

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for Mid-August

FINDING dead birds? West Nile disease is transmitted by bites from infected mosquitoes to many species of birds, especially hawks, owls, crows, and blue jays. If you find a dead bird, do not handle it with your bare hands. Report to the health department or vector control.

CREATE an emergency kit for any disaster. Keep a kit in every vehicle and one near an exit door in your home.

ENCOURAGE pollinators to visit your garden by continuing to plant agastache, phlox, monarda, liatris, coneflowers and aquilegia.

VISIT <http://www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store> to purchase any of my eight books, including the 2018 publications of "Growing with the Goddess Gardener" and "Be the Star You Are!® Millennials to Boomers Celebrating Positive Voices in a Changing Digital World." You'll get free seeds and herbs with every purchase.

CUT back tree suckers that are sprouting from tree roots. You'll know they are root suckers as they grow rapidly.

HARVEST blackberries. Heavy prune the canes after harvesting.

DEADHEAD roses and perennials to continue the blooming season. Make a habit of deadheading once per week.

SHAPE wisteria, hibiscus, honeysuckle, lilac, mock orange and trumpet vine.

COME to a garden party on Aug. 23! Join A.S.I.D. (American Society of Interior Designers) and Janus et Cie for a Summer Garden Party in San Francisco where you'll enjoy a flower arranging demonstration, elegant bites, cocktails, presentation, and book signing. Info at <https://www.cynthiabrian.com/gardening>.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.

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Once potato leaves die back, it's time to start digging.



Cut, dry, or freeze your over abundance of herbs to use this winter.



Fresh picked corn to be shucked.



Summer is for hollyhocks ... pretty in pink.