

Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

- **DEFINE** property boundaries and create curb appeal with flowering shrubs. Numerous new varieties of hydrangea are a good choice, including compact sizes like Strawberry Sundae.
- **POUR** chamomile tea around the base of newly planted seedlings to eliminate fungus growth.
- **DISPLAY** fallen camellias on a hedge, ledge, or pathway for outside interest that are not pretty enough to float in a vase, but not rotten enough to toss in the compost bin. As the camellias wilt, dispose of them.
- **EXPLORE** the San Francisco Home and Garden Show March 19-23 and experience the exhibits, edibles, flowers, market, and kids' gardens (www.sfgardenshow.com).
- **FERTILIZE** hungry lawns to strengthen roots, resist cold, heat, and high traffic when weather is wet. This feeding will help combat stress of drought.
- **PRUNE** fig trees and grapevines. Dry the branches and cuttings to use in your smoker or barbecue this summer to add interesting flavors to your grilled specialties.
- **VISIT** The Secret Garden at Macy's Union Square Sunday, March 23-April 6 for a floral wonderland with flowering fashion shows and children's activities.

Think green. Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Gardening, Happy Growing.



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