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Digging Deep

Growing Gratitude in the Garden

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"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul." — Henry Ward Beecher



Tom turkey struts his stuff on the driveway.



Photos Cynthia Brian Hachiya persimmons hanging on the tree. Eat them when they seem over-ripe.

Are you grateful for the simple things in life? This is the perfect time of the year to reflect upon our blessings and gifts. I am so thankful for all of you who read my column. Your interest and questions are always appreciated. Thank you, also, for so many of you who have hired me to help you with your planting needs or garden desires. It's magnificent to grow with you.

Every day I am very grateful to be a gardener to witness the beauty, bounty, and endless diversity of Mother Nature. Our landscapes are ever changing. What's here today may not be here tomorrow, nor, the next year. Seeing the cows grazing in the hills, breathing our clean air, enjoying peace, safety and serenity that only comes from living in this semi-rural environment makes my heart sing with

gratitude.

Wild turkeys have moved into Lamorinda territory, immune to the possibility of becoming a holiday main dish! A big Tom waddled across my driveway as two dozen of his hens toppled and gobbled the berries from the top of my Chinese pistache.

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