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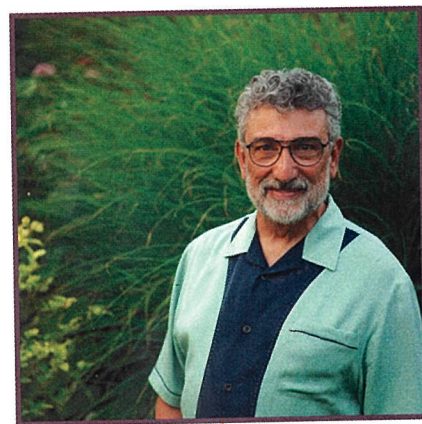
Botanical garden goodness

AUTUMN ADVENTURE

Hike through a historic vineyard

LOCAL INNOVATION

A revolutionary coworking space



Baldassare Mineo

Peeking from all of this lush greenery is a 4-bedroom, 3-bath home originally built in 1946. Its 2,400 square feet boasts a finished basement, an upstairs suite, and a spacious covered patio. Every room in this quaint, well maintained house has a story to tell, from the lavishly baroque living area that features an Italian porcelain chandelier, to the knotty pine-covered walls upstairs. Guests of the upstairs suite are treated to a skylight that opens to the stars.

Wander further on the property, and you'll find a 70-foot long quonset greenhouse, a large fiberglass roofed garden structure and a separate two-car garage that looks like a garden cottage from the outside. A patio with tables is situated perfectly to accommodate small groups for gathering. It's like walking into a dream, but the most remarkable thing about this property isn't the

plants, wildlife, or the house. It's actually the man who carefully curated this little slice of Heaven.

Baldassare Mineo is the conductor of this orchestral feast for the senses. Handsome and charming, he is quick to educate visitors about anything that grows on his land. He is familiar with every living thing in the space and shares his knowledge with a twinkle in his eye. He really is as wonderful as he sounds. What I have appreciated most about my neighbor is his generosity. He has spent decades cultivating and loving this place. He opens his gardens up to the public every Saturday morning and offers his tours to Master Gardeners, photographers, garden clubs, senior groups, and any number of artists, writers, and horticulturists who want to learn or simply meander.

For many years Baldassare operated a successful nursery on the property. He published a book, made a television appearance on Martha Stewart, and has had many articles written about him and by him over the last 40 years. In a season when he has begun to consider retirement, his concern is for the life he has created on this property, and the idea that perhaps there is someone who could carry on the magic that flows from it. For now, he is searching for a horticulturist to handle propagation and sales of some of the plants, but eventually he would love to find a new owner to settle in and make this treasure their own.

As for me, I continue to be grateful. I'm grateful for beauty, for things that grow, and for a man who generously serves his Pacific Northwest community by providing a beautiful place just to be. ♦



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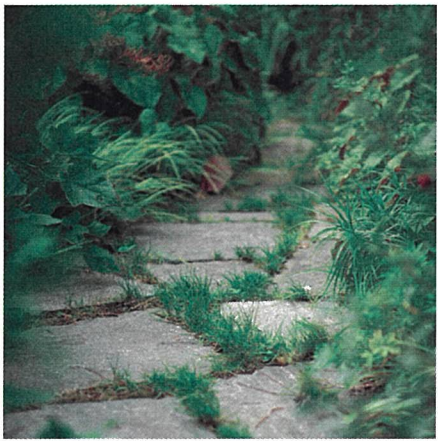
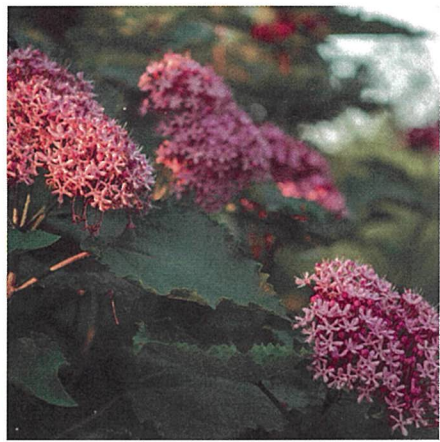
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