

# Happy Valentine's Day!



## PLANT:



- Time to **start seeds**. Be sure to check out Yamagami's extensive seed selection for some very exciting choices, especially for organic gardens. We also offer the supplies you need for successful seeding! Attend a **FREE** class: **Starting Your Spring Veggie Garden By Seed**. See Coming Events for details.
- Plant dormant **perennial vegetables** like asparagus, horseradish, and rhubarb now. They are ornamental as well as productive for many years! Follow our **FREE** Planting Guides for your gardening success. Guides can be found here in the store or at [www.Yamagamis.com](http://www.Yamagamis.com) under Garden Guides.



- Get the pick of the crop in **fruit trees and berries**. We offer a terrific assortment that is at its best now. We have fruit salad trees hard-to-find varieties like Sugar Cane Jujube. See our **Backyard Orchard Culture Guide** for tips on maximizing your harvests while keeping your trees at a manageable size. Follow our **FREE Fruit Tree Planting Guide** for guaranteed success.

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- Plant **flowers** amongst your vegetables and fruit trees to **attract bees**. Some great choices include Alyssum, Cosmos, and daisies. Not only do they pollinate, but the sound and vibrations of bee traffic disrupts caterpillars' feeding, causing them to eat only 1/3 of their normal consumption! Attend a **FREE** class **Plants For Birds, Bees, and Butterflies**. See Coming events for details.



- To help with veggie and fruit pollination, we offer **Mason bees** and their habitats. They are hard-working pollinators for bountiful harvests! They don't sting or build hives, Attend a **FREE** class: **All About Mason Bees** on Saturday, February 18th at 10 AM. See Coming Events for details.
- Plant **spring-blooming trees** now, while they are still dormant and easier to handle. We offer Flowering Japanese Apricots, Flowering Cherries, Flowering Plums, Flowering Crabapples and Magnolias.
- Plant a **hummingbird-friendly garden** by including blooming plants for every season. A surprising number of plants provide nectar, even in winter!
- **Summer-Flowering Bulbs** like Begonias, Gladiolas, and Dahlias have arrived. Choose yours early while selection is at its peak!
- Plant **Blueberries** in the ground or in containers for their beauty as well as their tasty fruit. Follow our **FREE Blueberry Guide** for success. We also offer many other berries in liner pots. Choose from **blackber-**

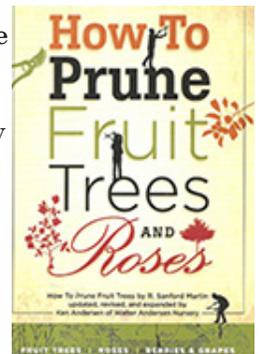
**ries, gooseberries, ollalieberries** and **raspberries** for delicious summer harvests.

## FERTILIZE:

- Encourage new canes on older **Roses** with **Alfa Grow Alfalfa Pellets**. Follow up with **G & B Rose and Flower Fertilizer** when you see new growth.
- For bluer blooms on Hydrangeas, apply **Espoma Soil Acidifier**. Use it around all your acid-loving plants like blueberries, Citrus, Camellias, and Azaleas. To maintain pink hydrangeas use **Espoma Garden Lime** once buds start to form.
- Feed your **blooming plants** with **Maxsea (16-16-16)** to keep them blooming even in cool weather. Follow the directions for foliar feeding for quicker results.

## PRUNE:

- Trees and shrubs that have broken or torn branches should be pruned to **make clean cuts instead of leaving rough or ripped edges**. Angle the cuts so that rain will run off, away from trunk.
- **Wait until danger of frost has passed** (mid-March) before removing frost-damaged growth. That sad looking foliage is actually helping to protect the remaining plant.
- **Prune summer-blooming, deciduous plants** now, but wait to prune spring-blooming plants until they are done blooming.
- Last chance to **dormant prune** most deciduous fruit trees and roses before they start blooming. Keep Sanford Martin's very helpful **How To Prune Fruit Trees and Roses** book handy while working on your plants.



## PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE:

Dormant sprays are key to preventing many disease and insect problems in spring. Disease are often spread by rains and are likely to be fierce this year.



• On fruit trees apply *Liqui-Cop*

before flower buds open to prevent fungal problems like Peach Leaf Curl. See our FREE *Fruit Tree Care Calendar* online at [www.yamagamis.com](http://www.yamagamis.com) under Garden Guides for more info.



• Dormant spray *Liqui-Cop* on roses

to prevent the return of fungus problems like rust and mildew. It should be done immediately after pruning and stripping of old foliage.

• Once the *Liqui-Cop* has dried, apply *Monterey Horticultural Oil* to both roses and fruit trees to prevent the return of over-wintering insects like aphids and whiteflies.

• Prevent sunburn and subsequent borer damage on fruit and citrus trees, or heavily pruned trees by painting their trunks with *Go Natural Paint*. Borers find sunburned trunks attractive and are quick to lay their eggs in the damaged bark.

• Hang *Tanglefoot Codling Moth Traps* in apple and pear trees about two weeks before they bloom. Pheromones attract male codling moths, preventing them from mating. Fewer male moths means fewer fertile eggs to hatch into worms in your fruit. Traps reduce moth population, but heavy infestations should be sprayed. The traps serve to monitor moth population. If you see lots of

moths appear in the traps, spray with OMRI-approved *Monterey Garden Insect Spray* (spinosad) during the blooming season as per directions. Spray at dusk to avoid contact with bees.

• Use *Preen* to prevent water-thieving weed seeds from sprouting in your flower and shrub beds. Clear the weeds first, then apply. It's especially useful around newly planted groundcovers, giving them a chance to get established without competition. It works for up to 4 months. Since it prevents any seed from sprouting, don't apply to areas where you plan to sow seed.

• Set out *Biocare Yellowjacket and Wasp Traps* now to catch the newly emerging queens out looking for a place to nest. If you can trap one now, she represents a whole nest that will never be. **Traps do not attract honeybees!** Talk to your neighbors about working together to keep your area free of these stinging pests so you can enjoy your garden.

• Control and prevent **petal blight** on Camellias and Azaleas by promptly removing affected blooms and cleaning up the fallen ones. Apply fresh mulch beneath Camellias to prevent old spores from splashing up and infecting your flowers. Landscape fabric covered with mulch offers two layers of defense.

## GARDEN MAINTENANCE:



• **Snails and slugs** romance around Valentine's Day, too. *Sluggo* is a safe bait to use around edibles, children and pets. It even breaks down to a fertilizer. *Gro Power Snail & Slug Away* is a spray that repels snails and slugs. Use it directly on new plantings to prevent infestations. *Sluggo Plus* is an effective bait to use for sowbugs, earwigs and cutworms.

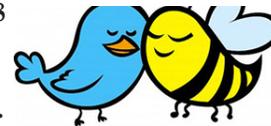
## COMING EVENTS:

• **Tues., Feb. 14th** is Valentine's Day.

Find something special for your sweetheart in our garden and gift shop.



• **Sat., Feb. 18** About the Birds and the Bees Day.



Classes are free and attendees will receive 20% OFF their purchases. Get here early for good seats.

**10 AM All** About Mason

Bees with a guest speaker from (Organic Control). Mason Bees are tiny, non-stinging, solitary bees and are very effective pollinators.



**2 PM** Plants for Birds, Bees, and Butterflies.

Hannah will show and discuss plants to attract pollinators. She will feature water-wise, low-maintenance plants.



• **Sun., Feb. 19th, at 11 AM: Starting Your Spring Veggie Garden**

By Seed. Hannah will share tips for seed sowing. Class is FREE and attendees will receive 20% OFF their purchases. Get here early for good seats.



• **Sun., March 19th from 12 to 2 PM: A Celebration Of Citrus!**

Don't miss the Citrus Tasting hosted by Generation Growers. Citrus-based goodies will be sampled and recipes will be shared. Talk with the grower for advice regarding the right citrus for your garden.

