

What's On

Somethin' different gardening



This undated photo provided by Lee Reich shows blackberries growing in New Paltz, NY. (AP)

By Lee Reich

For the past couple of weeks, I've been picking and eating what are arguably the best fruits I have ever tasted (a belief I often hold when a particular fruit is ripe). They are blackberries, but not just any blackberries: Because my plant is a cultivated variety and grown under garden conditions, its berries are especially swollen with sweet, aromatic juice.

Wild blackberries grow abundantly throughout much of the world, but these cultivated ones have the edge in size, juice and flavor.

Ripeness is important

Most important is that each blackberry hangs on the plant just beyond its showy, glossy black stage, until it is dead ripe. At that point, blackberries are dull black, as if sullenly crying out to be plucked, an impression reinforced

by their readiness, at the slightest suggestion, to part from their stalks and stain the fingertips.

To withstand the rigors of shipping, commercial blackberries are picked when black but still firm — and tart. Fruit allowed to develop full flavor on

the plant cannot tolerate being carried more than about 3 feet, the distance from hand to mouth.

Easy to grow

Growing blackberries can be intimidating because of their thorns. Most blackberry plants are thoroughly armed,

even on their leaves, with ferocious thorns that grab, stab and hold you.

Many gardeners are willing to put up with the pain because the fruit is so delicious.

Not I. I grow thorn-less varieties of blackberries, horticultural wonders with pretty much all the qualities of their thorny relatives except the thorns. Some good varieties of thorn-less blackberries are Chester and Doyle, the latter not cold-hardy in the coldest regions, but making canes long enough to be laid on the ground and insulated under a blanket of leaves from January to March. Other good varieties include Triple Crown and Hull, which are erect varieties like Chester, and Thornless Boysen and Marion (thorny), both with trailing canes.

Whether your blackberries are thornless or thorny, growing them well re-

quires choosing a good site and pruning the plants annually.

As for site, don't be fooled by blackberries that grow wild along the edges of woods. Blackberries tolerate some shade but, like blueberries and pawpaws, fruit and grow better in full sun. The best soils will be well-drained and blanketed with an organic mulch of leaves or straw to keep them consistently moist and rich in humus.

Pruning

There's no art to pruning blackberries, just a straightforward recipe: Remember that individual blackberry canes are biennial, fruiting and dying after their second season, and fruits are borne on side shoots.

Let's make believe it's late winter: Step 1 in pruning is to cut away at ground level any cane that fruited the previous summer. You'll recognize

these canes by the remains of fruit stalks still clinging to them.

Step 2 is to remove — again, to ground level — some of the new canes, which will fruit this summer. Too many canes results in crowding, so limit each clump of plants to about six new canes annually.

That's all that's needed for the long, willowy canes of trailing blackberries. With a single-wire trellis you can lift the remaining canes and tie them to the wire, while letting new canes, which will fruit the following season, trail along the ground.

For so-called erect varieties, the third step in pruning is to shorten side shoots on remaining canes to about 18 inches each. This limits the number of fruits they can bear, but forces them to pump more sweetness and size into those that remain. (AP)

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in Kuwait; who are highly influenced by the dramas of K.T. Muhammed, veteran play and screen writer of Malayalam drama. Our ultimate aim is to explore the influences provided by the dramas on its golden era to the old society. Also we are trying to encourage the Kuwait society's eminent personalities who are part of Kuwait's art, drama, media, music, social and cultural fields. We are conducting an honorary

function in which we honor eminent personalities from art, drama, media, music, social and cultural fields for their contributions to Kuwait's society. Also we are planning musical entertainment with ever hit songs.

The function will be scheduled on Friday, 14th October 2016 at United Indian School Auditorium, Abbasiya from 6.00 pm onwards.

Oct 21

IKK Diwali Mela 2016: After the grand success of our first ever IKK Diwali Mela, IKK is once again proud to announce for the 5th time — the IKK Diwali Mela 2016.

As part of our continuous endeavor to bring the Indian community together to celebrate the most popular Indian festival, the Diwali Mela will be celebrated on Friday, Oct 21, 2016 at Al Zumerida

Hall, Al Bida'a, Opp Salwa, Kuwait from 10 am to 8 pm.

The whole-day program comprises of entertainment for the entire family and for all age groups. The visitors can enjoy cultural programs, kids fashion show, fancy dress, dandiya raas, lantern competition, mithai contest, rangoli competition, organized by various Indian associations including food at different Indian stalls and shop for Indian goods such as clothes, handicrafts, novelties, gifts and others.

