

What's On

Somethin' different gardening

By Lee Reich

The (American) persimmon tree has received more criticism, both adverse and favourable, than almost any known species," stated a US Department of Agriculture Farmers' Bulletin of 1915.

The bad press goes as far back as the early 17th century, when Capt John Smith, of Jamestown fame, wrote that if a persimmon "is not ripe it will draw a man's mouth awrie with much torment."

In modern terms, I compare eating an unripe persimmon to having the business end of a vacuum cleaner in your mouth - and the sensation lingers even after spitting out the fruit.

Ah, but eating a ripe persimmon is

as pleasurable a gustatory experience as eating an unripe one is horrible. Capt. Smith went on to call a ripe persimmon "as delicious as an apricot." When ready to eat, an American persimmon is very soft, too soft for a market fruit but fine for backyards, where fruits need travel no further than arm's length.

When ripe, the flesh is something like a dried apricot that has been soaked in water, dipped in honey and given a dash of spice. Persimmon is in the genus Diospyros, which translates to "food of the gods."

Choose an appropriate variety American persimmon is a native tree that grows wild throughout the eastern US from Connecticut to Florida, and east to Kansas. The trees



In this undated photo, Fruits of American Persimmon bend down branches with their weight, all with little or no need for pruning or pest control, in New Paltz, New York. (AP)

can grow large, but are only medium-size - 25 feet or so - toward the north-

ern limits of their range or if pruned for that purpose.

Many wild American persimmons never develop good flavour, so the first key to enjoying American persimmons is to plant a named variety known to bear tasty fruits. The second key is to plant a variety that will ripen within your growing season. Although the first variety, Early Golden, was named in 1880, relatively few varieties are available. Near persimmon's northern limit, choose varieties such as Szukis, Mohler, Dooley and Yates, all of which have delicious flavour and ripen relatively early.

One more wrinkle in selecting a persimmon variety: pollination. Persimmon trees generally bear

either male or female flowers, and most wild and cultivated female trees need pollen from a separate male tree to bear fruit. However, some female varieties accommodate gardeners by bearing occasional male branches - a characteristic prevalent in Early Golden and its offspring. And some other females do not need pollination at all to set fruit, which is then seedless. Varieties that can bear fruit in isolation include Meader, Szukis, Early Golden, Florence and Garretson.

All this, and beauty, with no work For all their flavour, persimmons are low-maintenance trees, requiring essentially no pruning or spraying. They are also not particularly finicky as to site. They tolerate a wide range

of soils as long as the leaves can bask in abundant sunshine.

Through much of the year, persimmon is an asset to the landscape. The leaves look as fresh in August as they did in spring, and have a naturally drooping habit that gives the trees a relaxed look. In autumn, the slightly bluish leaves turn a golden yellow, with the branches further livened by the persimmon-orange fruits.

Even after leaves have dropped to the ground, fruits of some varieties — Szukis, for example — cling to the branches, festooning the leafless trees like Christmas ornaments. I eat some persimmons as they ripen; others I let hang on the branches to be plucked throughout autumn. (AP)

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Oct 10: Islamic art project; Oct 24: "Identity" collage project, part 1; Oct 31: "Identity" collage project, part 2; Nov 7: Movement in Art, part 1; Nov 14: Movement in Art, part 2; Nov 21: Movement in Art, part 2; Nov 28 Field trip to Al Shaheed Park; Dec 5: Park-based poster project.

Oct 12
SGIOC Harvest Festival: Kuwait St Gregorios Indian Orthodox Church (SGIOC) (Maha Edavaka), a parish of Indian Orthodox Church (Est AD 52) announced their annual Harvest Festival, scheduled on Friday, Oct 16 2015 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Al-Jeel Al-Jadeed School Auditorium, Hawally. The Sunday School Golden Jubilee concluding program also is clubbed with this year's Harvest Festival.

