



California poppies brighten a rock garden.

**PINCH** seedlings on annuals to encourage branching and lush, fuller growth patterns.

**CUT** a stem of digitalis, common name, foxglove, to enjoy the speckled throats indoors. Since foxglove is poisonous, deer don't bother it.

**SUPPORT** your sprouting tomatoes with wire cages or teepees to prevent them from toppling over and sprawling on the ground. The fruit will rot when in contact with soil.

**ALLOW** passion flower tendrils to vine and twine over fences and trellises. Although there are over 400 species of vines and shrubs, all Passiflora boast an exotic flower that lives only a day.

**MULCH** your entire garden with at least three inches of material to help retain moisture, keep the soil cooler, and prevent drought-related problems throughout the upcoming hot months.

**GIVE** the gift of a living plant for all the special occasions of the month. Live plants clean the air while affording beauty, fragrance, and the presence of nature.

Congratulations to all our local graduates. May you be happy, healthy, and always curious.

Happy Gardening! Happy Growing!

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The pink bower vine blooms in Cynthia Brian's garden.

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