## What's Happening – January 2020

## 2020 Visions

Happy 2020! Not only is it the start of a new year, but a fresh new decade, too. Not a bad time to think about starting something new. If you haven't stirred things up in your landscape for a while, we have a few ideas from the garden experts here at Evergreen Nursery to get you planning your next project.

Could your front yard use more curb appeal? Consider an arrangement of architectural plants and trees. <u>Boxwood</u> pruned into interesting shapes, <u>Star Pine</u>, <u>Dwarf Italian Cypress</u>, or <u>Poodle Cut Privet</u> topiaries are all great choices. If you prefer a no-fuss, natural look that's easy to maintain, go wild with native plants like <u>California Rose</u>, <u>California Lilac</u>, <u>Apache Plume</u>, and <u>California Fuchsia</u>. Or maybe you'd prefer something more exotic - even with our short Southern California winters, who doesn't like to be reminded of paradise whenever they step outside? Choose from tropical favorites like <u>Banana Plant</u>, <u>Cascade Palm</u> or <u>Bird of Paradise</u>.



If your garden lacks a water feature, how about adding one? This time-tested stress fighter can be as simple as a small fountain or birdbath. For a lush look that won't guzzle up too much water, surround it with low-water grasses and flowering plants like <u>Fountain Grass</u>, <u>Muhly Grass</u>, <u>Kangaroo Paw</u>, and <u>Bulbine</u>. If you'd like to invite butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden, plant nectar-rich favorites such as <u>Bottlebrush</u>, <u>Cape Honeysuckle</u>, <u>Royal Trumpet Vine</u>, and <u>Stock</u>. You'll get added entertainment while helping the environment at the same time. Or, maybe it's time to get an edible garden started with a selection of cool season <u>vegetables</u> like celery, rhubarb, swiss chard and cauliflower.

If you live in an area susceptible to frost, be sure to time your planting accordingly. For more inspiration and guidance, come on in, bring the kids and the dog – we'll be waiting for you right here at Evergreen Nursery.