

MID-MARCH REMINDERS from Cynthia Brian

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the Lamorinda Wine Grower's Association for their diligent efforts in getting the 29,369 acres of Lamorinda recognized as an American Viticultural Area (AVA). To buy local wine or learn more, visit www.LamorindaWineGrowers.com

CUT the spent blossoms off of daffodils and narcissus but leave the leaves to add nutrients for next year's blooms.

HARVEST asparagus spears when they are six to eight inches long.

DYE eggs for Easter with colors from your garden. Red and yellow onions, grapes, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, beets and more will give a unique look to your egg hunt.

PLANT your bare root roses, vines, and trees. Prepare the soil with compost, dig the hole according to directions, fill with top soil, water and wait for the magic.

UPCOMING GARDEN EVENTS:

VISIT the San Francisco Flower and Garden show from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. March 16-19 at the San Mateo Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, to find answers to your gardening dilemmas. \$22. www.sfgardenshow.com.

ATTEND the Water Conservation Showcase on March 22 between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the P.G.&E. Energy Center, 851 Howard Street, San Francisco. It's sponsored by the United States Green Building Council dedicated to educating and inspiring solutions for saving water, energy, and our Earth. Jackson Madnick, Founder of



Who can resist the deep rose blossoms of a crab apple tree?

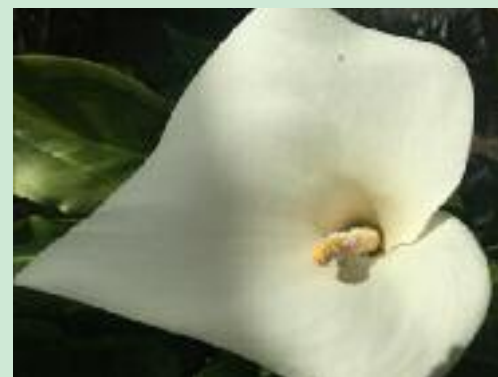
Pearl's Premium grass seed, will be presenting at 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the lawn pioneer in person to understand how revolutionary his seeds are and how you can have a lawn in a drought.

SWAP plants and tools from 12-4 p.m. on March 26 at 4500 Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. Trade your goods for other garden elements. Free. www.theplantexchange.com

MARK your calendars for wine and books event benefiting Be the Star You Are! charity from noon until 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at Dawn's Dream Winery Tasting room, NW Corner of Seventh and San Carlos, Carmel-by-the-Sea. www.bethestaryouare.org/#!events/kgh2e.

SAVE the Earth from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 17 at the Wildlife Earth Day Festival at Wagner Ranch in Orinda.

Happy Gardening and Happy Growing.



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CALL AN ARBORIST

The most common reason a tree owner calls an arborist is concern that something is wrong with a tree. It may be that some of the leaves are discolored, a branch has died, or perhaps the entire tree has been dropping leaves. Sometimes the cause of the concern is a minor problem that is easily explained and corrected. Other times the problem is more complex-with several underlining causes and a remedy that requires treatments extending over several years. Unfortunately, there are instances in which the problem has gone undetected for so long that the tree cannot be helped, and the only option is removal. If an arborist had been called earlier, perhaps the tree could have been saved.

So don't wait until it's too late, have a complete inspection by a Certified Arborist at Advance Tree Service.

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