Cynthia Brian’s Mid-Month Gardening Guide for May

CHECK irrigation system for leaks or broken heads. Make sure to test your lawn sprinklers, which could be buried by newly growing grass.

WATER lawns infrequently yet deeply to maintain green space.

BEE CAREFUL as bees are busy pollinating.

WATCH out for gophers, moles, voles and other burrowing pests.

AERATE your lawn allowing oxygen and water to penetrate roots.

CONTINUE to collect and discard fallen camellia blooms until your bush or tree has stopped blooming.

BAIT for snails and slugs.

INHALE the sweet scents of jasmine and roses in full bloom.

EMPTY the water from all containers. Change birdbaths often to keep mosquito larvae from developing.

PRESCRIBE parks instead of pills. Get outside every day in nature.

PLANT deer resistant bearded iris rhizomes in sunny spots for perennial flowering in spring and fall. They will multiply to allow you to divide and replant elsewhere.

COLLECT dandelion leaves daily from your pesticide-free lawn or garden to add tang to salads and soups.

ADD waterwise succulents to your garden environment.

SPRAY crape myrtles and roses for mildew.

Thank you to everyone who sent comments and compliments about my article on Firescaping. I am happy it is beneficial. If you missed it, you can read it at www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1305/Digging-Deep-with-Cynthia-Brian-for-May-FireScaping.html

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.