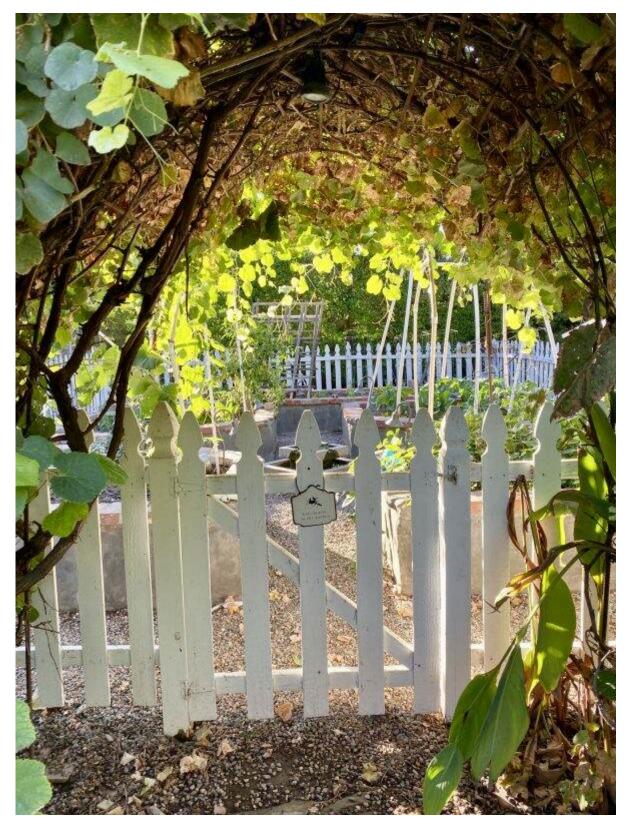
## My Afternoon Walkabout



When the children were small, we would walk the entire property every afternoon. My son and I would have "who can pick the largest kumquat" contests in the orchard. I miss

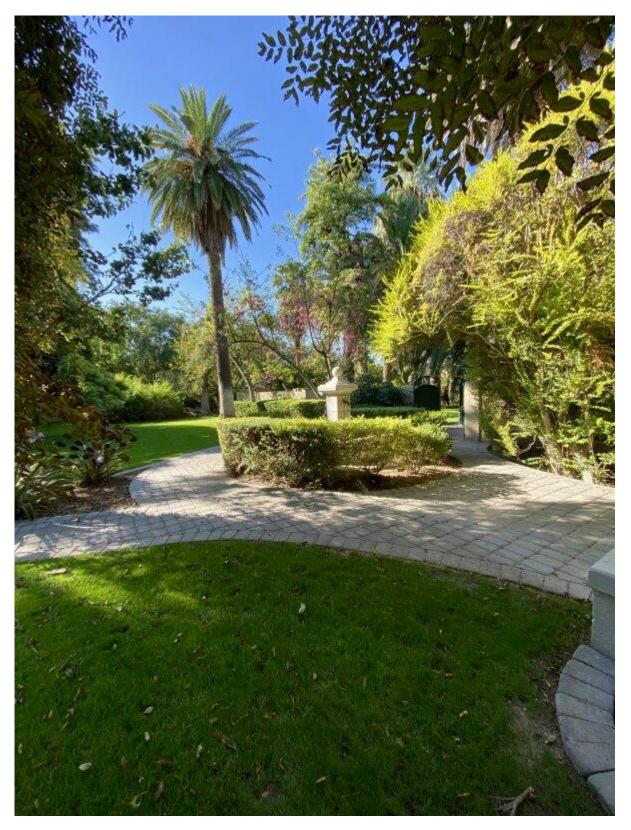
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My daily walkabout is not only a chance to get outside, but a way to free myself from technology, projects and other stress related items. I thought you might like to join me in seeing different parts of the property.

