

Goddess Gardener's Guide

Besides boasting about succulents, I am excited that I have been harvesting cauliflower. If you haven't tried growing cole crops, I highly suggest doing so. I grow cabbage, Brussels sprouts, kale, and cauliflower. All parts of the plants are edible, and they are superfoods.

In full bloom now, peonies and gardenias are a couple of my all-time favorite flowers to add to bridal bouquets as well as flower arrangements. Peonies only last a few days in a vase; however, their impact is dramatic. A single gardenia fills a room with glorious fragrance.

June officially begins the fire season. Make sure to

remove debris from around structures and cut wild grasses to the ground. Most importantly, get your Go Bag ready and prepare for an evacuation, if necessary.

We are in a serious drought with mandatory water restrictions. Maintain your landscape by watering deeply but infrequently in the morning and evening.

Perhaps a pot of peonies or a few containers of succulents would be an attractive gift for a garden-loving, water-saving dad for Father's Day?

Relish a succulent summer and stay safe.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Father's Day!



The sweet-smelling gardenia is a joyous June bloomer.



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