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Gardening Tips for July



Hummingbird feeders make for great yard accents.

from UNL Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County

You might be a Master Gardener if...

- people automatically go to your back yard when visiting because you're NEVER in the house.
- your potting shed has more garden products than half of the garden centers in town.
- You know how many bags of fertilizer your car will hold.

*Snapdragons should be pinched back after blooming to promote a second flush of growth.

*Cut back and fertilize delphinium and phlox to encourage a second flowering.

*Many plants are easily propagated by layering. Verbenas, euonymus, English ivy and climbing roses are a few plants that will root if the stems are fastened down and covered with soil.

*Cutting flowers is best

done with sharp shears or a knife which will help avoid injury to the growing plant. A slanting cut will expose a larger absorbing surface to water and will prevent the base of the stem from resting on the bottom of the vase. It is best to carry a bucket of water to the garden for collecting flowers, rather than a cutting basket.

*Divide and transplant bearded iris using the vigorous ends of the rhizomes. Discard the old center portion. Cut the leaves back to about six inches.

*Tall flowers should be staked to prevent damage by wind. Use stakes which are large enough to support the plant but are not too conspicuous. Use soft twine or twist ties to secure.

*A brown or grayish cast over a lawn can be caused by a dull or improperly

adjusted mower blades that shred grass rather than cut it.

*Store pesticides in a safe place in their original containers, away from children and pets. Use pesticides carefully in your garden. Read the labels and follow the directions. The warnings and precautions are for your protection.

*Certain pesticides have a waiting period of several days between the time of the last spray and harvest. Read and follow directions on all labels before applying to your vegetable crops. Wash all produce thoroughly before use.

*Control mosquitoes by eliminating all sources of stagnant water.

*A garden needs one inch of rain or water each week. Early morning is the best time to water. Evening

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watering is less desirable because plant leaves that remain wet through the night are more susceptible to fungus diseases. Mulch plants to reduce water losses and improve yields.

*For fall harvest of lettuce, radish, carrots, beets, turnips, kale and spinach, sow seeds in late July to early August.

*Continue to make successive plantings of crops like beans and sweet corn to provide a continuous harvest until fall. A small garden will produce a large quantity of vegetables if replanting is done throughout the summer.

*Check the soil moisture of container grown vegetables and flowers daily. As the temperature rises, some plants may need water twice a day.

*Continue attracting insect eating birds to the garden area by providing them with a fresh water source

WORK DAY AT ANIMAL FRIENDS

Join Joan and other MGs on Thursday, July 2nd at 9:30 a.m. for another planting work day at our new MG Project with Animal Friends. They are still accepting donations of unwanted perennials, so if you're cleaning out your beds and wondering what to do with the excess, they would love to have them. Contact Joan Beard if you would like more information or to volunteer. Her email is beardinski@hotmail.com and her telephone is 304-296-2999.

July Meeting Invitation & Directions

Hello Master Gardeners,
I'd like to invite everyone to my home and garden for the next meeting on July 1 at 6:30. I will be providing an educational hour titled "An Artist's Garden." I will also have light refreshments for everyone.

My address is 337 Rotary Street in Suncrest near Krepps Park.
Follow University Avenue to the two traffic islands across from each other.
Turn onto Rotary Street toward Krepps Park. (Right if you're coming thru Star City and Left if you're coming from Patteson Drive)
Go thru two stop signs.
After the second stop sign I'm the 4th house on the right. (Two story: red brick first story and gray cedar second story)

You can park in the double car driveway or on the street. (Plenty of street parking)
If it rains we can gather in my garden room that has floor to ceiling windows to look out at the gardens.

I hope that you will be able to come!! Linda Dlugos

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 MG Meeting Linda's house 6:30 p.m.	2 9:30 a.m. Animal Friends work day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 WVBG Summer Mushroom Walk 9 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 WVBG Forest Understory Walk 9 a.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

July Monthly MG Meeting

The July monthly meeting will be a tour of "An Artist's Garden", owned by fellow MGer Linda Dlugos. See the invitation on the preceding page for more information and directions to her house.

See you there!

Learn to Grow "Pesticide Use"

The July installment of the beginning gardener series will be Proper Use of Pesticides with speaker H.R. Scott, Monongalia County Extension Agent. Class will be from 10 a.m.– noon on Saturday, July 18th. Spread the word!





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<http://monongalia.ext.wvu.edu>

*If you need information posted on the calendar or Master Gardener page
just let me know!*

- editor

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