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Hanging basket of yellow striped and red petunias add dazzle to the field of daisies.



Cynthia Brian in the garden

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PINCH back annuals and perennials to increase continual blooms until winter.

DEADHEAD roses and dahlias.

HANG a basket of yellow and red petunias on your patio for instant dazzle.

PHOTOGRAPH the crape myrtle trees that are in their full flush of blooms this month.

DEEP-SOAK redwood and magnolia trees, especially during hot weather.

CALL Vector Control before 7 a.m. Monday through Friday at (925) 771-6192 if you trap or need to trap a skunk. Along with rats, voles, moles, gophers and raccoons, skunks are in abundance this year. Vector Control can advise you about all of these creatures but it only offers removal services for skunks and yellow jackets.

Happy Gardening and Happy Growing!



