



Drawing from your Garden

Consider spending some time this month documenting what is going on in your garden or on your walk right now in January.

- ❖ Which branches are budding?
- ❖ What other plants are beginning to leaf or bud?
- ❖ What plants are still going?
- ❖ Start to notice the trees. Oaks seem to get a rosy glow at this time of year. Why?
- ❖ Or another tree that you love in the fall. What is it doing now?

This past year while sheltering in place, I became interested in tracking a couple of fruits in my garden- first the beautiful nectarine blossoms in early March and then a dried up pomegranate caught my attention. And then in June, I drew the flowers and am now finishing a study of this year's pomegranate. Now I know a bit more about what happens when and a lot more about my pomegranate bush.

It is not too soon to start thinking about following a plant or tree through the seasons.

Do some research on whatever you chose to do. Learn the plants botanical name and all you can about it.

- ❖ Think about placement.
 - o Devote a page to each month of the year. What is going on in the garden in January?
 - o Devote a page to just one plant that you will follow or
 - o Do both.

“Again and again I find that the most valuable product of my study has been not the image on a piece of paper, but the experience of being so directly involved with nature.”

...Clare Walker Leslie, Nature Drawing