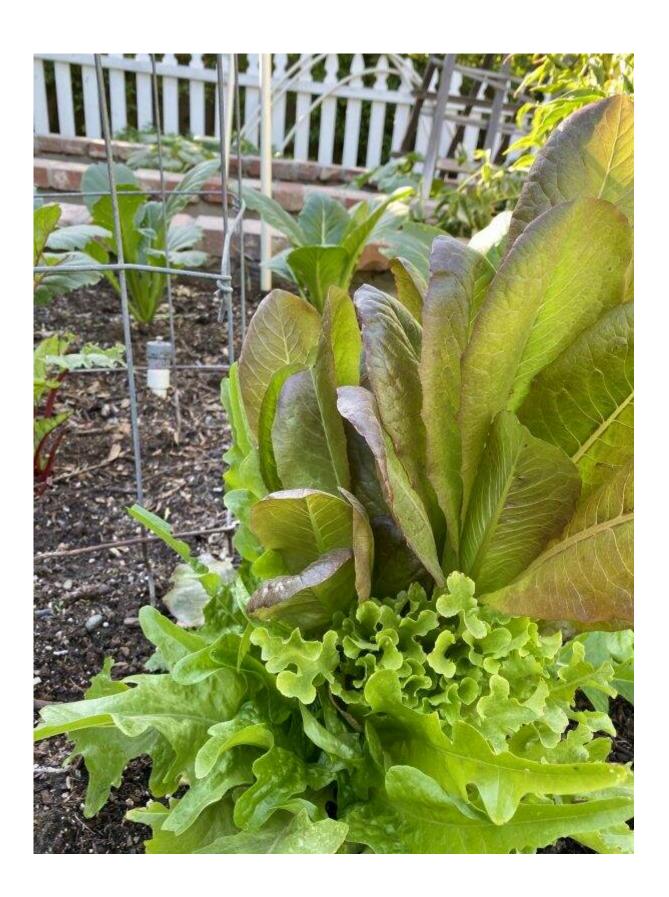
The weather has been so beautiful~blue skies, warmth from the sun but fall is definitely in the air. Our winter grass is in and it is green, green, green! The light this time of year is soft and golden.

