

# Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for March

*"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." — Charles Dickens,*

Wake up! The days are getting longer and warmer. Nature is stretching and coming out of its winter slumber. Our flowerbeds are beckoning. The fruit tree buds are bursting with color (some a bit too early) while daffodils and tulips carpet the terrain. Soon it will be springtime when the season of outdoor chores officially begins. Even with the six inches of rain of mid-February, a drought is imminent. Be water conscious and conservative. March is the month to aerate, dethatch, reseed, replant, or replace lawns. With water consumption as a major issue of all lawns, consider planting less thirsty turf such as Buffalograss, fescues, zoysia grass, or Bhaia grass as alternatives. St. Patrick's Day reminds us that green is the color of the month as we hope for the greening of our landscapes and hillsides.

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*Cymbidiums will rebloom when placed outdoors in a northeast location, or buy these orchids in bud at local outlets.*

*Photo Cynthia Brian*



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