

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for July



A filtered pond doesn't breed mosquitoes and adds a relaxing water feature to a natural setting.

- **CUT** old or overgrown elderberry trees down to the ground. The stump will re-sprout providing better flower and fruit production.
- **GROW** a pollinator garden in a pot with nectar and pollen-rich snapdragons, coneflowers, coreopsis, zinnias, thyme, sage, salvias, and sedums.
- **PLANT** tall perennials together as support beams for one another. Make sure to read the tags for spacing details. Don't overcrowd.
- **CELEBRATE** the Fourth of July with a picnic table set with red, white and blue flowers from your garden. Red roses, dahlias, or alstroemeria, blue agapantha, white gardenia or begonia will be surefire winners.
- **CHECK** for sources of mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes won't breed in swimming pools as long as the pool is filtered and chlorinated.
- **REPEL** pests and attract beneficial birds and insects by planting aromatic herbs such as basil, rosemary, thyme, or sage.
- **REDUCE** weeds by mulching with grass clippings, leaves, and other organics. Sweep or blow all of your leaves onto your lawn before mowing. Use a bag on the mower and pour all of the contents into the compost pile.
- **WATCH** the frolicking of the birds in your garden, specifically the California quail. Both the father and the mother tend to their covey of babies.
- **BLAST** aphids with a strong spray from the hose on any plants that have been invaded. If you see ants on your plants, they are protecting the aphids. Get rid of the ants and you'll also get rid of the aphids.
- **SPRAY** yourself with a bug repellent containing DEET for outdoor festivities when biting insects are present.
- **BRING** miracles into your life by savoring the long days of summer.

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