Various Indian associations are called upon to be part of this mega carnival and set up stalls offering food, clothes, gifts stalls, ethnic Indian products, services, promotional, fun, and recreational or any other purposes. For more information, contact: 22479742/41.

Onathanima 2016: Thanima has

announced their eagerly awaited mega event — ONATHANIMA 2016 — the United Onam carnival of Malayalees in Kuwait, the highlight of which is the 12th National Tug O' War championship on Friday, 21st October 2016, 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 presented with Blue Line Ever-rolling Trophy, Jju Memorial ever-rolling Trophy and trophy sponsored by a well-wisher, besides cash prizes. Winning team members will receive individual medals & certificates.

Aji Memorial Ever-rolling Trophy will be presented to the fair play team of the tournament. The most promising team also will receive a special trophy. Besides, individual prizes for best front, best back, best coach, best all-rounder and best captain are also being distrib-

uted.

More than 16 teams are expected to take part in the championship. Last day for team registration is set as 30th Aug. 2016, but Thanima reserves the right to close the registration before the set date.

The coveted 'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Pearl of the School' award, instituted by Thanima, will be presented to the best all-rounder from 20 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.

Jan 7, 2017

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention: The 14th Pravasi Bharati Divas Convention will be held from Jan 7-9,

2017 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. All those interested to attend the convention may please log on to (pbdindia.gov.in) for registration. The programme for this mega event is available on the portal. Please register online and pay required registration fees through the payment gateway on this portal.

All Indian nationals and OCIs in Kuwait interested to participate in the PBD-2017, are cordially invited to register themselves for the event at the earliest. The last date for registration is Dec 7, 2016.

General

Tagore Int'l Award: Recognizing the monumental contributions made by Gurusdev Rabindranath Tagore to humanity

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Kuwait Bus Routes and Numbers

The following are Kuwait bus routes and corresponding numbers. All routes, bus numbers and stops are the same with all bus companies (City Bus, KPTC and KGL). Bus schedule is between 4:20 am till 10:25 pm.

