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Garden Happenings

Hi there y'all. Hope all of you had a great 4th of July holiday. This was my first year, in all the years I have lived in this great country, that I celebrated Independence Day



as an American citizen! It was very special for me. Well we are well and truly into the heat of summer this month.

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July Garden Tips From Your Garden Coach

- >Pruning Annuals and Perennials by dead-heading, pinching off the spent blooms, keeps new blooms coming all season. Fertilizing will also keep the blooms coming.
- >Plant some heat loving annuals for a splash of color in the hot days of summer. Zinnias look their best in temperatures over 90 degrees and will bloom until late September, longer if we have an Indian Summer. Annual Verbena is also a great choice, coming in good deep saturated colors.
- >Feed Citrus with a citrus food and chelated iron if the leaves are yellowing.
- >Control budworm with BT caterpillar killer, as it's safe in the vegetable garden.

I want to talk to you about low water plantings for your gardens. A lot of people when they hear drought tolerant gardens, immediately think of California Native plants. But the choice is far greater than just that! We have some fabulous Australian plants grown here now, that have low water needs, look attractive all year and as an added bonus, many of them bloom in the late winter and early spring when not much else is blooming in the garden.



One plant I have enjoyed introducing to my clients is Grevillea. There are over 200 varieties within this family they range from 1' to up to 12' in height. Grevillea adds much needed color in late Winter / early Spring and blooms in shades of reds, dark pinks and golden yellow. Grevillea grows best in sunny, dry locations and needs well-draining soil. Be careful: Fertilizers high in phosphorus can be fatal to these beauties. Here are two of my favorites.



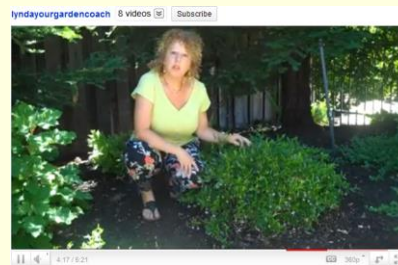
- >Keep up the vegetable production with a good organic food.
- >Pick vegetables while they are young. This will give you tender vegetables and keep the flowers and production high throughout the summer months.
- >Deep root water and fertilize your roses this month.

JULY VIDEO TIP

This month's video features a tour of Australian plants. These plants add variety, texture and off-season color to any garden and are perfect for California and low water garden needs.

My Youtube

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I can help you update your gardens without creating a drain on our precious water.

Enjoy your summer, the kids are off school and there is lots to do. Please keep yourselves and your plants hydrated!!

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