



Awesome Autumn

"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if only I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."

~George Eliot~



"Gardening imparts an organic perspective on the passage of time."

~William Cowper~



The Great Pumpkin

Do you remember "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"? It was the third Peanuts special. It aired October 27, 1966 and quickly became an annual event.

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary, a special book *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown: The Making of a Television Classic* was published in 2006. It

included the entire script, never-before-seen photographs, storyboard excerpts, and interviews with the original child actors who did the voices of the Peanuts gang.

Linus believes the Great Pumpkin is a remarkable mixture of a jack-o-lantern, scarecrow, and Santa Claus. Linus believes the Great Pumpkin will arise out of

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the most genuine Pumpkin Patch on the Halloween Eve and deliver toys to all the children who truly believe.

Every year Linus returns with great confidence that the Great Pumpkin will deliver. He is still waiting but refuses to give up.

Fall Harvest



Pumpkins and fall are synonymous with each other. It is hard to imagine one without the other; the smell and taste of a good homemade pumpkin pie or the use of pumpkins for decoration. The versatile pumpkin has so many uses. Do not forget about the warm and cozy feelings that the color orange evokes.

What is the history of the big orange fruit known as the pumpkin? You heard me correctly. The pumpkin is actually a fruit that is a type of squash and a

member of the gourd family which includes cucumbers, gherkins and melons.

The Pilgrims learned about pumpkins from the Native American Indians after their arrival. The Indians had used pumpkins for centuries as the mainstay of their menu. The early settlers used pumpkins in a wide range of recipes, from soups, stews and desserts. Besides a food item pumpkins had other uses; the shells were dried out and then woven

into mats.

Pumpkin seeds should be planted between the last week of May and the middle of June. They take 90-120 days to grow and are harvested in October.

Morton, Illinois calls itself the "Pumpkin Capital of the World". Libby has a huge pumpkin business there which includes a plant.



Decorate With Warm Fall Colors

Fall, like every other season, is defined by unique colors. The colors are in the “warm” tones. They bring to mind feelings of heat, fire and sunshine. In other words the psychological response is a feeling of warmth.

When a room is decorated with the autumn color palette, the space may be described as rich, cozy, and relaxing. The orange hues warm a room in a

friendly and welcoming manner.

Browns, rusts, olive greens, golden yellows, mustard, pumpkin, terra cotta and warm beiges are all the colors that are part of the autumn palette.

If an individual does not want to re-do the entire space in these colors, why not try splashes of the colors or accessories to help celebrate the season.

~ Place bowls of

pinecones, leaves, nuts or gourds around the house.

~ The right fabric can turn any room into a cozy cocoon. Scatter throw pillows with a warm color scheme or textured fabrics.

~ Replace the floral tablecloth with table runner and add an autumn tablescape.

~ Group candles together for maximum effect. It helps with the dark cold evenings.

Harry Houdini: Hometown Hero

Harry Houdini (1874-1926) was born Ehrich Weisz March 24, 1874, in Budapest, Hungary. He claimed Appleton, Wisconsin as his hometown and birthplace throughout his life. Harry lived in Appleton for only a short time during his childhood; age 2 until age 8. The family then moved to Milwaukee and then New York City.

Harry’s professional life began at age 17 performing in magic shows at New York’s Coney Island and for civic

groups, in music halls and at sideshows. By the age of 31 he was an international celebrity. His tricks included escapes from jail cells, straitjackets while hanging upside down, nailed shut packing crates immersed underwater, and shackled milk cans filled with water and of course his countless escapes from handcuffs.

Houdini was able to perform his difficult feats by remaining in excellent physical and mental condition. He was an

amazing man with stubbornness and pride that were both a blessing and a curse. The very thing that made him successful also was his undoing and contributed to his death at age 52. In the fall of 1926 Houdini broke his ankle while performing the Chinese Water Torture trick. Even though he lacked sleep for three days and had a broken ankle he continued to perform. The final straw was a punch to the abdomen that resulted in a ruptured appendix and finally death. He refused medical care until it was too late.

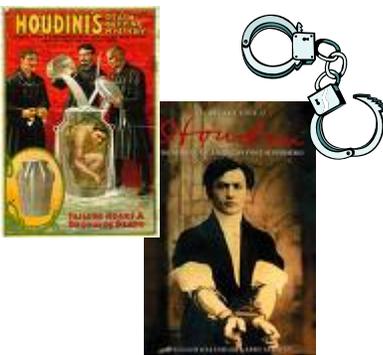
Thank you for reading my latest edition. Take the time to enjoy the beautiful autumn colors.

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“Winter is an etching; spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.”

~Stanley Horowitz~



Houdini’s well known as the “**King of Handcuffs**” and other thrilling escapes including the Milk Can Escape, Upside-Down Water Torture Cell and straitjackets.

