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From the editor

This month, writer Mary Ann Bullard features Tiki-style decorating that's sure to be a hit at a summer party on the backyard deck or patio. She gives readers some history about how Tiki has become so popular with collectors, and where to find decorations that can make a party fun.



What she didn't include in her story is that she and her husband, Courier photographer Timothy Bullard, have been collecting Tiki items for the past 20-plus years. They own and display all those light strings, lamps, stone and wood carvings you can see for yourself in Timothy's photos. I'm wondering what it takes to get an invitation to one of their parties, complete with those umbrella-topped tropical drinks!

Reporter Patti Richter spent time with a farming family who runs a CSA in Cave Junction, and her story gives readers an insight into the hard work as well as rewards that go into making a living off the land.

I hope you enjoy our other stories on growing hydrangeas and planting "blue" conifers, as well as picking coordinated colors to give your home's exterior a face lift before fall rains make outdoor painting more difficult.

For those of you wondering why David James' column, "In the Garden," isn't in today's Home & Garden magazine this month (and last month, too, for those of you who are counting), we're including it in the Courier's regular pages today. We know David's gardening column is popular, and we want to make sure gardeners don't miss his sage advice.

Until next month, stay cool, and enjoy end-of-the-summer activities, including harvesting your own garden's bounty. We always love hearing from readers with story ideas.

— Susan Goracke

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