

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian **Prune, plan, and peruse**



A sprig of purple sage.

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As I walked around my property, I saw what he saw – a hillside covered in sweet-smelling narcissi, rows of pink Bergenia, waves of purple sage, shimmers of calendulas, bushes of azaleas, rhododendrons, and roses, trees of camellias, groves of ferns, mounds of nemesia, orchards of citrus, crocus, calla lilies, and daffodils popping, and the soaring orange plumes of birds of paradise all in full glorious bloom. Even in the middle of winter, my garden is teeming with interest and vibrancy.

Take a walk around your garden and make notes of where you need more wit and whimsy. Know where the sun rises, moves, and sets throughout your landscape. Do you need to add or extend irrigation? Do you have a favorite color palette, or do you prefer a cacophony of color authentically unique to you?

Once you understand your wants and needs, pour a cup of tea, cover yourself with a cozy throw, and peruse a multitude of garden catalogs that showcase bulbs, annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, grasses, fruits, vegetables and herbs. Research what plants will be best suited to your terrain and

micro-climate. Make a wish list noting the months to order, when to plant, and when to expect the show. By creating a calendar of flowering events, your garden will boast attractive appeal all year long. For a dramatic night environment, make sure to add outdoor lighting and lanterns to highlight trees, paths, fences, and walls.

Here are a few catalog favorites that you can order:

White Flower Farm:

www.WhiteFlowerFarm.com

John Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds:

www.KitchenGardenSeeds.com

Plant Delight Nursery, Inc.:

www.PlantDelights.com

Bluestone Perennials:

www.BluestonePerennials.com

The Whole Seed Catalog:

www.Rareseeds.com

Renee's Garden Seeds:

www.Reneesgarden.com

Proven Winners Shrubs:

www.ProvenWinners-shrubs.com

David Austin Roses:

www.DavidAustinRoses.com

Your general state of happiness is connected to how much you enjoy your home. With these garden catalog treasures,

you can travel the globe without leaving the safety of your house. Prune, plan, peruse, and dream on.

Happy Gardening! Happy Growing!
Happy Valentine's Day!



Calendulas add sparkle to the winter, spring, and summer garden.



A layer of frost on a retaining wall.