The full day event will be fun-filled with variety programs including songs, dances, skits, magic show, raffle draw, American auction, face painting etc. Food stalls serving variety of homemade Indian food offer the rare chance of testing one's taste-buds. Also, there will be stalls selling handicrafts, clothes, music CDs, books etc at substantially subsidized rates. Children of all age groups can enjoy indoor games, puzzles etc.

March past showcasing diversity of Indian culture as well as traditional art-forms will be an added attraction. Public meeting will be attended by eminent personalities from India & Kuwait. To commemorate the occasion, a multi-colored souvenir containing valuable information will also be issued.

Raffle offering valuable prizes is another attraction of the event. Raffle coupon was released in a function at NECK by Fr Raju Thomas (Vicar) & Mathews Varghese (GM, Bahrain Exchange Co.) representing the main sponsor. The first coupon was received by Babu Varghese (Director of Al-Mashan Gen. Trd. Co.) representing co-sponsor of the event from Fr Reji C. Varghese (Associate Vicar).

The function was attended by Fr Mathew Zacharia (OVBS director), Sabu T. George (Gen Convener), Oommen Vengal (Jt Convener), V.C. Varghese (Fin Convener), John P. Joseph (Trustee), Jacob Thomas (Acting secretary), Prasad A. Cherian (Coupon sales convener) and Shaji Abraham (Sponsorship convener)

Proceeds from the event will be utilized for helping the needy.

Oct 16
Tulu Parba Competitions: Tulu Parba Competitions 2015 are here once again and we are happy to inform that the registrations have already begun. Tulu Koota Kuwait is thrilled to provide this opportunity to the kids to display their talent, which will be held on Friday, Oct 16, 2015, from 10 am to 5 pm at the Indian Community School Auditorium, Salmiya.

Lots of fun and creativity is the call for the day, hence do not miss this opportunity to enjoy it to the fullest. Competitions chalked out for various age groups and those planned for the day include: photography for toddlers, fashion show on different states and bride and bridegroom, clay modeling, coloring, greeting card making and mask making for the kids. Ladies can try their hand at chaat making and paper clips, jewelry making, while men will be competing to squeeze lime juice and in solo fancy dress, group dance competitions and essay competition which is open to all on the topic of "Glimmer of Hope". The highlight of the competition will be Antakshari for couples where couples can refresh their film song memories.

For further details and registrations, you can contact 94996459, 66526160, 96672979, 94463895.

You can also send an email to: secretary@tulukootakuwait.org or tktuluparba@gmail.com. For more details on the rules and regulations please visit our website tulukootakuwait.org

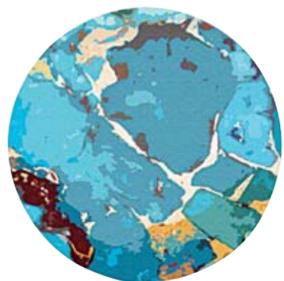
Kindly rush to give your names for registrations as the last date for accepting registrations is Oct 7, 2015. We look forward towards the wholehearted participation of all valid Tulu Koota Kuwait members.

Oct 23
Onathanima 2015: Thanima has announced their eagerly awaited mega event — Onathanima 2015 — the United Onam carnival of Malayalees in Kuwait, the highlight of which is the 11th National Tug o' War championship on Friday, Oct 23, 2015, at Indian Central School premises, Abbasiya.

Tug o' War champions will receive cash prize and Sancelia ever-rolling gold cup. The three runners-up will be



These photos provided by NuLoom show the hand-knotted Casandra rug (left), and the Ikat Donovan rug (right).



From left: The Turks rug that is inspired by the beautifully opaque turquoise stone. (Center): The hand-hooked Trevor rug that is a midcentury modern design that would be a showstopper in a room with neutral furnishings. (Right): The emerald-cut Floor Diamond 'Elizabeth' in color-way Ice, is a fresh new take on the cut and clarity of classic gems. (AP)



Shag rugs enjoy a second coming

New rugs bring flair to the floor

By Kim Cook

On the interior décor stage, rugs are often quiet, supporting players to high-profile furnishings. But sometimes they take the spotlight, and the furniture provides a front-row seat to the show.

