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# Gill Garden News



Late season cold fronts and a splash of rain at the end of April have everyone celebrating their outdoors. It was delightful to see so many of you out in the rain last Sunday with your umbrellas smiling and shopping for something new for your garden.

## FEATURED THIS MONTH: *SUCCULENTS!*

Open most any home and garden magazine and you are sure to find a spread on succulent gardening. Their fame is found in a display of artistic and graphic forms looking like a modern art exhibit in a garden setting. They are unusual and best of all easy to grow. Come out to our Airline store and shop our selection of succulents to create your own work of art. We have everything and staff to help you be a garden artist! Head over to <http://www.gillnursery.com> for more info and inspiration.

## LAWN CARE

- Fertilize this month, before the summer heat. Apply a fast release fertilizer (Gill Lawn and Garden 13-1-3) or slow release (Green Diamond 21-7-14), to your lawn. Water in well. (approximately 30 minutes per area)
- Organic fertilizers such as Milorganite, Lady Bug Lawn & Garden, Medina Growin Green, and Gardenville are excellent fertilizers that feed plants and the soil
- Prevent Broad Leaf Weeds with Greenlight Amaze, or Hi Yield Weed Control With Dimension.
- Lay new sod anytime, and Bermuda seed anytime this month, Plan to water!
- Established lawns, continue watering if we don't have rain (**Follow the cities watering guidelines.**)
- Apply Ironite or Hi Yield Iron Plus to yellow spots in lawn, organically with Texas Green Sand

## PLANT

### *Late spring, summer blooming annuals and perennials:*

- For sunny areas, try zinnias, periwinkles, moss rose, purslane, lantana, blue daze, false heather, salvia, ice plant, gomphrena, ruellia, coreopsis, and pentas
- For shady areas, try caladiums, coleus, begonias, ageratum, shrimp plant, torenia, agapanthus and snowbush

### *Seeds:*

- Morning glory, moonflower, zinnias, sunflowers, gomphrena

### *All container grown:*

- Hardy and tropical trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, groundcovers, and citrus trees

## FERTILIZE

- Tomato and pepper plants regularly. Use High Yield 21-0-0 (ammonium sulfate) or Miracle Gro For Tomatoes, organically with Rose Glo or Hasta Gro, or Plant Tone
- Annuals and perennials, with Miracle Gro or Osmocote Time Release Granules, organically with Medina Growin Green, Lady Bug Lawn and Garden, or Hasta Gro.
- Your azaleas, gardenias, and magnolias with Azalea Food or Miracle Gro ACR for acid loving plants, organically with Maestro Gro-Rose Glo, or Texas Green Sand.
- All roses with Rose Food or Bayer Rose & Flower Care, organically with Maestro Gro-Rose Glo.
- All hibiscus and tropical bloomers with Green Diamond Hibiscus Food, organically with Maestro Gro-Rose Glo.
- All trees and shrubs with Gill Lawn and Garden Fertilizer, Green Diamond Supreme Lawn Food, organically with Milorganite, Medina Growin Green, Lady Bug Lawn and Garden or Gardenville
- All granular fertilizer should be watered in well

## PRUNE

- All early spring bloomers if not already done, such as azaleas, indian hawthorn and carolina jessamine
- Trim hedges as needed to maintain good form
- Poinsettias to approximately 12" tall

## WATCH OUT FOR

- Fungus, Powdery Mildew – Daconil, organically with Neem Oil, or Serenade
- Chinch bugs in lawns – treat with Spectracide Triazicide or Bayer Complete Insect Control liquid or granule, Cyonara, organically with Diatomaceous Earth, or Pyrethrin
- Grub worms – use Bayer Complete, Spectracide Triazicide, Season Long Grub Control, organically with Pyrethrin, or Nematodes
- Mealy bugs – treat with Liquid Sevin, Spectracide Triazicide or Bonide Systemic, organically with Neem Oil, or Pyrethrin
- Spider mites – use Spectracide Triazicide, or Bonide Systemic, organically with Neem Oil, or Spinosad
- Fleas and ticks – treat lawns with Cyonara, Spectracide Triazicide, organically with Spinosad, or Diatomaceous Earth Crawling Insect Killer, or Nematodes

**\*\*Be sure to follow label directions as not all chemicals can be used on all plants\*\***

## WATER

- When watering during periods of windy dry conditions, it's important to water slow and deep. Be sure to watch the spray of your sprinkler and adjust accordingly with the wind
- Water all plants well after planting and regularly through the first year
- Plants will begin to use more water as they grow and bloom. Outdoor potted plants dry out quickly as do hanging baskets and small annuals

## MULCH

Apply mulch around trees, flowerbeds and vegetable gardens to reduce weeds and help retain moisture. We like cypress, hardwood and pine straw mulch. These reduce weeds well and will not float away.

We invite you to head to <http://www.gillnursery.com> and follow us on Facebook for more garden news, upcoming events, and up to date city water guidelines.

# Gills' Spring 2013 Garden Talks

Join us these Saturdays 10 to 11am at our Airline store. It's fun, informative, and free!

Questions are always welcome.

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## CREATING GARDEN PATHS & PATIOS

*Speaker James Gill, Owner and Landscape Designer, Gill Landscape Nursery*

Isn't it time to create a beautiful outdoors space for your enjoyment? James is one of the best at creating outdoor spaces and garden spots. He loves the outdoors and sharing his experience and creations.

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## SEASONAL ARRANGEMENTS FROM YOUR GARDEN

*Speaker Denise Otahal, Design Asst., Gill Landscape Nursery*

A vase of beauty is awaiting you from your landscape and garden. Join us as Denise shows how to take cuttings from your garden and landscape to create beautiful floral arrangements.

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## WATER GUIDELINES: HOW TO THRIVE IN A DROUGHT

*Speaker James Gill, Owner, Gill Landscape Nursery*

As we begin the summer season and with little rainfall to date, it is vital we all understand how to keep our landscapes looking their best with the least amount of water. Join James Gill as he discusses the next stage of water restrictions for the Coastal Bend.

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## ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUR YARD

*Speaker Kathy Hubner, Landscape Designer, Gill Landscape Nursery*

You can have the best landscape in the neighborhood with less lawn space. Join us as Kathy offers beautiful landscape ideas with more emphasis on plants and garden accents while enjoying that spot of green in your lawn.

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## SUMMER COLOR FOR CONTAINERS

*Speakers Merlien Wilder & Marta Swanner, Gill Landscape Nursery*

Summer Flowers are spectacular beauties and containers make them the perfect addition for your new patio or landscape. Join Merlien and Marta as they show us how to plant these artistic creations of color.