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Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for January

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"All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Birds of Paradise bloom in January, even in the cold.

Photos Cynthia Brian

Happy New Year! How many times have you voiced this well-versed exclamation in the past few days? After the Christmas holidays, we go straight into "New Year" mode with the excitement

of a rebirth. The first of January offers us an opportunity for a do-over, a fresh start, a new beginning, and 2016 is a milestone for several of us at Lamorinda Weekly as we are celebrating nine years of qual-

ity writing and publishing targeted with you in mind. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to bring you information that hopefully inspires, educates, entertains, and empowers you not only in your gardens but also in life. As you set your goals and write resolutions, I encourage you to make this the year that you drink in the beauty of nature and surround yourself with the connections of the earth. No matter what happens to us in our hectic lives, when we dig in the soil, we feel enriched in body, mind and soul. This year my commitment to you is to bring you the latest trends, tips, and topics to save resources while maintaining an outdoor space that will enliven your spirit and offer you sanctuary from the stresses of the world.

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All American Daylilies are ready to be planted.