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Adding Artful Beauty  
and Value to your Outdoor Spaces



## Around the Garden

Welcome to Summer!  
Congratulations to all the recent grads and to you parents who helped your kids make this milestone. I was pleased and proud to see my own son in his cap and gown this year.

With school out and vacations planned, the summer is a busy time of year.

I was a featured landscape designer on the Valley

Humane Society Annual Garden tour and it was a real success. With a record three gardens this year, I was super busy making all the final touches. I look forward to this great event every year. If you missed it, be sure to check it out next year. It's a wonderful day and benefits a great cause.



As part of that tour, I added a spectacular, natural and serene water feature with the help of Cash French of French's Waterscapes. This month's video walks through the design and creation of the water feature that helped take this garden to the next level.

Some of my clients have their vegetable gardens off and running. I've already picked my first tomato and have enough basil to make my first batch of pesto! Here is my favorite [pesto sauce recipe](#) for you to try.

Herbs are pretty hardy and can be the easiest plants to grow. I love to step outside and gather fresh herbs to put in whatever I'm cooking. Fresh herbs add a burst of flavor that dried can't compete with. Herbs can be grown in pots or in the ground, in full sun and if the pot is large enough you can plant more than one variety making a bouquet of herbs at the ready.



I would be grateful if you haven't already done so, to go to my [facebook page](#) and click on **LIKE** at the top. I'm giving away this beautiful blue succulent bowl to one of my facebook followers this summer. By Liking my page, you are automatically entered to win. I'll randomly choose a winner on July 31. My

facebook page is updated several times a month and I feature inspirations, photo galleries, works in progress and new ideas. It's a great place to keep in touch.

**Attention active Yelp users:** Since most of my business is referral based I rely on my clients to spread the word about the work I have done. Yelp is a great way to help spread that word so if you kindly [write a review on Yelp](#) I would really appreciate it.



## June and July Garden Tips

### June Tips

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



## Video Tip

### Creating a Creek-like Water Feature

This month's video covers the steps to creating a beautiful and natural water feature.

### July Tips

- 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 which comes in nice deep saturated colors is also a great choice.
- Feed Citrus with a citrus food and chelated iron if the leaves are yellowing.

- 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.
- Protect earwigs from damaging your flowers by keeping the garden clean of weeds and debris.



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- Control budworm with BT caterpillar killer, as it's safe in the vegetable garden.
- 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.

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