



## LINDEN GARDEN CLUB OF PINEWILD

### *Horticultural Tips from Barb Cohen*

Hi Everyone,

It is finally spring and it is beautiful outside. We have this magnificent snowball verbena shrub and it has large white blossoms that are just glowing through the plantings. It's a beautiful shrub that truly makes you happy. I think that it is worth painting. There is so much to do in the garden at this time of year, so be sure to pause and enjoy your labors. I'm not sure if all of the rains are over, but if it rains at the proper times that will be alright.

Tips for June:

Prune:

- Azaleas and rhodis after they have bloomed.
- Prune-out dead branches in shrubs and trees and prune back to a node. Be sure to prune on an angle.
- Reshape plants if they have overgrown their space.
- Do Not cut back bulb foliage - it is good food for the next season.

Fertilize:

- Use rose food for roses.
- Fertilize azaleas and rhodis.
- Use 10-10-10 if you didn't fertilize around Memorial Day.
- Put some 0-0-22 around the canopy of your shrubs and trees. Do not have to measure, but judge accordingly.

Lawns:

- Maintain mowing height of fescue and bluegrass @ 2 1/2 " to 3".
- Be on the look-out for grubs - treat accordingly.
- Check for moles and voles that will eat your grass and roots of plantings. -treat accordingly

If you get on-top of these grubs early you will do your grass a favor and have a beautiful lawn.

Flowers:

- Remember to deadhead.
- Division of some flowers can be done now.
- Check for tree galls on azaleas and camellias. Dispose of the galls in the garbage.
- Start pinching back mums.
- Flowers can be planted now with no thought of frost.

Can put houseplants outside for the summer now.

I thought that you all might be interested in backdrops for your gardens. The following plants will add height to your garden and be beautiful at the same time.

- Blue False Indigo or ( Baptisia australis) - perennial with spires of smoky-blue flowers that appear in late spring. Grows 3 to 4 feet.;perennial
- Cannas - they will add a tropical feeling to your garden. Height is 6 to 8 feet and bloom in summer and fall. Range of colors; perennial

- Joe-Pye-Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*) - grows 6 feet or more; feathery, snowball like blooms; attracts butterflies; perennial
- Ginger Lily (*Gedycium ciribaruum*) - sweet smelling and grows up to 7 feet
- Hibiscus - Lord Baltimore can grow to 5 feet; blooms from summer to frost.
- Swamp Sunflower (*Helianthus angustifolius*)- grows up to 6 feet; fall bloomer.
- Red Hot Poker (*Kniphofia uvaria*) - interesting plant that can grow to 4 feet.
- Jacob Cline Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*) - grows 3 to 4 feet; fragrant flower that hummingbirds and bees love; Jacob Cline is a disease resistant variety.
- Giant Cornflower (*Rudbeckia maxima*) - grows to 4 to 6 feet; dramatic and kind-of breezy in appearance.
- Castor bean (*Ricinus communis*) - this plant will reseed quickly to fill a border; all parts of this plant are Poisonous.

There are so many others such as; *Phlox paniculata* David; *Rudbeckia maxima*; *Echinacea*; *Miscanthus*; *Coreopsis* etc Take a trip over to Gulleys; Green Haven; or go up to Tramway to visit Big Bloomers. You will be delighted to see so many wonderful border plants etc.

Any questions; call me at 255.0010

Enjoy,

*Barb*