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Garden Happenings

A friend of mine recently gave me an old gardening book that she wanted to pass on. As I started reading, it really resonated with me.

Here's a quote I loved. "A garden is many things to many people. For some, it is a connection with the earth and beauty. For some it is a source of serenity, a means of imposing order on the untamed forces of nature. And for some, a garden is joy and inspiration, an ever-changing display of color and form, just outside your door. At its foundation, a garden is a work of art. "

I couldn't say this any better and I wanted to pass this along to you. My hope with this newsletter is to inspire you, to help you create your 'peace' in your own spaces.

Spring arrived this week after all the rains, and the cycle starts again. The bulbs are up, the cherry trees are blooming and plants are coming out of their winter dormancy. It's all very exciting!!

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April Garden Tips From Your Garden Coach

Colorful Annuals that can be planted now for a splash are Snapdragons, Stock, Poppies, Impatiens, Petunias, Marigolds, Cosmo's and Zinnias

Select and plant Dahlia tubers. Add plenty of compost and plant deeply. You will be rewarded in summer by some spectacular blooms. You may have to stake but it is sure worth the beauty of this species!! There are a variety of heights, flower shapes and bloom sizes.....singles or doubles, huge blooms such as the Dinner Plate varieties or try the Pompoms for a small perfectly shaped ball.

Roses will be blooming now and it's a great time to select ones for color and fragrance.

The selection of vegetables is

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Loropetalum in all its glory in full spring bloom



Verbena makes a showy ground cover amongst Bearded Iris.

great this month. Some ideas to grow are Beans, Peppers, Corn, Cucumber, Eggplant, Lettuce, Onions, Peas, Squash, and Tomatoes. Your choice will reflect on what you and your family enjoy eating. This is a fabulous idea if you have children, as they get to grow their own edibles and may eat more vegetables if they are excited about the whole growing experience. And there is nothing like eating something freshly picked, the taste does not compare to anything from the store!!!

The snails are out in force this year after the rains. Bait for them or your new vegetable seedlings will be gone almost overnight. Use *That's It* or *Sluggo* for areas where pets or children play.

Prune spring blooming trees and shrubs after flowering

Prune Fuchsias heavily to encourage new flowering wood. Fertilize with Fish Emulsion.

Prune Clematis and Wisteria Vines after blooming to shape and keep in bounds.

Control aphids with *Safer's Insecticidal Soap* or ladybug's for a softer less toxic way.

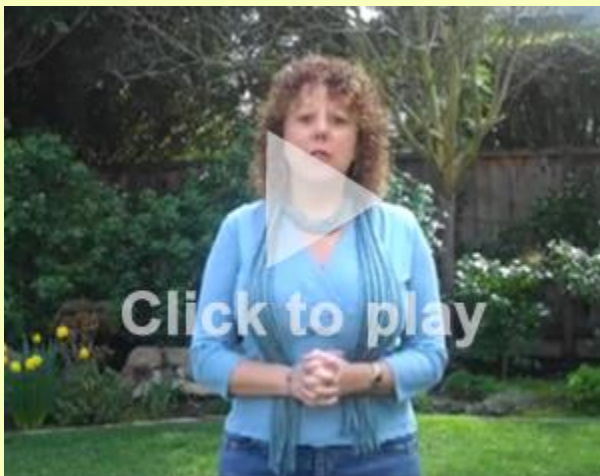
Apply *Ironite* to your Azaleas, Camellias and Gardenias if the



Red Azaleas with blue Campanula at its feet.

APRILVIDEO TIP

This month's video will help you create levels and interest in your garden.



leaves are yellowing.

Feed your citrus. They are heavy feeders.

Thin your Fruit crops if necessary.

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