



In the Garden

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Bishop's Close in winter

A Winter Garden Stroll

One of my favorite winter activities is visiting a good year-around garden. It always lifts my spirits on a gray day to see the spare beauty of bare branches, the richness of conifers and delightful winter flowering shrubs and bulbs. The fragrance and freshness of blossoms seem intensified by the somberness of their winter surroundings.

Fortunately, we have several wonderful year-around gardens to enjoy right here in Portland. Here are some I recommend:

Bishop's Close

www.diocese-oregon.org/theclose/

11800 SW Military Lane
Portland, Oregon 97219-8436
503.636.5613

Hours: daily 8 am -5pm, except for some holidays

Admission: Free

Portland Chinese Classical Garden

www.portlandchinesegarden.org

NW 3rd and Everett,
Portland, OR 97209
503.228.8131

Hours: Nov.–March, 10am –5pm

Admission: General \$7, Seniors \$6, Students \$5.50. Free to children 5 and under

Japanese Garden

www.japanesegarden.com

Hours: Oct. 1 – March 31

Tuesday – Sunday: 10am – 4 pm

Mondays 12 - 4

Adults \$6.75

Seniors \$5.00 (62 & over)

College Students \$5.00

Students (6-17) \$4.00

Children five and under are free

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My obviously well-used garden trug

Gardener's Wish List

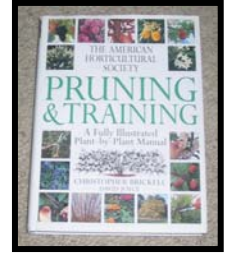
Instead of dreaming of sugar plums this Christmas, here are some great gardening tools and reference books for your Christmas list.

I recently discovered garden trugs (pictured above), and I highly recommend them. I have found many uses for mine, like hauling debris or compost, transporting divided plants, carrying water, and mixing soil amendments. They come in several sizes, but I like my 9 gallon. I got them at Portland Nursery but they are also available online <http://www.home-garden-supply-catalog.com/>

Here are some more suggestions:

- Sturdy hand trowel (those molded out of a single piece of metal are best)
- Sturdy shovel, and/or garden fork
- Folding pruning saw

- Knit gloves with rubber palms (at least 2 pairs-one to wear while the other is in the wash)
- By-pass Pruners
(See article in Vol.1 Issue1)
<http://www.edenlandscapedesign.com/newsletter.htm>
- A good pruning reference book, like *The American Horticultural Society Pruning and Training* by Christopher Brickell
- Folding bag for garden debris- it stands open for filling but folds away for storage
(Bosbag #G300 as reviewed by Fine Gardening review Sept '06)
www.gardencoverall.com



To do list for late Fall/Winter:

- Winterize pots by elevating them on "feet" to improve drainage
- Mulch tender plants with conifer boughs
- Cut back by half the messy looking perennials in key areas *if you need to*, but leave most until end of Feb. This provides protection to the crown of the plant in freezing weather plus gives shelter and seeds to wintering birds.
- Apply compost or shredded leaves to protect soil from pounding rains
- Take time to enjoy the winter garden

For a more complete, personalized "to-do" list, clients may refer to their Design Information booklet.