

## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

# I Can See Clearly Now, the Rain Has Gone

*“Do I dare disturb the universe?” – The Love Ballad of Alfred J. Prufroc*

Scientists have speculated the possible return of El Nino in 2015. Even if the storms do return, the forecast predicts only moderate precipitation for Northern California. Fortunately enough rainfall in April greened the golden hills, yet as we approach summer, we must be extra diligent in our conservation methods. The fire danger is enhanced because of our dry winter. In fact, the fire season of 2013 was still in progress as we entered the beginning of the 2014 fire season this month. As humans we have altered the climate and stressed our great globe. It's not too late to begin being better stewards. In my past two Digging Deep's, I've outlined how we can prepare our garden for the forthcoming drought. This is the third installment of the Drought Gardening Series with a list of plants that can thrive with little water.

If you missed Part 1 and 2, you can visit the Lamorinda Weekly website to read them online:

Part 1: Singing in the Rain

(<https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0801/Digging-Deep-Gardening-with-Cynthia-Brian-Singing-in-the-Rain.html>);

Part 2: Don't Doubt the Drought

(<https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0803/Digging-Deep-Gardening-with-Cynthia-Brian-Dont-Doubt-the-Drought.html>).

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*A water trough makes a rustic raised bed for all plants, not just edibles. Pictured: rosemary and variegated cordylines.*

*Photos Cynthia Brian*



*Artichokes require minimal water yet provide a hearty, tasty crop year after year.*



*A variety of colors, sizes, and textures make these aloes, succulents, and grasses a gorgeous addition to a drought garden.*