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Fallscaping: Extending Your Garden Season Into Autumn



Synopsis

Embrace the jewel-toned fruits, flaming foliage, and woody plants of the fall garden. Landscape designers Nancy J. Ondra and Stephanie Cohen offer practical design ideas, plant advice, and 10 complete garden plans in this autumnal gardening guide. Ondra and Cohen's expertise is complemented by stunning color photographs that illustrate the beauty and variety of this often overlooked gardening season. You'll be inspired to use vines, tree shrubs, and flowers to contribute color, texture, and beauty to your garden well past summer's peak.

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Customer Reviews

Pennsylvania gardeners Ondra and Cohen (*Perennial Gardener's Design Primer*) bring imaginative ideas, practical techniques and new inspiration to autumn, that often-neglected tail end of the gardening year. According to the authors, the key players of fallscaping include the multicolored foliage of trees, grasses and other plants; flashy seedheads and berries; long-blooming perennials; late-blooming sedums, coneflowers, asters and goldenrod; the surprising fall-blooming crocuses, daffodils and lilies; and vines like honeysuckle and sweet autumn clematis. Ondra and Cohen submit a number of fall-friendly garden plans, complete with shopping lists, from a high and dry garden of echinaceas, lavenders and feather reed grass to a vegetable, herb and flower kitchen garden of peppers and basil (to be brought inside before cold weather) and kale and chard (to carry the harvest into winter), with colorful touches of alpine strawberries, sunflowers and pansies. Interspersed throughout are Fall Techniques, with practical, down-to-earth information on how to

divide perennials and design suggestions on planning paths, as well as more wacky ideas like spray-painting seedheads. The book ends with a Fall Garden Care Primer, delineating ways to evaluate your garden, improve your soil, build new beds, take cuttings, prepare plants for winter, store your tools and care for your lawn (a long section). Full of useful details and lush photographs, this book rounds out the growing year and may fill a gap in many a gardening library. (Aug.)

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Gardens in fall are often deemed the poor stepchildren of their showier spring and summer counterparts, and there is simply no good reason why this should be the case. With their dazzling foliage colors, vivid blossoms, and tantalizing berries, fall gardens abound with sensory treats. In their engrossing and enthusiastic look at the marvels of autumn gardening, renowned garden writers Ondra and Cohen reveal the wealth of suitable and stunning plants destined to be the stars of any garden setting. Profiling trees and shrubs prized for their brilliant foliage, ornamental grasses treasured for their ethereal seedheads, and hardy bulbs cherished for their surprising versatility, Ondra and Stephanie Cohen encourage gardeners to think beyond the traditional chrysanthemum/aster/goldenrod garden palette. With helpful sidebars covering such topics as invasive species and debris disposal; full-color illustrations of inventive planting designs for dozens of landscape challenges; and a comprehensive, basic care primer, Ondra and Cohen's vibrant and authoritative guide is a must-have resource for those wishing to maximize their garden's potential. Haggas, Carol --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great book. Lots of information and easy reading. Enjoy looking at the pictures and planting information. Already started planting more grasses for next fall color.

Interesting vintage book. Great Seller !!!

Great resource book

Gorgeous book. A must for well-heeled coffee tables.

It past years, the fall season was considered as one of harvesting and getting flower beds and gardens cleaned up and ready for the winter. However the autumn of the year with its rainbow of

foliage colors, visually attractive fruits, berries, and seedheads, and mild climatic conditions have changed the thinking of dedicated gardeners and landscapers as to what can be accomplished before the setting in of winter snows. This new concept of continuing to garden and brighten late-season landscapes is called 'fall scaping'. Now there is an illustrated instruction manual called "Fall Scaping: Extending Your Garden Season Into Autumn" which is a collaboration by horticultural experts Nancy J. Ondra and Stephanie Cohen featuring ten complete garden plans that combine flowers, trees, shrubs, ground covers, and grasses that are not only visually impressive in the fall, but designed to provide three-season appeal over a wide range of post-summer growing conditions. Of special note is a 'Fall Garden Care Primer' offers tips and techniques on planting, transplanting, staking, pruning, and maintaining gardens all year long. There is also cogent counsel on preparing plants for winter, as well as properly cleaning and storing gardening hand tools and power equipment. Thoroughly 'user friendly' and profusely illustrated by the full color photography of Rob Cardillo, "Fall Scaping" is very strongly recommended for any gardener with an interest in continuing to maximize their gardens during September, October, and November.

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