

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide

Legends of the fall

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Tomato plants look ugly, but the fruit is super sweet.

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Tomatillos are ready for salsa.

Purple loosestrife brightens gardens although it could easily become an invasive species. Keep an eye on yours if you have it cultivated. Grapes are being crushed into a new vintage, guavas are self-harvesting, apples are ready for bobbing, pistache and Japanese maple trees are blazing gold and crimson, begonias are in full bloom, and the final days of picking fresh produce from our vegetable gardens loom closer. As the French proverb states, "Autumn is the hush before winter."

The days are shorter, the nights become longer as we commence the holiday

fetes of the forthcoming two months. Autumn is indeed delicious both literally and metaphorically. Decorate for a Trick-or-Treat party, prepare for Thanksgiving, and get ready for the Christmas and Hanukkah festivities of December with cuttings from your landscape.

Enjoy these final days of fluttering leaves and warm sunshine while indulging in the harvests and legends of fall.