

## Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Garden Reminders

**PLANT** early blooming pollinators including California poppy, chives, larkspur dianthus, lupine, pea, viola, and sweet alyssum.

**GOPHERS** are breeding. Be on the alert to eradicate these destroyers.

**START** your spring gardening by improving the soil. Gardens are often missing the microorganisms and nutrients needed for a thriving crop.

**RE-SEED** or plant a new lawn during this spring weather. Commence weekly mowing for sturdier growing. For best results, do not use a leaf bag but instead, allow the clippings to compost on the grass naturally.

**FERTILIZE** fruit trees and flowering shrubs with a high nitrogen solution.

**DIVIDE** perennials such as daylilies and agapanthus.

**CLUMP** flowers together in areas measuring four feet diameter or more to attract bees, butterflies, and birds.

**CLEAN** fountains, ponds, birdbaths, and other water features to welcome our flying friends home for the warmer weather.

**CELEBRATE** spring on March 20, the vernal equinox. The day and nighttime hours equal exactly 12 each.

**SET** a bowl of yellow and blue fruits such as lemons, grapefruits, bananas, grapes, and blueberries to remind us that freedom isn't free, we fight for it.

**FIND** peace in nature.

**SHOW** solidarity with Ukraine and democracy by embracing a garden filled with blue and yellow flowering plants.



blue hyacinth



Meyer lemons hanging.

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