

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Garden gatherings



Cupcakes made to resemble succulents and dahlias by Sarah Thongopneua of Baked Blooms In San Anselmo www.bakedblooms.com.

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Being in a garden setting is always impressive to me. I relish being in nature, listening to the sounds, watching the birds, and appreciating the growing plants. I was especially impressed with the gigantic tomato plants my friend had grown from seed. A rock waterfall planted with abundant succulents echoed the theme. Joyful décor boasted multi-colored, elegant mats, runners, and tablecloths festooned with yarn pom pom ropes and a clear glass vase filled with lemons and fresh cut dahlias on each table. The “wow” factor was provided by the spectacular cupcakes that mimicked the succulents and flowers on the tables. These beautiful cupcakes designed by Sarah Thongopneua of Baked Blooms in San Anselmo (www.bakedblooms.com) were almost too gorgeous to eat. They were



The waterfall, birdhouse, pink geraniums, and multiple succulents echoed the party theme.

devoured with enthusiasm. Each guest was gifted a small succulent reminiscent of those luscious cupcakes and perfect for our drought-parched soil.

When I came home, I found a small empty bird's nest on my porch. Have you ever closely inspected the intricacy of a bird's nest? What an architectural marvel. Wouldn't it be great to create a themed event around this wildlife discovery?

Now that the vaccines are receiving official approval and authorization, I hope that everyone will get vaccinated without delay. Once that is achieved, we will be able to return to the freer glory days of party frivolity.

Fete the final days of summer with a casual gathering or formal gala. A setting in nature sets the tone for a festive, friendly, and safe celebration for the benefit of everyone.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



A beautifully laid table for six with a drought-resistant succulent for each guest.

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A growing gray succulent may be the model for a cupcake topping. Photos Cynthia Brian