

Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders



The Syrah blossoms on the vines.

ROTATE crops. Don't plant vegetables in the same spot as last year.

BUY summer annuals for containers to add color to your patio.

PINCH petunias and dahlias to keep them blooming.

RAISE the blades on lawnmowers to offer more sun protection and moisture retention to your grass.

PROVIDE abodes for toads by placing broken clay pots throughout the garden. By inviting toads into your garden, you'll be getting free insect control.

RESCUE thirsty bees and ladybugs that dive into your swimming pool during the heat. Use a net to capture and release to avoid unnecessary stings.

HELP reverse the decline of pollinating insects, honey bees, native bees, birds, bats and monarch butterflies by joining the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. For information, visit <http://millionpollinatorgardens.org>.

BEWARE of ticks hitchhiking in your hair after hiking or working outside. If you get bit in the neck, call your physician or go to urgent care immediately. I know the dangers from a recent experience!

A salute and thanks to all the Lamorinda dads, especially the ones who garden and dream!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.

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