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Garden Happenings

We sure have had some strange and unusual weather so far this season. Very cold for many nights and last week record heat for January. Wow.....keeping us all on our toes!

There are so many topics I have to share with you, it's hard to just pick one a month sometimes! But I *am* going to pick one and I want to talk about **'Art in the Garden'** this month.

Art is very subjective, whether inside or out. Your garden space is your personal escape from all the outside stresses and can be so much more than a large lawn, shrubs and a tree or two. Art can be a whimsical piece from a flea market, two colorful containers, a

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February Garden Tips From Your Garden Coach

Take the time to divide overcrowded perennials

Prune fruit trees and roses if not done so last month. Also prune deciduous trees and shrubs, while the leaves are off and you can see the structure of the plant.

Apply chelated iron to Azaleas, Citrus and Gardenias if yellowing. This helps them green up for spring.

Apply the third and last dormant spray on fruit trees at the "pink-bud" stage. This controls the Peach-Leaf Curl that Peach and Nectarine trees are likely to get.

This month there is a good selection of bare root fruit trees, grapes, and berries at your local nurseries, and also

fountain, a salvaged window in an unexpected place. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

After all the plants go in and the hardscape is installed, then putting your own touch to the space is often the most fun and rewarding. Please take some time, enjoy these photos and get inspired!!

If you need some help applying that little extra to your garden, I'm happy to lend a hand.



This found door adds a whimsical focal point.



top: Stunning pot
fountain

right: Sweet Metal Accents



roses at a lower cost to you than later when they can be bought in bloom.

Summer blooming bulbs can be purchased and planted now. Asiatic Lilies, Gladiolus, Dahlias, Canna Lilies and Tuberous Begonias are just some of the choices.

Now is the time to work some aluminum sulfate into your soil around your Hydrangeas if you want that intense blue. This can be bought at your local nursery under the brand name 'Hydra Blue'

It is a good idea to sharpen your tools this month. DIY or have them professionally sharpened. This is very important, as you want a nice clean cut each and every time you prune anything. This will avoid diseases and insects getting into the plant!

Don't forget to email me your gardening questions. I will be answering them on facebook.

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left: Fun sculpture made out of found objects right: Reclaimed pot



Blue tumbled glass on dry creek bed

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