X1	Fahaheel to Airport	Airport Express - CITY BUS New Route (Complementary Wifi, Dedicated Luggage Area) Fahaheel, Central, Hilton Hotel, Sultan Center Mangaf, Abu Halifa Co-Op, Mahaboula, Lulu Exchange, Aliya Hospital, Fintas, London Hospital, Fintas Police Station, Fintas Co-Op, Airport	41	UN Circle to Khaitan	UN Circle, Jamal Abdul Nasser St., Mohd Bin Qasim Street, Al Rai, Ghazali, Farwaniyah, Khaitan
X2	Salmiya to Airport	Airport Express - CITY BUS New Route (Complementary Wifi, Dedicated Luggage Area) Salmiya, Salmiya Club, GAD Rest., Khansa St., Al Aman Indian School, Mughira St., Apollo Hospt., 3rd Ring Rd, Shaab Park, Maidan Hawally, Baghdad St., Al Sadiq Round-About, Tunis St., Canary Rest., 4th Ring Rd., Hawally Traffic Dept., Rd No. 50, Airport	44	Sharq to Subhan	Sharq, Maliya, City Center, 3rd Ring Rd, Canada Dry St., Al-Watan, National Guard HQ, Farwaniyah, Farwaniyah Co-Op, Metro, Khaitan, Pepsi Co, Al-Baqil, Subhan Hospital, Kuwait Flour Mills, ABC Co, Subhan
11	Sharq to Amghara	Sharq, Ahmed Al Jaber St., Shuhada St., Dasman Round-About, Sharq Police Station, Darwazah, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, Kuwait University, Sabha Hospitals, Ministry of Health, UN Circle, Sulaibhikat, Amghara	51	Sharq to Jleeb	Sharq, Mirqab, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, Jahra Rd, City Center, Airport Rd, Lulu, Khaldiya Rd 55, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, Dajeej, Jleeb Co-Op, Abbassiya, German Clinic, Jleeb Round-About
12	Sharq to Sulaibiya	Sharq, Ahmed Al Jaber St., Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Shuhada St., Mirqab, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, Jahra Rd, Aiport Rd, Kuwait University, 4th Ring Rd, Riggai, UN Round-About, Al Andalus, Sabah Al Nasser, Sulaibiya	55	Maliya to Salmiya	Maliya, Municipality Garden, Bank District, Flex Gym, Embassies, Daiya, Al Rawda, Hawalli, Rehab Complex, Al Bahar, Apollo Hosptal, Salmiya Co-Op, Salmiya Sports, Salmiya
13	Mirqab to Khaitan to Airport	Mirqab, Educational Science Museum, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, City Center, Lulu, Omariya, Osaimi Hospital, American School, Khaitan Garden, Khaitan Police Station, Khaitan, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, Aiprot	59	Mirqab to Hasawi	Mirqab, Maliya, City Center, Canada Dry St., Al Watan, Toyota Spare Parts, Center Point Al Rai, Ardiya Industrial Area, Rabya, Hasawi, Jleeb Round-About
14	Mirqab to Messila	Mirqab, Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Awqat Tower, Cairo St., Shaab Round-About, Jawallah Club, Salmiya Garden, Balajat St., Messila	66	Salmiya to Hasawi	Salmiya, Sultan Center, Zahra Complex, Shaab Park, Al Bahar, Rehab Complex, Hawally Eng School, Qortuba, 4th Ring Rd, Lulu, Friday Market, Farwaniya Fire Station, Farwaniya Co-Op, Holiday Inn, 6th Ring Rd, Dajeej, Hasawi
15	Maliya to Salmiya	Maliya, Mirqab, Sharq, Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Istiqlal St., Embassies, 30 Rd, 4th Ring Rd, Shaab, Maidan Hawally, Salmiya Fire Station, Apollo Hospital, MOE, Al Mughirah St., Qatar St., Salem Al Mubarak St., Sultan Center, Kuwait Palace Hotel, French School	77	Salmiya to Khaitan	Salmiya, Salmiya Sports, Salmiya Co-Op, Apollo Hospital, Al Bahar, Rehab, Dar Al Shifa Hospital, MOC Hawally, Nugra, 3rd Ring Rd, Adaliya, PAEET Headquarters, Canada Dry St., Al Watan, Toyota Spare Parts, Lodon Shopping, Al Naki, Sultan Center, Safat Alghanim, Lulu, Khaitan Police Station, Awtad Mall, Khaitan Garden, Khaitan
