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Garden Talk



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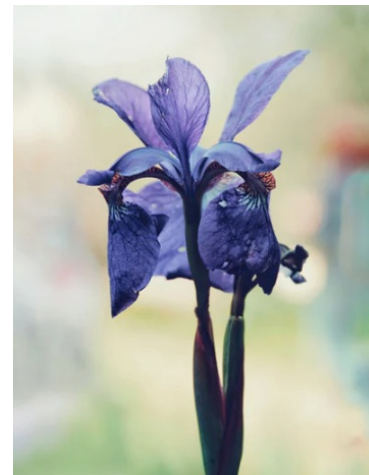


Ahhh ... what a perfect spring day! Isn't it glorious?! Cool morning air ... perfumed with the scent of lilac ... wafting through an open window. An exuberant robin is singing his little heart out ... welcoming a brand new morning. This little fella is really beltin' it out! Guess he just wants to share his joy!

May is one lovely miracle after another out in the garden. While the tulips fade ... big fat buds start forming among the iris plants. My patch of velvety, deep purple irises are in full bloom. Clumps of buttery yellow, pearl white, soft rose pink and sky blue iris blossoms will be along soon. Peony stems are shooting up a mile a minute ... raising tight, round buds toward the sun. A clematis that lives in a pot on our patio was naked and lifeless three weeks ago.

Now? Pffft! Its little trellis is hidden by lush, twining foliage ... topped by fuzzy teardrop shaped buds. Then ... there are the Royal Raindrops crabapple trees. Oh, my goodness! Fierce wind has sent clouds of pink petals swirling ... but the trees are still heavily cloaked in spectacular color! This whole place is a perpetual kaleidoscope of living color! Last but not least ... it's time to poke some tomato and pepper plants into the veggie garden ... and get some squash and cucumber seeds goin', too! It's always fun to try new veggie varieties ... 'cuz it helps me see which ones the deer like best! (SNORT!!!)

What a beautiful spring day! Go outside with a song in your heart and share some joy! It's what we do in May!



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May 2019 Gardening Calendar

<p>20 21 22 23</p>	<p>Begin deep, infrequent lawn watering for great turf. It helps build stronger root systems! Kill bindweed & spurge in your lawn with Fertilome Weed Free Zone. Plant perennial flowers like salvia, blanket flower and dianthus. They'll bloom every summer for years! Plant summer bulbs like dahlias and gladiolus for brilliant summer color. Time to plant your vegetable garden! Buy healthy, locally grown tomato, pepper, eggplant & herb seedlings at Bookcliff Gardens!</p>
<p>5 6 7 8</p>	<p>Plant petunias, marigolds & moss rose in beds and containers. Bookcliff has glorious bedding plants! Did you plant your vegetable garden? Now is the time! Feed your roses! They're always hungry! Fertilize if the lawn wasn't fed in April. Bookcliff's Pro Turf Lawn Food is formulated for Western Colorado and will give you fabulous results! Come find an amazing hanging basket for your Mom! Mother's Day is Sunday! She'll love this!</p>
<p>Happy Mother's Day! Open 10-4 <u>Call Mom!</u></p>	<p>Buy beautiful hanging baskets of brilliant flowers & luxurious foliage at Bookcliff Gardens! Check clematis vines & tie up if necessary. Release Ladybugs if aphids are in your garden. Start spraying for black pine scale now. Hit scales in the 'crawler' stage for best results. Follow with two more sprays at 3 week intervals. Spray cherries against Western Cherry Fruit Fly starting about May 20. Repeat every 7 to 10 days until harvest.</p>
<p>19 20 21 22</p>	<p>Plant shady beds with impatiens, coleus & begonias mixed with perennial ferns, hostas & coral bells! Avoid injuring trees & shrubs by keeping grass from growing around their bases. Remove turf & top dress with mulch. Spray apple trees against Coddling Moth when fruit is marble sized. Treat every 7 to 10 days until harvest. Getting a late start? Check out Bookcliff's Flowerpot Magic to give your patio & entryway sizzle & style! It's not too late to plant some veggies! We still have a great selection for you to choose from!</p>
<p>26 27</p>	<p>Happy Memorial Day! Open 10-4</p> <p>Yearly drench treatment for tree borers in peach, plum, cherry & apricots begins June 1. We'll give you an info sheet to keep you on track! Try Green Clean or Microbe-Lift products to keep ponds clean & clear. Stay ahead of weeds with broadleaf killers, grass killers & non-specific Killz-All. We'll help identify the weed so you know what to use! Fertilize your flowers now, before it gets too hot! Spray ash trees a second time against Lilac/Ash Borers. Use Permethrin 38%.</p>

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