

Cynthia Brian's Goddess Gardener Guide for June

It is time to remove the dried leaves from daffodils, naked ladies, woodland hyacinths, freesias, and other spring-blooming bulbs. A quick tug of the dried leaves is all you need to do. If you must pull hard, the leaves are not ready to be removed. I know they look unsightly in your garden, but if you remove the leaves before they have had the chance to provide nutrients to the bulb you won't have any flowers next spring.

Apply snail bait to plants susceptible to snail and slug damage. They come out of hiding at night to nibble your new shoots and because of the rains are an abundant nuisance.

Monitor water needs for your landscape. Water infrequently but deeply. Containers lose moisture more quickly and will need additional attention.

Clean and arrange patio furniture, pads, and outdoor gear. With summer on the horizon, get prepared to party.

Plant summer-blooming bulbs and scatter seeds to surprise you with their brilliance.

Deadhead rose blossoms as they fade to keep your bushes healthy and blooming until the end of the year. I have over 200 rose bushes and deadheading is a daily chore, albeit one that yields huge rewards. Wear protective gloves!

If you haven't finished cutting tall grass, clearing debris, maintaining a fuel break, and preparing for wildfires, do it this week. Be vigilant and a good neighbor!

Create a vibrant garden masterpiece in your backyard with prolonged performance perennials and annuals available at your favorite nursery.

Celebrate graduations, birthdays, Father's Day, and more with a kaleidoscope of plant poetry.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy June!



Before weeding only a few plants can be seen in the meadow.



View of the meadow garden after weeding.



Bumblebees on the blue nigella.



Cordyline blooms.



Corn flags and a Bonica rose bush are pretty in pink.

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