note: I used to listen to Jack Eden

religiously and have/had his calendar...the search is underway to find it! Trish