

# THE FRONT YARD NURSERY NEWSLETTER

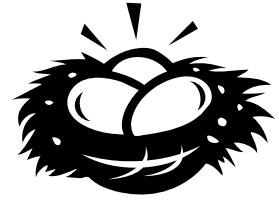
## A PUBLICATION FOR HARD PAN GARDENERS

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# SPRING 2010



**GARDEN QUOTE:** Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity. ~Lindley Karstens



## SPRING GARDEN CALENDAR



### March

- Put yellow jacket traps out early to trap the Queen.
- Plant cool season vegetables. Sow warm season veggies indoors. See us for a planting guide.
- Rototill gardens and add organic matter. Do a soil test to see what nutrients you need to add. We have soil test kits available.
- Fertilize roses, evergreens, fruit trees, and berries.
- Prepare new lawn beds 6" deep. Stop by for a handout on lawn preparation.
- Shop for summer blooming bulbs and spring blooming shrubs.
- Spray roses with fungicide to prevent black spot and powdery mildew. Try kelp spray and see us for care guides.
- Hoe or pick spring weeds. Apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent weeds.
- March 27-29 (Sat - Mon) The Front Yard Nursery's 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sale!** 15% off all purchases (not valid with other discounts, special orders, net items, sod, or irrigation).
- Free** popcorn, lemonade, raffle, and more. Join us!
- SEMINAR: Organic Gardening with the Master Gardeners** on March 27 (Sat) at 10:00 am **FREE**
- Composting Class** on March 29 (Mon): at 10:00 am **FREE**



- Plant or divide perennials.
- Thin fruit trees and fertilize. See us for products and handouts.
- Set out codling moth traps in your apple trees. See us for a disease and spray schedule. (This is the worm that ends up in your apple later!)
- Apply borer spray and whitewash trunks on fruit trees and flowering cherries.
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday: open 10am – 5pm
- SEMINAR: "Veggie Gardening" April 18 & 19 (Sun & Mon), 24 & 26 (Sat & Mon) 10am.** Learn how to prepare, plant, and care for your vegetable garden in the ground or in containers. Find out how to get the most abundant and healthy crops, and learn about some natural and organic solutions.
- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER** after the Veggie Seminar on April 18 (Sun): Gisele Schoniger (aka "G") from Kellogg Garden Products giving an informative and interesting talk on using the right organic products in your garden. Read more about her on page seven.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day so plant a tree!**

### May

- April 15<sup>th</sup> is the estimated last frost date for the Placerville area; El Dorado Hills estimated date is April 1<sup>st</sup>; and Pollock Pines is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sow annual flowers and warm season vegetables outdoors after the last frost.
- Sow seeds of cold hardy perennials such as Veronica, Columbine, & Coral bells after the last frost.
- Set out traps for earwigs and snails. Traps can be homemade or bought. See us for products and ideas.
- Fertilize spring blooming shrubs, ground covers, and conifers.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs (lilacs, forsythia, etc.) immediately after bloom.
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- Plant warm season vegetable seeds or starts.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs immediately after bloom.
- Check roses for aphids and hose off plants if you find any. Feed roses with systemic fertilizer if needed.
- Start a new lawn from seed or sod. Stop by for a free planting guide.
- Thin fruit set on fruit trees (leave 6" between the ones you want to ripen). Prune for size control as needed.
- Mow lawns, removing less than 1/3rd the height. See us for a lawn care handout.
- Plant summer annual flowers and perennials.
- Fertilize container plants with time-release fertilizer.
- Thin over-abundant seedlings in vegetable beds.
- Check and repair irrigation systems.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day – Get your mom a spring blooming plant that she can enjoy year after year, or a gift card.
- SEMINAR: Our famous "Drip Irrigation Made Simple" May 15 & 17, June 12 & 14 (Sat & Mon), 9am – 11am** Learn to save water and time in your landscape and garden!

