

### Sheltering the Beautiful

- With the rainfall our lawns and hillsides are green and growing.
- Cyclamen abounds at nurseries and garden centers in an abundance of stunning colors-red, pink, white, burgundy. Plant these perennials to add glamour to the winter beds.
- Sunflower seeds can be scattered for next summer's glory.
- A cover crop blend will choke out weeds, protect soil structure, and increase soil fertility. Sow seeds to over-winter for spring growth.
- Cotoneaster, holly, and pyracantha showcase red pomes or berries that are perfect for holiday décor.
- Watch for the unexpected growing in your garden. Perhaps a prickly pear has taken root next to a pine tree.
- A variety of mushrooms are sprouting throughout our landscapes. Unless you are an expert in mycotoxicology, enjoy these fairy houses, but don't eat them!
- The sounds and sights of fountains flowing are stress reducing and healing.



*A sunflower produces seeds for scattering.*

Wishing you a very healthy, happy, and beautiful December where the wild things aren't!

Happy Gardening and Happy Growing!



*Cynthia Brian in a nighttime garden.*

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