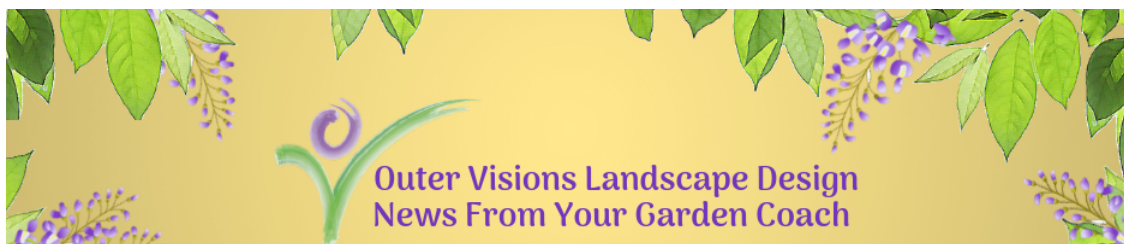


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February can be a month of heavy rains and freezing temperatures as well as the occasional beautiful sunny days, with the hope of spring in the air. We have had it all so far this month already!

If you haven't done the hard pruning in the garden yet, this is the month. Roses, deciduous trees and shrubs, vines and fruit trees all will benefit.

Clean up your perennials that have last years spent blooms, this cleans up your garden beds and signals new growth for the plants to regenerate as soon as early spring arrives.

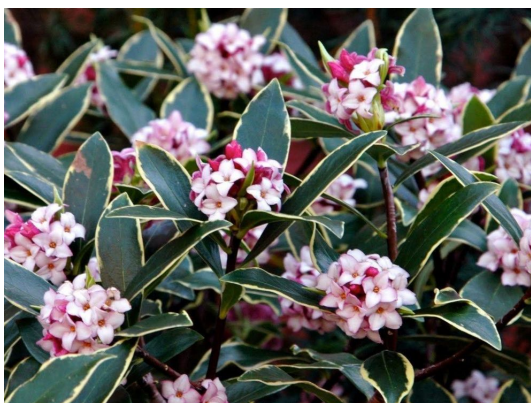
Camellias are in their full glory this month. The double blooms are spectacular to grow and enjoy inside.



The deciduous Magnolia trees bloom before they leaf out and are equally stunning accents in your garden.



Daphne's are also in full bloom now, and if given a half shade/half sun location will reward with fabulous fragrance this month.



If you would like me to arrange to do a walk thru of your property, then bring in a crew to do a good prune back, please contact me at this email or (925) 462-1484

Happy February!

TRANSFORMATION

CURRENT PROJECT

I'm in the middle of this installation right now. It's been tricky working between storms! The current landscape was low maintenance but it had no curb appeal.

The homeowner wanted to update this rental property, both inside and out, to attract some new interest. I sketched out this design concept to scale and then referred a contractor to give her a bid on the work. The contract was agreed to and work began. The final item to be completed is a dry creek bed for both levels before plants go in. A few more weeks to the final reveal! I will share some after pictures on my facebook page. Feel free to [follow me](#).



February Tips and To Do's

- Divide overcrowded perennials this month. Dig out clumps, cut them into a few sections, and replant in amended soil.
- Choose Magnolia's while they are in bloom, to be sure you like the flower.
- Prune fruit trees and roses if not done so last month. Also prune deciduous trees and shrubs, while the leaves are off, as 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 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, 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.
- Annuals for early spring color can be planted now. Primroses, Pansies, Violas, Iceland Poppies, Snapdragons and Stock can give some much-needed early spring color.
- If you are interested in Strawberries, Rhubarb and any of the Berries, now is the time to get these at the nursery.

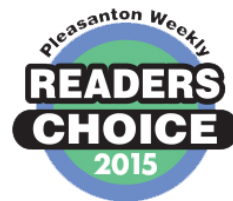
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