

## 'Sunnyside Up'

April 2011 Newsletter

### April 2011 Classes

All classes begin at 10am.

Registration is required for project classes;  
fees include materials.

#### 'Principles of Landscape Design'

Sat, Apr 2nd- free

#### 'Lawn Care: Beyond the Mower'

Sat, Apr 9th- free

#### 'Spring Floral Baskets'

Sat, Apr 16th- \$15, class limit 30

#### 'Planting your own Patio Container'

Sat, Apr 30th- \$35, class limit 20

See ['Classes & Events'](#) for more details.

### April Special



**Buy 3 Bags Get the 4th FREE!**

on both

**E.B. Stone Planting Compost &  
their GreenAll Soil Booster**

See ['What's Hot'](#) for other April deals!

## Introducing Marti Civarra, our 2011 Professional Garden Designer

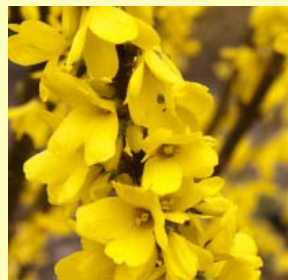


When you integrate Marti's design suggestions, you are gaining over 25 years gardening experience, the horticultural program of Edmonds Community College & over 20 years of professional floral and landscape design.

That's solid landscaping advice! Call to schedule your

free one-hour consult w/ her at the nursery any Sat thru June just for buying a \$100 gift certificate w/ us for your landscaping materials.

Visit our website often? We're highlighting some great April picks!



Our home page is a great place to find regularly updated gardening information. E.g., in early April we're highlighting 3 wonderful shrubs flowering now: red-flowering currant, coryloplis, or winter hazel, & forsythia. [Check it out!](#)

There are upsides to ridiculously cold, wet springs like our current one: otherwise obstinate weeds like dandelions & buttercup pull easily & Mother Nature gives procrastinators a break. That in mind, spring *is* here & gardeners need to get in gear before tasks become burdens.



**Weeds:** Unless you've got a lot of aggression to work out, this isn't usually a preferred task. As mentioned, M.N. is helping out; grab your trowel and take advantage. A hula-hoe or some Preen does wonders, too. Follow w/a general feeding & mulch w/an inch of compost.

**Lawn:** Avoid foot traffic on 'squishy' grass. Deal w/ moles- come in & ask about options. Toss on some Iron sulphate for moss & after a couple weeks lime & feed. When it warms up reseed as necessary, but until then don't waste your time & \$.

**Vegetables:** It's still prime-planting time for cool-season veggies. Get your root crops; leaf veggies; cole crops like broccoli, cabbage & kohlrabi; peas & more in the ground. Amend w/ compost & fertilizer first.

**Pruning:** Anything blooming or substantially leafed out should wait but there's plenty to still prune, e.g. roses, red twig dogwood, grapes, kiwis & peaches. Many evergreen perennials should take a whacking now, too: ferns, Fatsia, Mexican Orange & Corsican hellebores to name a few. If you missed 'Winter Pruning' in Jan, make sure to put our 'Summer Pruning' class on the calendar for Jun 4th.

**Roses:** Most hybrid teas & floribundas should be reduced to 12-18" & 4-6 canes now. Apply fertilizer, lime & an inch of compost. Prevent mildew, fungus & other diseases w/ a systemic drench; if roses are mixed w/edibles come in & ask.

**Bulbs:** Now is the time to plant all those summer jewels like dahlias, gladiolas, begonias, lilies & much, much more. Just be sure you have good drainage first & if not, add more compost.

**Winter Damage:** If it's alive there should be signs by now- new buds, green in scraped bark.... You can prune the heck out of your compromised plants, fertilize & dedicate another year to recovery; or like me, you may opt for the 'Shovel, Dig & Ditch' method. Then, replant w/ something that has made it through the last 3 winters unscathed.

**Plant:** Do I always wrap up my 'to do' list w/ planting?... Maybe so. But there's good reason. Gardens change & so do gardeners. Whether new to the lifestyle or an old pro like myself, planting is always something to enjoy. Stop by the nursery to see what's blooming. Take something home. And one way or another, find a place for new love in the garden.