16	Maliya to Khaitan to Jleeb	Maliya, Fahad Al Salem St., Sharq, Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Al Hamra, Istiqlal St., Dasma, Embassies, Daiya, MOC Hawalli, Dar Al Shifa Hospital, Rehab Complex, Rawda, Adaliya, Qortuba, Yarmouk, Khaitan Sports, Khaitan Station, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, Dajeej, Jleeb Co-Op, Abbassiya, German Clinic, Jleeb Round-About	88	Salmiya to Jleeb	Salmiya, Gad Rest., Apollo Hospital, Shaab Park, Rehab Complex, Al Rawda Co-Op, Al Sadiq Round-About, Rawda, Adaliya, 4th Ring Rd, Al Watan, Canada Dry St., Toyota Spare, Al Naki, Sultan Center, Safat Alghanim, Al Rai, Center Point, 60 Rd, 6th Ring Rd, Jleeb Co-Op, Abbassiya, German Clinic, Jleeb Round About
17	Sharq to Salmiya	Sharq, Sharq Police Station, Darwazah, Riyadh St., Faiha Co-Op, Adaliya Co-Op, Rawda, North Nugra Complex, Hawally, Mubarak Hospital, 4th Ring Rd, Salmiya Fire Station, Salmiya Garden	99	Airport to Jleeb to Civil ID Office	Airport, Jleeb Co-Op, Abbassiya, German Clinic, Jleeb Round-About, Hasawi, Rabya, Ardiya Industrial Area, National Guard HQ, Toyota Spare, Canada Dry St., Al Watan, Lulu, Friday Market, Farwaniyah Fire Station, Farwaniyah Co-Op, Holiday Inn, Khaitan, Al Zahra, South Surra, Civil ID Office (PACI)
18	Mirqab to UN Circle	Mirqab, Darwazah, Cairo St., Tunis St., Dowra Sadiq Hawalli, 4 th Ring Rd., Royal Hayat, Airport Rd 55, Canada Dry St., Toyota Spare Parts, Shuwaikh Sabah Hospitals, UN Circle	101	Mirqab Civil ID Office to Fahaheel	Mirqab, Maliya, Jahra Rd, City Center, Airport Rd, Lulu, 6th Ring Rd, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, South Surra, Civil ID Office (PACI), Sabah Al Salem, Qurain, West Fintas, Al Sabahiya, Mecca St., Daboos St., Fahaheel
19	UN Circle to Salmiya	UN Circle, Sabah Hospitals, 601 Rd, Shahrazad Roundabout, Canada Dry St., Toyota Spare Parts, Mc Donald's, 3 rd Ring Rd, Plaza Complex Hawally, Beirut St., Dar Al Shifa Hospital, Tunis St., Best Al Yousifi, Al Bahar Center, 4 th Ring Rd, Salmiya Fire Station, Amman St., Apollo Pharmacy, Al Mughira Bin Shu'ba St., Boulevard Park, Salmiya Park, Al Amal Indian School, Al Khansa St., Holyday Inn Salmiya	102	Maliya to Fahaheel	Maliya, Municipality Garden, Bank District, Flex Gym, Embassies, Daiya, Khal-doun St., Cairo St., Hadi Clinic, Bayan, Mishref, Salwa, Messila, Sabah Al Salem, Funatees, Egaila, Fintas, Mahaboula, Abu Halifa, Hel Sports Club, Indian Internal School, Fahaheel Sports Club, Niaf Chicken, Fahaheel Central Market, All Mulla, Fahaheel
21	Mirqab to Jleeb	Mirqab, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, Jahra Rd, City Center, Airport Rd, Lulu, Khaldiya Rd 55, Omariya, Farwaniya Fire Station, Farwaniyah Co-Op, Metro, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, Dajeej, Jleeb Co-Op, Abbassiya, German Clinic, Jleeb Round-About	103	Mirqab to Jahra	Mirqab, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, Jahra Rd, City Center, Al Tilal Complex, Ghazali Bridge, Risco, Army General HQ, Traffic Dept., KGL PT Office, UN Circle, Infectious Diseases Hospital, Andalous, Sulaibhikat, Doha, Amghara Camp, 80 Rd, Jahra Sports, Jahra Round-About, Kuwait Flour Mill, Jahra Co-Op, MOC Jahra
23	Mirqab to Khaitan to Subhan	Mirqab, Liberation Tower, Muthanna Complex, Maliya, Soor St., 50 Rd, King Faisal Road, Riyadh Rd, Khaldia, 5th Ring Rd, Kuwait Zoo, 55 Rd, Khaitan Police Station, Muscat St., American School, Khaitan Garden, Khaitan Clinic, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, Subhan	105A	Fahaheel to Hasawi	Fahaheel, Abu Halifa, Mangaf, Mahaboula, Fintas, Sabah Al Salem, South Surra, Civil ID Office, Khaitan, Lulu, Canada Dry St., Hasawi
23A	Mirqab to Khaitan to Civil Id Office	Mirqab, Liberation Tower, Muthanna Complex, Maliya, Soor St., 50 Rd, King Faisal Road, Riyadh Rd, Khaldia, 5th Ring Rd, Kuwait Zoo, 55 Rd, Khaitan Police Station, Muscat St., American School, Khaitan Garden, Khaitan Clinic, Abu Dhabi Stop, Civil ID Office (PACI)	106	Jleeb to Civil ID Office to Fahaheel	Hasawi, Jleeb Round-About, German Clinic, Abbassiya, Jleeb Co-Op, 6th Ring Rd, 60 Rd, Farwaniyah Co-Op, Metro, Holiday Inn, Khaitan, Al Zahra, South Surra, Civil ID Office (PACI), 360 Mall, Messila, Sabah Al Salem, Funatees, Egaila, Fintas, Mahaboula, Abu Halifa, Fahaheel