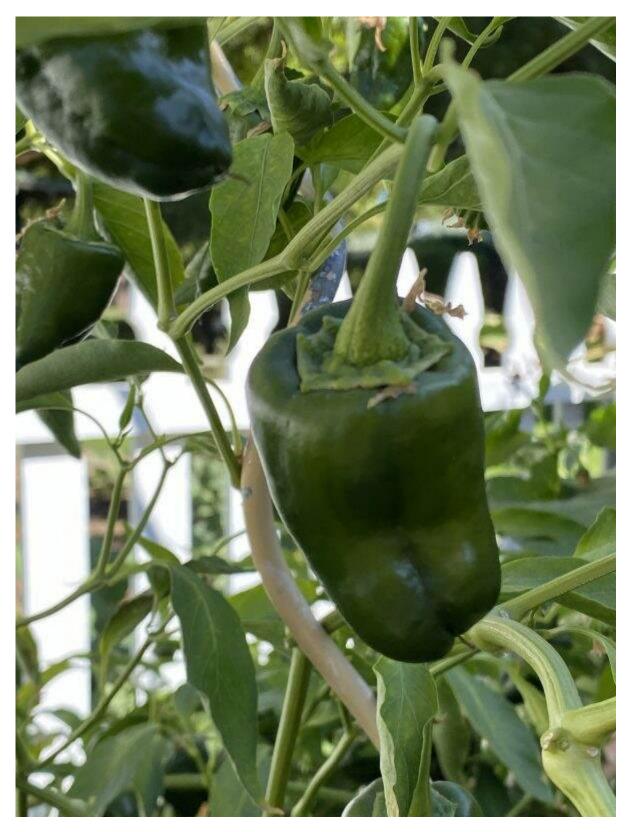


View from the guest cottage to the orchard

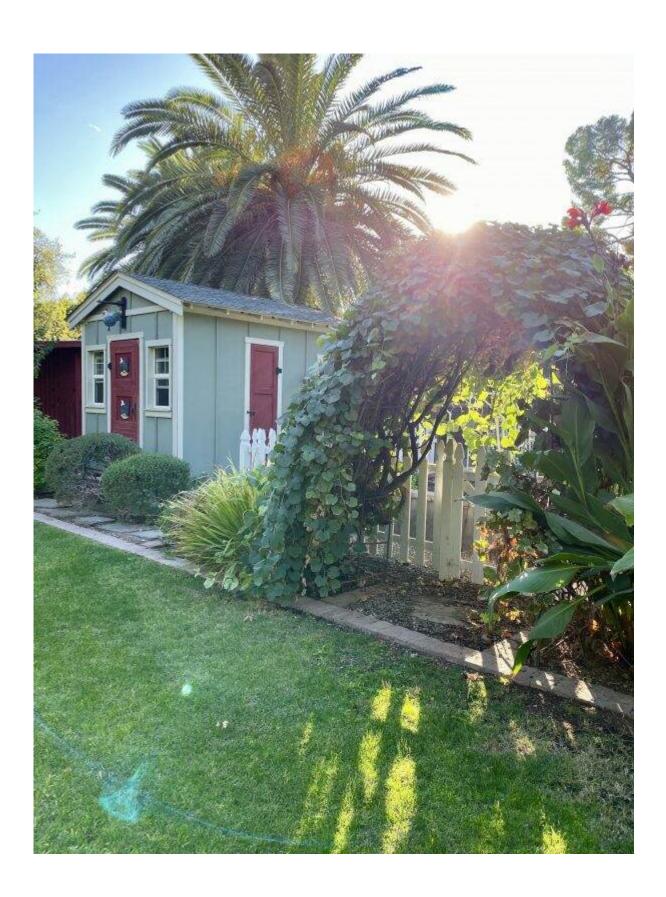


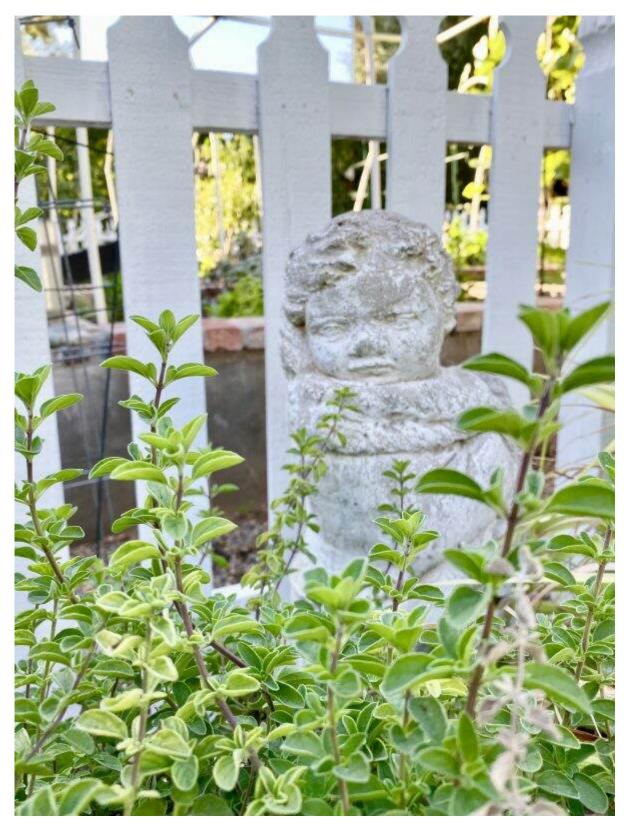
Fall vegetables are taking off in the garden~~salad greens, bok choy, kale, Swiss chard, broccoli, cauliflower, snap peas, squashes, potatoes, peppers, tomatoes and herbs.





Having the garden located next to the hen house, allows ample feedings of garden scraps to the chickens.





