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# Fourth Quarter Gardens: *An August to December Romance*

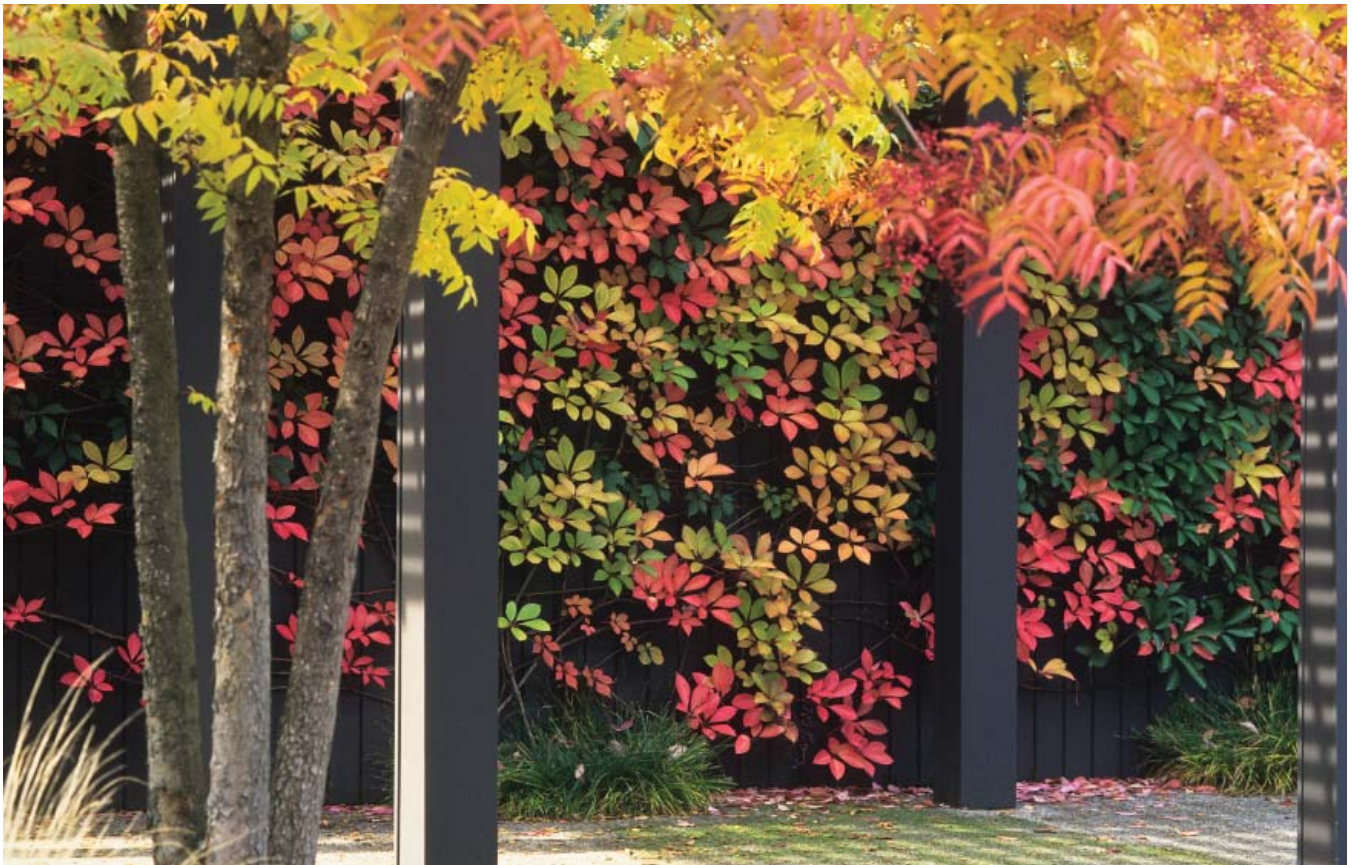


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## Overview of Gardens that Look Well in the Fall: Something for Everyone

*Debra Prinzing, garden writer, Seattle*

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### Bio:

Debra Prinzing ([www.debraprinzing.com](http://www.debraprinzing.com)) is an outdoor lifestyle expert who writes about, lectures and consults on design-driven ideas and information for today's home and garden enthusiast. Through her articles, lectures and media appearances and her design blog posts at [www.shedstyle.com](http://www.shedstyle.com), Debra explores, evaluates and discovers inspiring resources, techniques and people – all with the goal of bringing achievable design ideas to her audiences. Her readers, viewers and Internet followers include the home gardener (from beginner to plant fanatic), interior and exterior design enthusiasts, and anyone who desires and aspires to a creative outdoor lifestyle.

