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Adding Artful Beauty
and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



Greetings and welcome to the new year!



I have a brand new look for the new year so please take a browse through my [new website](#) when you get a chance, and feel free to forward to friends who may need my services.

January is a great time of the year to work in the garden, cleaning up and pruning back in preparation for the robust spring growth. Roses are a must to prune way back, even picking off all the foliage, forcing a rest period for them is a good thing! Here in Northern California where it stays mild, such as this year so far, roses will keep blooming but that is not a healthy option for their long term health and vitality. Please watch this month's video, where I show you some pruning tips!

We have had hardly any rain yet this year so don't turn off



your irrigation systems, and don't forget to water under the eaves, where things tend to stay dry!

Those of you that took my advice and are growing a winter vegetable garden, I hope you are getting close to a harvest. I am trying a few veggies myself this year that are new for me, and anxiously awaiting my first batch of Swiss Chard and Beets! Can't wait...



Remember my other services for your garden, such as seasonal check ups and on-going garden coaching for you or your maintenance crew. My passion is to create fabulous outdoor spaces for you but also to keep it maintained beautifully. That means extra time is needed to keep things thriving and naturally pruned. I'm not a fan at all of shrubs shaped into balls or squares. A naturalistic approach is much more appealing in the landscape.



Garden To Do List

JANUARY

- Feed the lawn monthly even during cold winter months to maintain its green color and minimize rust disease using fertilizer formulated for the season.
- For better bloom production, feed your Camellias/Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Roses and Lilac with a ratio fertilizer of 0-10-10.
- Spray for Peach Leaf Curl and a dormant spray on roses and fruit trees.
- Spray 'Cloud Cover' on your tender plants, such as ferns and citrus when a bad frost is expected at night.



Video Tip

Learn how to best prune flowering bushes and roses to ensure a beautiful Spring bloom.

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FEBRUARY

- Divide overcrowded perennials this month
- 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

- Plant annuals now. Primroses, Pansies, Violas, Iceland Poppies, Snapdragons and Stock can give some much needed early spring color.
 - Prune your fruit trees and roses. Watch the video to show you how.
 - Don't prune your spring blooming shrubs/trees, such as Lilac or Quince; you'll be cutting off this year's buds. Wait till after they bloom, and then cut back.
 - Now is the time to pick up Rhubarb and any of the Berries from the nursery for planting.
 - January and February are prime Camellia time! Pick your favorite color and bloom and enjoy these beauties in your garden when not much else is blooming.
- and Gardenias if yellowing. This helps them green up for spring.
- Apply the 3rd 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 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.
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