This fall is one of those times, with retailers and designers presenting some of the most interesting and beautiful rugs we've seen in several seasons.

NuLoom has some ikat rugs overdyed in vivid hues like violet, crimson, cobalt and emerald. In the Kathmandu collection, Nepali craftsmanship transforms New Zealand wool and silk into striking contemporary patterns, including Warhol-esque roses, hand-knotted dots, and an intricate ethnic print in a fun palette of pink, fuchsia, periwinkle and black. The Fiesta polyester rug has

presented with Blue Line ever-rolling Trophy, Jiju Memorial ever rolling Trophy and Trophy sponsored by a well-wisher. All the winning team members will receive individual medals and certificates.

Aji Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy will be presented to the fair play team of the tournament. The most promising team

a large-scale confetti motif in a couple of color schemes, while the Trevor features a curvy, midcentury modern pattern.

California studio Rodarte's Marble wool-and-silk rug evokes the stone using natural hues like gravel, wood and copper. The Ember rug suggests a relief map of Death Valley's beautiful and rugged landscape.

Prints

Designer Diane von Furstenberg's Python Glory rug is a sophisticated take on the snakeskin pattern. One of her signature prints is given a soft, sexy kiss of light mauve in the Lilac Leopard rug.

New York textile designer Judy Ross has crafted an elegant runner that would be lovely beside a bed or gracing a hallway. The Glitter rug, woven of Tibetan wool, has Chinese

also will receive special trophy. Besides, individual prizes for Best front, best back, best coach, best all-rounder and best captain are also being distributed. More than 16 teams are expected to take part in the championship. Last day for team registration is set as Aug 30, 2015

In the program, the coveted 'Pearl of the School' award, instituted by

silk accents in serene hues of cream, iron and smoke.

Over at Dering Hall, dozens of little star-like bits dance across a rich plum-colored background on the Japanese Asterisk rug. A Persian Gabbeh has an odd but charming Wes Anderson vibe, with a forest of naïf-style trees in nature hues on a cream background. And the Topo Smoke rug puts dusky grays and browns into motion, suggesting outlines on a topographical map or some veined mineral.

Shag rugs are enjoying a second coming as part of the midcentury modern revival. The new versions - soft, fluffy and feet-friendly - are a far cry from those rough polyester thatches of decades past.

The Rug Studio has Safavieh's Paris Shag rug in several sizes; it feels like a silky fur hug underfoot.

Thanima, will be presented to the best all-rounder from each Indian Schools in Kuwait.

Colorful cultural procession, march-past of the athletes, folk arts, musical fusion etc., are other attractions of the event. An updated Directory with details of Indian Associations in Kuwait will be released in the event as well.

CB2's Drake shag in gray or natural would give toes a nice tickle. The Wesley has an abstract pattern cut into the shag, adding extra texture.

Society 6 has a selection of artists' visions rendered in rug form. Portraits, landscapes, painterly prints and more are on offer.

Allyson Freeman and Chantal Bevilacqua of Studio Bijoux in Palm Beach, Florida, have created a collection of wool rugs designed and colored to look just like cut jewels. Inspired by old Hollywood glamour and statement jewelry, the trompe l'oeil rugs use color and striation to create the effect of actual jewels. Rugs are available in different "cuts" and colors, and include diamonds, topaz, rubies and emeralds. There's also a Turks rug, inspired by turquoise stone.

Beauty and good vibes: What more can you ask of a rug? (AP)

Oct 30

Tulu Parba Day: Tulu Koota has announced a merit cum means scholarship to be distributed on this year's Tulu Parba which will be held at the American International School Auditorium, Maidan Hawally on Oct 30, 2015.