The orchard is abundant with citrus~~we will still need to wait a few months but I can't wait to pick fresh oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes and kumquats.

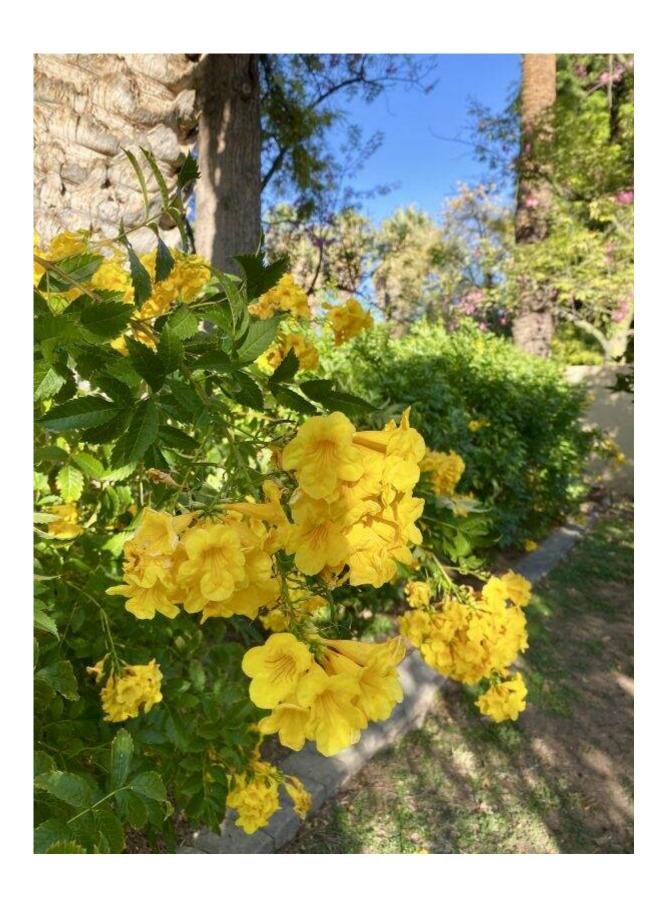


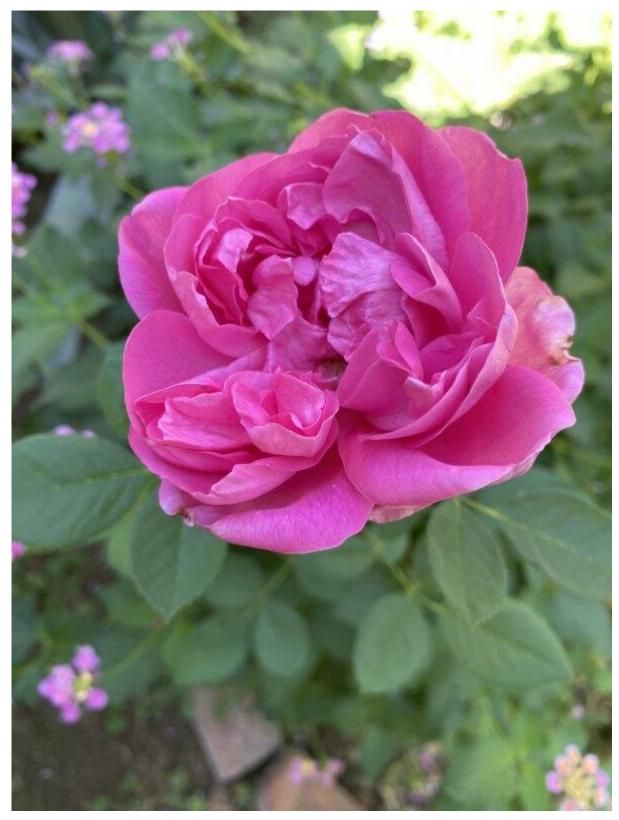
We have plenty of pomegranates but they aren't edible. Not sure why.



