

Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

- **GIVE** a living Valentine's gift such as a beautiful dendrobium orchid or fragrant gardenia.
- **START** the seeds of warm season crops indoors including tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and basil. You'll need to wait four to eight weeks before setting in the soil, depending on our weather patterns.
- **PRUNE** grapevines while they are dormant and canes are brittle. Pruning grapes is an art that keeps the vines producing and healthy. If you are crafty, save long, strong canes for projects, such as making wreaths.
- **REMOVE** all fallen camellia flowers from the ground to prevent disease.
- **CUT** multicolored bouquets of fragrant freesia to perfume your interiors.
- **IDENTIFY** nests that have fallen from trees or shrubs. What birds are romancing in your neighborhood?

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What type of bird nest is this? It fell from a palm tree. Notice the palm bark entwined in its construction.



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IT'S TIME TO PRUNE YOUR PINE TREES

With current winter drought conditions home owners need to make sure to water their trees too. Lack of water brings bugs and diseases. Proper pruning is also essential this time of year for your Pine trees. Bark Beetles can infest your tree when it is weak from lack of water or due to sap that comes from pruning in the spring and summer; these beetles are dormant during the fall and winter months. Beetles also can carry diseases from tree to tree, and the only way to stop them is to prevent them by having a healthy tree in the first place. So don't wait until it's too late have a complete inspection by a Certified Arborist at Advance Tree Service

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Peruse seed catalogues to be prepared for spring planting.