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***THROUGH THE SEASONS WITH DULCY* DELIGHTS AND INFORMS BY COLLECTING
GARDEN COLUMNIST DULCY MAHAR'S WRITING INTO A VOLUME THAT
CELEBRATES A GARDEN'S SEASONS.**

As popular garden columnist Dulcy Mahar well knew, a garden is a year-round passion, and each season brings opportunities to experience the space in new ways. **THROUGH THE SEASONS WITH DULCY** (Carpe Diem Books, Oct. 4, 2014) collects 140 of the over 1100 columns she wrote during her 22-year career with *The Oregonian* and organizes them by season, giving readers the opportunity to see how gardens, as well as gardeners, change over time. In an informal, yet knowledgeable and witty style, she guides the reader through the annual — and perennial — cycles of the gardening life. The text is accompanied by over 190 beautifully detailed photographs from Dulcy's garden in Portland's Garthwick neighborhood that bring her words to full bloom.

For Dulcy, a garden was something to enjoy, and no matter the time of year, there was also something to plan or do. When winter weather made working outdoors impossible, she counseled using that time to curl up by the fire with stacks of gardening books and magazines and reams of paper to plot your springtime projects. In summer, she reminded her readers to take advantage of the weather to not only work in the garden but also to take the time to smell the roses you planted.

Dulcy, who died of cancer in 2011, gave her readers much more than advice on what to plant, mistakes to avoid, how to add whimsy and design rules to break. **THROUGH THE SEASONS WITH DULCY** also reminds her fans how Dulcy let them share her life through tales of her pets, her husband, Ted, her family, friends, and, of course, her gardening partner-in-crime, Doug the Wonder Guy. "One of the great joys of gardening, I've found, has nothing to do plants, design or a feeling of 'oneness with the Earth' — a phrase that gardeners often grab onto to describe why they love to garden," Dulcy wrote. "I enjoy all these things, but most of all I am thankful for the people one meets through gardening."

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THROUGH THE SEASONS WITH DULCY was compiled and edited by Dulcy's husband, Ted Mahar, who authored an earlier collection of some of her most popular columns, *Back in the Garden with Dulcy*. This first edition was a regional best seller, with over 11,000 copies sold! In addition to Dulcy's columns, **THROUGH THE SEASONS WITH DULCY** includes a photo tour of Dulcy's home, showing how her colorful garden personality translated to her home's interior, as well as essays by Mahar, Peggy McMullen, Dulcy's editor at *The Oregonian*, garden writer Kym Pokorny and Douglas Wilson.

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