Flowers, flowers everywhere! This is the beginning of our colorful time which will last until next summer.



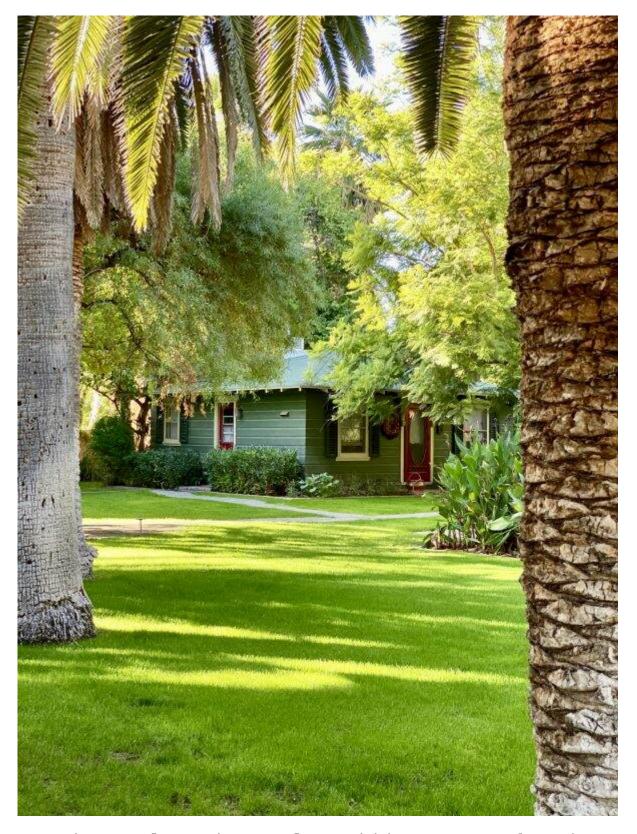




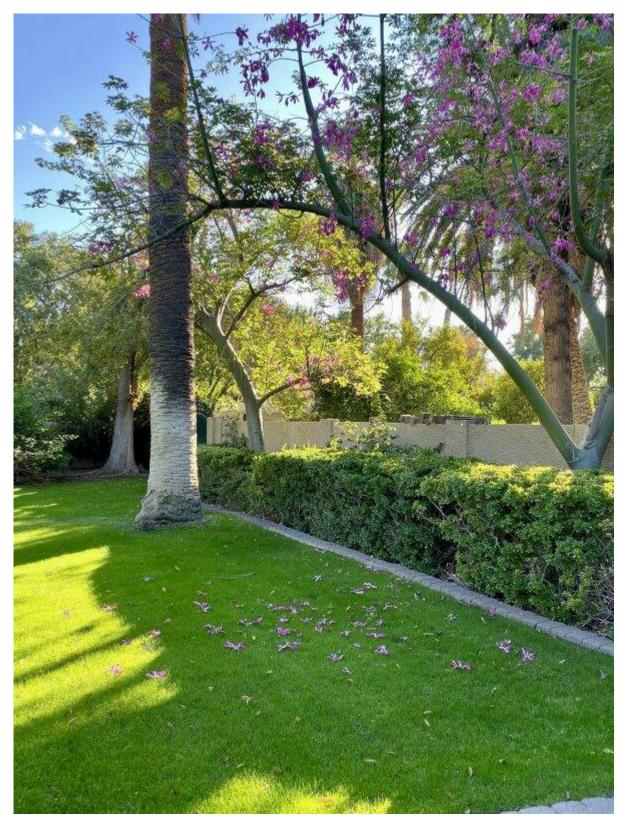
An original heirloom rosebush How can these ornamental cabbages be so beautiful?



