

PRUNE spring-flowering clematis after the blooms are spent.

SPRUCE up your decks and patios by growing herbs and flowers in one container.

PICK mulberries as they turn from red to deep purple. You'll have to work fast, or the birds will do the picking for you.

RAKE lawns to help with de-thatching. Aerate with a garden fork to help water penetrate.

VISIT me at the Be the Star You Are!® booth at the Moraga Faire on May 9 to pick up your free hollyhock seeds and potpourri. Make a \$95 tax-deductible donation in the name of your mom or grandmother to have a case of brand new books valued at \$720 donated in her honor to the library or school of her choice. She's worth it! <http://www.bethestaryouare.org/donate.htm>

BUY six packs of annual color for both sun and shade gardens. Most retailers are featuring big sales at the moment, and these small packs add a big punch to your growing garden.

DESIGN a "bed head" garden area and give yourself a labor break.

TRANSPLANT any small trees or shrubs into desired areas before the end of the month.

KEEP doors closed on garages and sheds, or you may invite a slithery serpent to snoop.

LAVISH mom with a pot of pretties, perhaps dahlias, and delphiniums on Mother's Day and thank her for being the wonderful woman she is.

May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life!

May Blessings!

Happy Gardening,
Happy Growing.

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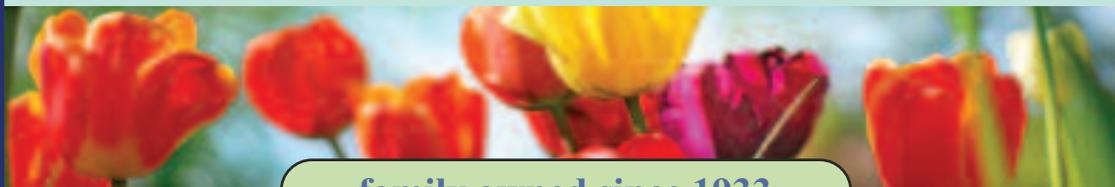
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