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*Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian*

## Garden Trends for 2020, Part 1

### The power of RE



Prune or shape your crape myrtles.

Photo Cynthia Brian

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“Take a deep breath of life and consider how it should be lived.”

~Miguel de Cervantes

A new year, great cheer, time to eliminate the fear of getting dirty and starting a

garden. So many people confide to me that they have “brown thumbs.” I don’t believe it is possible. There are only those who have not tried, tried again. There is no failure in the garden. Failure is fertilizer. Every time I have a plant that does not do well, I send it to the compost pile where it will renew my garden. Pledge to get down in the dirt this

year and experiment with plants. Once you have success, you’ll be hooked on gardening, and your vivacity will soar.

To help you get into the swing of things, I’m offering you the top trends that are predicted for 2020 that have been formulated by the Garden Media Group. These trends help you choose plants, products, and services that assist you to survive and thrive in the outdoor world of Mother Nature. Who knows, with so much information you may become an influencer, or even a trendsetter yourself.

Dive in. Read the research and have some fun with regreening our Earth.

Currently, more than 50% of the world’s population resides in cities. By 2050, that number will grow to 70%. With so much connectivity and urban living, people are hungry for nature. Because of urbanization, it will become increasingly imperative for cities and businesses to design tranquil, plant-filled spaces for people to refresh and enjoy. We live in the age of social media, and parks, forests, water elements and sustainable edible gardens are critical not only for recreational purposes but to get away from the hustle and bustle of urban living. People with knowledge of plants are in demand.

More trees will be planted as a cost-saving strategy to improve the health of communities while controlling stormwater runoff, reducing air pollution, and mitigating the heat. Green environments will become the norm with green businesses assisting in the education of the public about the necessity of becoming stewards of our planet.

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