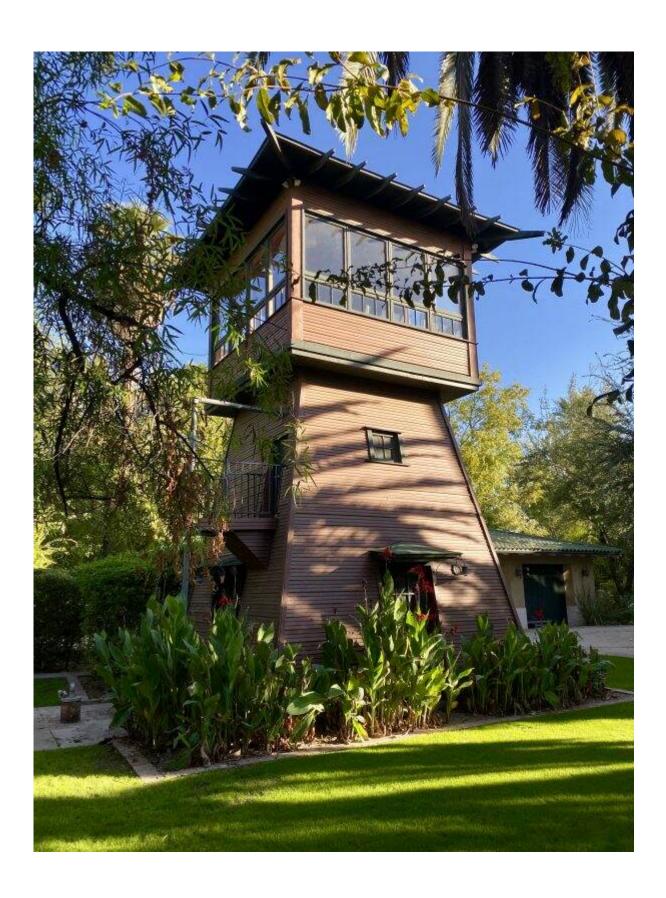
The guest cottage is hidden in the back northwest corner of the property and I love how it just appears out of nowhere. Feels a bit magical to me.

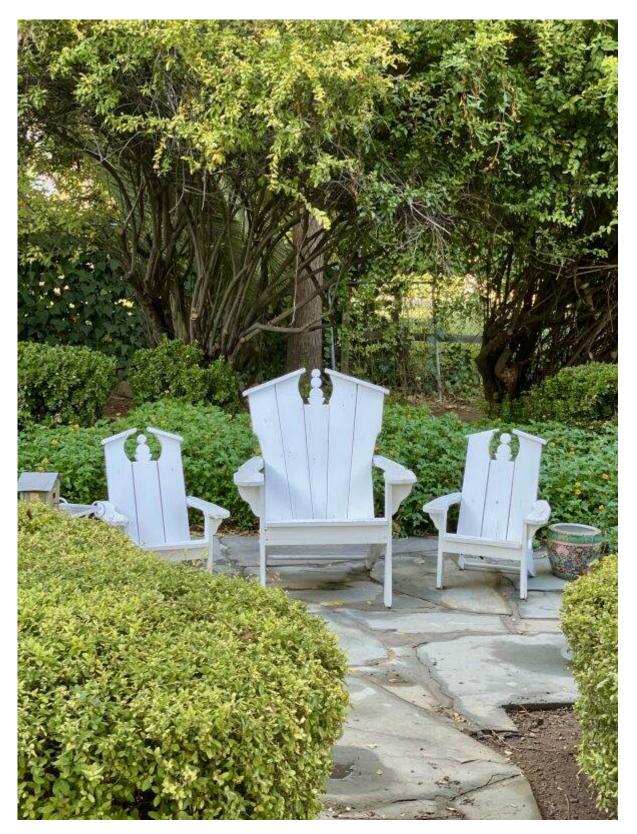


As much as I love the purple orchid trees, my favorite part is when the flowers drop and the ground becomes a sea of pink/purple.



The autumn sun provides some interesting shadowing on the well tower.





By the end of my walk, I feel rejuvenated. There's something to be said for connecting with nature, feeling the ground beneath your feet and noticing all that changes with the season. What do you do daily to de-stress? Have a lovely Tuesday.

