

Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

- PLANT flowers in drifts of several colors to enable bees and butterflies to see them better.
- CREATE a wide defensible space perimeter around your home to protect your family from fires.
- CONTINUE succession planting of beets, carrots, turnips, radishes, and other root edibles for uninterrupted harvests all season.
- COLD hardy peonies are popping up creating waves of color in the garden. Peonies make sophisticated floral arrangements.
- PULL weeds that are zapping your water, especially teasel rosette. This roadside weed is a biennial and quite prickly to touch. Nonetheless, many people use the dried flower heads in arrangements because of their interesting shape and size (they can grow up to 2 meters tall). This widely adapted plant is native to Eurasia.
- EAT the pea-like flowers of the fava bean plant as well as the leaves. Fava leaves are nutty tasting while the flowers have a mildly sweet flavor akin to spring peas.



Fava bean blossoms and leaves are edible with a nutty flavor.

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