Debra has a background in textiles, journalism, landscape design and horticulture. She lectures on design topics to botanical garden, horticultural society and flower show audiences, and is a regular radio and television guest. Debra is the author of five books, including *Stylish Sheds and Elegant Hideaways* (Clarkson-Potter/Random House, 2008), *The Abundant Garden* (2005), and *Pacific Northwest Garden Survival Guide* (2004). Her feature stories now appear in the Los Angeles Times' Home section and top shelter and consumer publications, including *Garden Design*, *Fine Gardening*, *Cottages & Bungalows*, *Metropolitan Home*, *Sunset*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Alaska Airlines Magazine*, *Seattle Homes & Lifestyles* and *Romantic Homes*, among others. She is the former "NW Style" columnist for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.





## Fall Focus: Landscape Plants for California Gardens

*Bob Perry, author, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture, Cal Poly Pomona*

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### Bio:

Bob Perry, landscape architect and Professor Emeritus from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, California, is a recognized expert in areas of landscape plants and water conserving garden design. Over the years he has combine his academic career with writing and professional practice. Bob has recently written and published, *Landscape Plants for California Gardens*, a comprehensive color illustrated planting reference for professionals and serious gardeners alike. Many ideas and photographs in this book come from his extensive travel throughout California and design projects. Bob is a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects based upon his academic career and long-standing commitment to resource conservation and sustainable landscaping.





## Spectacular Plants on the “Hoof and on the Plate”

*Nicholas Staddon, Monrovia, Azusa, CA*

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### Bio:

Nicholas Staddon is the Director of New Plant Introductions for Monrovia, and has been a Monrovia Craftsman for 18 years. Working with breeders, hybridizers, and professional Plant Explorers, he scours the globe for new creations and discoveries in the plant world. Nicholas was born in England, where he attended Otley Agricultural College and received his awards in Agricultural Science. Before joining Monrovia, he worked in New Mexico, managing garden centers in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. He says of New Mexico, “One of the most beautiful places in the world—the vistas will move your heart and the gardening will break it.” Nicholas now resides in California and continues to be consumed with a passion for plants and animals. He travels extensively for Monrovia in his quest for great new and notable plants for American gardeners.





## Fall Glory at RBG

*Brian Kemble, The Ruth Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, CA*

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### Bio:

Brian Kemble is the Curator for The Ruth Bancroft Garden, where he has worked since 1980. His expertise is in the area of succulent plants, and he has lectured widely on topics such as the Agave family, Aloes, Bromeliads, Echeverias, and the history of The Ruth Bancroft Garden. He has published numerous articles on agaves and aloes in the *Cactus and Succulent Journal* and other publications, and he has also contributed photographs to various books on succulents and cacti.

Kemble has a B.A. in Philosophy from Antioch College. His work has been in the area of horticulture since 1976, and he has been active with the Cactus and Succulent Society since that time. He has traveled extensively in Mexico, South Africa, Namibia and Madagascar, studying and photographing plants in their native habitats. Brian's work for The Ruth Bancroft Garden has included hybridizing of aloes, agaves, and some South American cacti, and many examples of his hybrids are featured in the garden's plantings.



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## Color it Green

*Katherine Greenberg, garden designer, author, Lafayette, CA*

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### Bio:

Katherine Greenberg is a garden designer and writer with a special interest in the native plants of California. A fourth-generation Californian, Katherine grew up in Monterey County. Her undergraduate studies at UC Santa Barbara included a year at the University of Madrid, where she met her future husband. A graduate degree in Library Science from UC Berkeley was followed by a program in landscape design at Merritt College. She joined the faculty of Merritt College for several years to teach a class in design with native plants. She has worked on a number of projects in the Bay Area as well as a private garden in Jerusalem.



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Katherine was the founding president (1996-2000) of the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden, and she helped organize the Northern California Branch of the MGS. During her term as president of the Mediterranean Garden Society (2000-2004), she formed new branches in Israel, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Provence, Spain, and Central California. Katherine also served a term as president of Pacific Horticulture Society (2006-2008). She has been involved in planning a number of educational programs, including the Growing Natives Symposium in 2009. For the last ten years, Katherine has been chair of Pacific Horticulture's tour committee, and she has led tours to Spain, Greece, Morocco, and Portugal. In April, 2011, she will be leading a tour to Sicily, sponsored by Pacific Horticulture ([www.pacifichorticulture.org](http://www.pacifichorticulture.org)).

Katherine started her native garden on a hillside in Lafayette in 1980, and it has been featured in a number of books and articles. She opens the garden to small groups for tours and native plant workshops. When she is not working in the garden, Katherine enjoys skiing, hiking, and spending time with her family. She is also writing a book about California native plants that will be published next year by UC Press.