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Adding Artful Beauty  
and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



**See the video below on creating curb appeal.**

This month's topic is Creating Curb Appeal.

I want to help you create a great first impression. Having good curb appeal gives your guests a taste of what's to come inside your home.

This can be achieved by having a welcoming pathway, wide enough for two to walk side by side, drawing guests to the front door. A well designed and well maintained landscape can also be the WOW factor that greets you at the end of your day and welcomes you home. You can also create good curb appeal with lighting, to enhance the architectural features on your home or that highlights your trees/shrubs/fountains at

night and for the safety for you and your visitors.



Containers overflowing with colorful plants can also warm up your front entrance. If you have a porch, overlaying with an outdoor tile can be an amazing change to flat boring grey concrete. And of course, comfortable furniture invites people to come and sit for a while. Also with a porch, round fluted columns can be added to 'beef up' your standard 4x4 or 4x6 standard posts, dramatically changing the look.

Painting the house, changing out the front door or even painting the door, adding window boxes, adding new house numbers and changing out the steps up to your front door are all good options for a new and inviting feel to the front of your home.



So take a look again at the front of your home with new eyes, and please feel free to call me for a consultation.

Enjoy this beautiful weather, get your summer vegetables started if you haven't already and remember to slow down, stop and smell the roses!!

#### **How Can I Help?**

Need some ideas on how to spruce up your curb appeal? I'm here to help, so please call or email. Also please share this newsletter with friends that may need help or advise or who may appreciate the tips.



## **Garden To Do List**

**JUNE**

- Mulch, Mulch, Mulch. Add a 3"-4" layer of micro bark to your gardens, being careful not to put right up to the roots of existing



## **Adding Curb Appeal Video Tip**

In this month's video I'll show you ways to add curb appeal to the front of your home. The front of your home is the first impression people have of you. Sprucing up your curb appeal can not only

plants, as they need to breathe. This helps on weed prevention, helps keep the water in as we heat up in the summer months and eventually will break down and help build up a good soil texture. Every few years just replenish the mulch and very soon you will have great soil in which to plant.

- Last chance to sow seeds of beans, corn and squash.
- Plant Basil seeds every three to four weeks for a steady supply all summer.
- Don't cut your lawns shorter than 2"-3" in height.
- Remove spent blooms on roses, cut just above a leaf with 5 or more leaflets, at an angle so the water runs off it.
- Feed Azaleas, Rhododendron's and Camellia's with an acid fertilizer
- Feed fruit trees with Ammonium Sulphate, a ratio of 11-21-0.
- Feed your citrus monthly with regular light citrus fertilizers and quarterly with Iron Sulfate when they yellow.

create an inviting entrance to your home but add to your home's overall value. And isn't it nice to be welcomed home with a lovely pathway and flowers leading you to your sanctuary after a long day?

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