

Cynthia Brian's Mid-month Gardening Guide

- **DEADHEAD** roses! Roses are abundant and magnificent this month with a profusion of blooms. As petals die, make sure to cut back to encourage more blooms.
- **SHOWER** and wash all clothes after hiking or being in the garden as ticks are hiding in the brush. See your physician or go to Urgent Care if you are bitten by a tick as they carry significant diseases.
- **EXAMINE** your pets for ticks.
- **CONSIDER** purchasing repellent clothing to protect yourself from mosquitos, ticks, and insect-borne diseases. Visit <http://www.insectshield.com>
- **LAST CHANCE** to buy discounted baseball tickets for the June 15th Oakland A's versus Los Angeles Angels with an on-the-field watching of the dinosaur fireworks show. <https://groupmatics.events/event/Bestar> More information at <http://www.BetheStarYouAre.org>
- **REPLACE** cracked or broken risers on your irrigation system.
- **WAIT** to pull leaves from daffodils and other spring bulbs until the leaves are completely dry.
- **ADD** a welcome stepping stone to your pathway.
- **PICK** colorful nasturtiums for your dinner salad.
- **PREPARE** your patio for the end of month barbecues and warm weather festivities, including graduations.
- **HANG** your tools on a fence or in a shed for easy to find and use accessibility.
- **PLANT** geraniums for vibrant color that returns annually.
- **VISIT** America's most famous conservationist and the Father of the National Park Service's home, the John Muir National Historic site in Martinez. <https://www.nps.gov/jomu/index.htm>
- **THANK** you to everyone who visited our Be the Star You Are! charity booth at the Moraga Faire. We appreciate the community spirit.

Have a safe and fun Memorial Day and congratulations to all of the graduates.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.
Cynthia Brian



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A pretty patio ready to celebrate the spring and summer special occasions.