

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Coming Alive!

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6. Use containers for a variety of plants, including small trees. I have an Italian white peach growing in a container that boasts beautiful bright pink blossoms with fluorescent yellow oxalis underplanted. It is quite the unexpected showstopper. As a bonus, when the peaches are ripe, they are easy to harvest.

7. Orchestrate seasonal displays with plenty of colorful and textural annuals, perennials, grasses, and bulbs. Natives and carefully chosen non-natives will thrive happily together. With a plentiful variety of plants, pollinators will call your garden home and become your trusted helpers.

What's Blooming Now?

*Bradford pear,
plum, and
peach trees
*Azaleas and
camellias
*Daffodils
*Tulips
*Calla lilies
*Bergenia
*Calendula

*Cyclamen
*Salvia Hot Lips
*Muscari
*Iris
*Primrose
*Lilies of the
Valley
*Christmas
cactus
*Periwinkle

*Oxalis
*Freesia
*Viburnum
*Hellebore
*Jade
*Potato Vine
*Chinese Fringe
*Mustard

Numerous other plants are budding and will be gracing our gardens soon. Stay tuned!.



Cerise blossoms of a peach tree grow in a container.

The Goddess Gardener's March Garden Guide

- **DEFINE** property boundaries and create curb appeal with flowering shrubs. Numerous new varieties of hydrangea are a good choice.

- **SPRAY** roses, crepe myrtles, pittosporum, iris, boxwood, rhododendron, laurel, fruit, and citrus trees with organic dormant oil and copper fungicide. This treatment will help to protect the trees and shrubs from overwintering insects and fungal diseases. Wash the citrus before consumption.

- **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.

- **FERTILIZE** hungry lawns anytime in March to strengthen roots, and resist cold, heat, and high traffic when the weather is wet.

- **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.

- **WATER** houseplants while you are on vacation by filling a plastic bottle with water, piercing the neck of the bottle with an ice pick, and burying the bottle with the neck down. Your plant will slowly drink as needed.

- **PATIENCE:** St. Patrick's Day is around the corner. Spring is only a few weeks away.

Hang in there for the rest of winter and watch for the reawakening.

Go out for a walk and stay until sundown! Going out is going in!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



The hillside is colorful with sunny daffodils and calendula.



A structural planting boasts a textured natural look.



Purple plum blossoms after the rain.