

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for November

CHECK out Jackson & Perkins catalog celebrating their 130-year anniversary. They have created a special rose to mark the occasion, Four Roses Bourbon, a graceful deep red heat-tolerant specimen that is easy to grow and resistant to disease. Through Dec. 31 get free shipping on orders of \$75 or more with coupon code LAPARK at <http://www.jacksonandperjuns.com> or 20 percent off order with code SHARE20.

DECORATE with flint corn, also known as Indian corn. The kernels are "hard as flint" and come in colors of red, blue, black, white and yellow. This corn is edible and used in polenta and hominy.

TRAIN fig, apple, rose and Eureka lemons to grow on an espalier on a fence.

PRIVACY is critical to our relaxation. As privacy screens plant a laurel or holly hedge. Prune to your desired height and width.

HARVEST Fuyu and Hachiya persimmons. Fuyu, commonly called "apple persimmons," can be sliced and diced into salads and eaten raw. Hachiya persimmons need to be very soft and mushy before consuming. It's best to pick them now before the birds and squirrels ravage the crop.

BUY copies of "Be the Star You Are! Millennials to Boomers Celebrating Positive Voices in a Changing Digital World and Growing with the Goddess Gardener" to give as holiday gifts. Pick up at StarStyle® studios or enjoy free shipping. Available at www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store.

WALK in the woods to witness the halt to chlorophyll production in the leaves of the trees. Gather a bag of the colorful autumn treasures for your Thanksgiving table.

ENJOY the warm sunshine and cool breezes of November. Winter is coming.

DIG holes for your spring bulbs and cover. If you have clumps of iris or Naked Ladies that need dividing and replanting, this is the month for the task.

FEED annuals and lawns with a fertilizer high in nitrogen.

PLANT groundcovers and deciduous trees that boast fall wardrobes. Your local nurseries have a plethora of suggestions and selections.

FINAL chance to sow garlic and onions for next season's dining of Mediterranean staples.

BE grateful for today.

Take time to give thanks for the little things every day, not just once a year. Having an attitude of gratitude makes every moment shine brightly.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Thanksgiving!

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An espalier of apples or other fruits adds interest to a wall or fence.

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Hachiya persimmons need to be harvested before the birds and squirrels devour them.