

'Sunnyside Up'

May 2011 Newsletter

May Classes

All classes begin at 10am.

'Hands-on Hanging Baskets'

w/ Greenhouse Manager, Mary Stole

- Sat, May 14th, \$35 fee includes materials, class limit 20, advanced registration required

'Summer Veggies for the 'Hot' Gardener'

w/ Mary Ann & Andy Sudkamp

- Sat, May 21st, free, advanced registration is appreciated

Visit [Classes & Events](#) on our website for more details.

Mother's Day is May 8th



Reserve one of our homegrown hanging baskets as a wonderful gift for yours!

For sun or shade, they're budded up & ready to bloom.

Save 30% when you pre-order your spring bulbs



Ever consider pre-ordering your spring bulbs?:

- see what you want to plant and where at the right time for the garden
- let the bulbs blooming now motivate you for next year
- Save 30% by ordering now!

Browse our selection of bulbs for fall now in our 'bulb book' at the store.

We have 5 Certified Professional Horticulturists on staff!

What's in a CPH?

- extensive studying & training
- written examination
- practical experience w/ an approved facility
- continuing education in horticulture

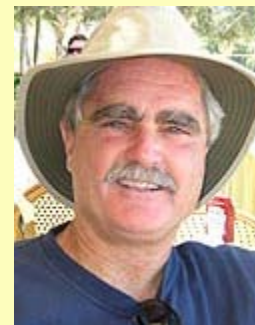
This means you can be confident that you are getting excellent gardening advice from employees that really know their stuff.



Greetings from 'The Whistling Gardener'

As the yard is in a state of suspended animation, May's 'to dos' looks a lot like April's. The upside is that if you couldn't drag yourself out in the April showers, you didn't get far behind.

Roses: Grow flowers. Not foliage. Even though they are leafing out, you can still cut roses back. Hybrid teas and floribundas can go down to 12-18 inches tall and 4-6 canes even now. Prevention of fungal disease may take more than an oz. this spring. Apply a systemic drench and keep on top of it.



Lawns: Give your grass a chance. Toss on some iron sulfate to control moss. Follow up in a couple weeks w/ lime & fertilizer. Shoot out the dandelions & clover w/ 'Weed Beater Ultra' on one of those warmish, dryish days. It works better in cool weather than a lot of herbicides, and is listed for over 200 broadleaf weeds. You can even reseed two weeks after application, so long as it's warm enough for the grass seed to germinate.

Weeds: A hoe and rake go a long way now. So does an herbicide, if you're the type. Either way, get the weeds gone. Then sprinkle on some weed preventer- we have 'Preen' in both natural and synthetic formulas. And spread out an inch of mulch. I recommend compost. Less weeds and less watering later on will make you glad you did. It looks sharp, too.

Pruning: As early spring bloomers finish up, cut them back to encourage new growth. Otherwise, look at things you may have skipped earlier. Cut out dead and spindly branches on hydrangeas. Grapes & kiwis need a good whacking to keep fruit set in your favor. Peaches need a serious pruning each spring. Cut red twig dogwoods back hard. And evergreen perennials like ferns & ornamental grasses should be cleaned up by now.

Vegetables: There's still time for cool season veggies. Think peas, roots & leaf crops. You can think tomatoes now, too. Just have some row cover handy in case of frost. Later this month you can even think of warm season veggies like cucumbers and peppers. Don't forget [class May 21st](#).

Plant: The perennial tables are filling up with nice looking plants. There's a wide selection of flowering shrubs & trees to choose from now. And, though the annuals in the 'color' department are looking rather green, they are loaded w/ buds that will break open with just a little sunshine. Know the tricks for killer hanging baskets? If not, go to [class May 14th](#) and take the guesswork out!

Get out and enjoy the weather when it's good. Get ready for the good weather when it isn't. And, "**Come garden with us**".