

Garden Chores III

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It may take a year to see
if the Spanish snapdragons
remain evergreen, and twelve
months to know if the vixen
will den again under the
old tool shed.

Some of us move
slowly, our natural pace.
Learning the basic needs of
oregano and basil's
love for tomatoes, both in
the earth and on the palate,
does not call for tech jargon
or expertise.

The jungle
of the information swamp,
its growth more rampant but less
nurturing than zucchinis,
requires wisdom. What defines
a weed? There's a fine layer
of compost spread out, feeding
those things I never wanted
to know, but still nourishing
the useful and beautiful.