24	Mirqab to Salmiya to Messila	Mirqab, Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Soor St., 40 Rd., 2 nd Ring Rd., Qadisiya Coop, 3 rd Ring Rd., Khaldoun St. Hawalli, Beirut St., Tunis St., 4 th Ring Rd., Salmiya Fire Station, Amman St., 5 th Ring Rd., Rumaithiya, Ta'awan St., Messila	139	Maliya to UN Circle	Maliya, Fahad Al Salem St., Sharq, Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Shuhada St., Istiqlal, 3rd Ring Rd, Da'ahiya, Canada Dry St., Mohd. Bun Qasim St., 5th Ring Rd, 4th Ring Rd, UN Circle
25	Jabriya to Jahra	Jabriya, Hawalli, Jahra Gate	205	Fahaheel to Beneidar	Fahaheel, Souk Fahaheel, King Abdul Aziz Bin Abdul Rehman Rd., St. 220, Connecting Kheiran & Al-Zour Block 7 right parallel to Chalet, St. 270, King Fahad Rd., St. 285, King Fahad Bin Abdul Aziz Rd., Beneidar
26	Sharq to Sulaibiya	Sharq, Dasman, Fahad Al Salmr St., Maliya, Airport Rd, Kuwait Club, Canada Dry St., UN Round-About, Anndalus, Firdous Co-Op, Sabah Al Naser Co-Op, Sulaibiya	501	Mirqab to Airport	Mirqab, Maliya, Jahra Rd, City Center, Airport Rd, Lulu, Farwaniyah Fire Station, Farwaniyah Co-Op, Metro, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, 6th Ring Rd, Dajeej, 60 Rd, Airport
34	UN Circle to Civil ID Office to Salmiya	UN Circle, Sabah Hospitals, 601 Rd, Shahrazad Roundabout, Canada Dry St., Toyota Spare Parts, Mc Donald's, Airport Rd 55, Al Rai Lulu, Friday Market, Omariya, Farwaniyah Fire Station, Farwaniyah Coop, Metro Complex, Holiday Inn Farwaniyah, Khaitan, 50 Rd, 360 Mall, Civil ID Office (PACI), 6 th Ring Rd, Messila, 30 Rd, Salwa Coop, Bidea Round About, Al Seef Hospital, Al Blajat St., Salmiya	502	Fahaheel to Mirqab	Fahaheel, Sabahiya, Fintas, Messila, Hadi Clinic, Embassies, Istiqlal, MOI, Darwaza, Mirqab
38	Maliya to Da'ahiya	Maliya, Fahad Al Salem St., Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Shuhada St., Istiqlal, 3 rd Ring Rd., Tunis St., Canary Hawally, Jabriya Coop, Bayan Coop, Mishref Coop, Da'ahiya Sabah Al Salem	506	Jleeb to Maliya	Hasawi, 6th Ring Rd, Holiday Inn, Farwaniyah Co-Op, South Khaitan, Airport Rd, 4th Ring Rd, Tunis Street, 3Rd Ring Rd, Istiqlal St., Embassies, Soor St., Darwaza, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya
39	Sharq to Jleeb to Khaitan to Subhan	Sharq, Mirqab, Maliya, City Center, Lulu, Airport Rd, 4th Ring Rd, Plant Nurseries, Shuwaikh Fire Station, National Guard Super Market, Ardiya, Firdous Co-Op, Riggai, Farwaniya Hospital, Hasawi, Jleeb Round-About, German Clinic, Abbassiya, Jleeb Co-Op, Farwaniya Co-Op, Khaitan, Subhan	507	Sharq to Jleeb	Mirqab, Fahad Al Salem St., Maliya, Jahra Rd, City Center, Airport Rd, Al Watan, Canada Dry St., Toyota Spare, Al Naki, Sultan Center, Safat Alghanim, Al Rai, Center Point, 60 Rd, 6th Ring Rd, Jleeb Co-Op, Abbassiya, German Clinic, Jleeb Round About
40	Sharq to Fahaheel	Sharq, Maliya, Airport Rd, Shuwaikh, Khaitan, Jleeb, Farwaniya, Subhan, Fahaheel	555	Maliya to PACI (Civil ID Office)	Maliya, Darwazah, Mubarak Al Kabeer St., Awqat Tower, Cairo St., Istiqlal St., Dwora Sadiq Hawally, Beirut St., Tunis St., 4th Ring Rd, Khaitan, PACI (Civil ID Office)
40A	UN Circle to Fahaheel	UN Circle, Shuwaikh, Ghazali, Farwaniyah, Khaitan, Subhan, Qurain, Egaila, Fintas, Abu Halifa, Fahaheel	602	Fahaheel to Ahmadi	Fahaheel, Ahmadi
			747	Hasawi to Jleeb to Airport	Hasawi, Jleeb Round-About, German Clinic, Abbassiya, 100 Rd, Airport, Farwaniyah
			999	Maliya to Fahaheel	Maliya, Bank Street, Flex Gym, Embassies, Shaab Park, Apollo Hospital, Salmiya Co-Op, Kuwait Karate Fed., Holiday Inn, Shaikha Complex, Al Bedda Round-About, Movenpick, Radisson, Salwa, Messila, Sabah Al Salem, Egaila, Fintas, Kuwait Magic Mall, Abu Halifa, Mangaf, Fahaheel