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OUR HOMES

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Growing water-wise

Photos Cynthia Brian



Spanish lavender is excellent as a water-wise and pollinator plant.



Plant geraniums in containers for instant beauty.



Agastache and zinnias grow together with minimal water.

By Cynthia Brian

“Water is the driving force of all nature.” ~ Leonardo Da Vinci

Welcome to summer! It’s going to be a hot one. If the newest studies reviewing tree rings are correct, we are currently in the worst drought since 800 A.D. The first three months of this year registered the least rain and snow on record. While we plunge into pools to cool off, our gardens will struggle to survive. Conserving water is top of mind as our climate becomes warmer. It’s time for all of us to plan to grow water-wise.

I recently attended a seminar sponsored by Monrovia and came away with increased awareness of how to maintain healthy

landscapes during the dry seasons. There are numerous plants besides cacti and succulents that have low water requirements. When we re-think drought-tolerant landscapes, we may continue to enjoy our gardens with colorful and interesting trees, grasses, shrubs and flowers.

Drought-tolerant perennial contenders include:

Salvia	Penstemon	Geranium
Blanket flower,	Verbena	Spanish lavender
Catmint	Mallow	African daisy
Agastache	Coreopsis	Lantana
Guara	Red hot poker	Yarrow
Milkweed	Kangaroo paw	

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