Applications are accepted from minimum one year valid members' children

studying either in Stage of Kuwait or in India, scoring high grades at Class 10 or 12 board examination held during academic year 2014-2015. Candidates obtaining high grades but not eligible for merit cum means scholarship shall be honored with merit certificate and medal.

Tulu Koota Kuwait firmly believes in the great value of education and is strongly committed to helping needy students to achieve their educational goals.

To submit copies of marks sheets and proof of income with the application, contact Tulu Koota Kuwait Welfare officer Chandras Shetty: 55941955. Also you can email the details to secretarytkk@gmail.com.

for further information please contact: Wilson D'Souza on 97875789.

Nov 6

FOCC announces CRYchess 2015: Friends of CRY Club (FOCC), announces rescheduled dates for children's chess tournament 2015. "CRYchess 2015" will be held at the Gulf Indian School (GIS), Fahaheel, on Friday, 6th November 2015, from 0930 - 1630 hrs. It is open to all school children upto 12th Standard. The players will be placed into groups, allocated by their age, to play in the Swiss pairing format. Medals and certificates are awarded to all participating children and first 3 positions in each group win trophies. Youngest player of the tournament will be awarded a certificate and a trophy. For more details, registration forms, rules of CRYchess 2015, please visit <http://www.fockwt.org/> or contact FOCC members. Sponsors are also welcome to encourage the participating young chess players. The last date for registration is Sat, the 31st Oct, 2015. Contact of FOCC members: Salmiya: 25618471, 97990162, 66810338; Abu Halifa: 99364073, 66204295; Ahmadi: 99578073; Hawally: 99300257; Abbasiya: 97226589. With CRY everyone wins.

Nov 13

FOCC Calendar of Events: FOCC (Friends of CRY Club) announces the calendar of events for the year 2015-16:

CRYchess: Nov 13, 2015 (0900 to 1700); CRYwalk (Mahboula) Nov 27, 2015 (0900 to 1130); CRYwalk (Abassiya) Dec 18, 2015 (0900 to 1130); CRYwalk (Salmiya) Jan 22, 2016 (0900 to 1130); CRYcket Apr 8, 2016 (0630 to 1830).

All events are on Fridays. Notices and press releases will be issued approx. 1 month in advance. But don't wait, get yourselves in the training gear, right away. Contact No: 99364073, 99578073, 66810338, 97990162, 66204295.

General

NYF offers yoga classes: NYF Kuwait offers free yoga, breathing, meditation and reiki classes by a well-experienced female yoga teacher for all age groups. Classes are given on the basis of different health problems and spiritual development. Private and group classes are available at Salmiya and other places. Contact: 99315825.

Leadership Excellence Course: The Leadership Excellence Course (LEC) is a course modeled on the Seerah of Rasoolullah who is the best model of leadership for all mankind. The LEC focuses on the lessons that we can learn from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and see how we can apply them in our lives to become winners in this world and the next.

The objectives of the course are 1. Understand what leadership is from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and how to apply it in our lives today 2. Understand the purpose of our lives and learn to live that purpose with confidence 3. Understand the importance of connecting to Allah and learn how to do it 4. Understand how to leverage your strengths and overcome weaknesses 5. Understand how to articulate your life goal and create a road map to achieve it.

For more information please visit www.leckuwait.com or call 99514995 / 66363310.

AWL registration: If you would like to join the American Women's League (AWL), please call 99039723 or 94067999 or email: kuwaitawl@yahoo.com. All American women and wives of Americans are welcomed.

Ugandans register with UIK: Are you a Ugandan living and working in Kuwait? Would you like to get in touch with other Ugandans in Kuwait both socially and professionally? Then please get in touch with us. We would like to invite you to register with the Ugandans in Kuwait (UIK) association, an informal organization of Ugandans living and working in Kuwait. The purpose of this exercise is to get together as Ugandans

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