

FERTILITY RITES, DISTRESS SIGNALS & THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Merry, Merry Month

When I look out over the garden, it's easy to guess the month. Roses, peonies and iris are in their ascendancy while hellebores and pansies wane. The yellow greens of early Spring are blending with the bluer greens of Summer. It must be May.

When I was a kid, there was a TV show called "December Bride" with Spring Byington. I loved her name – Spring. I imagined that she had three daughters, April, May & June.

May, the middle child, wore flowered prints, a light shawl, a big floppy straw hat and carried a basket of blooms.



Peonies by Pat White

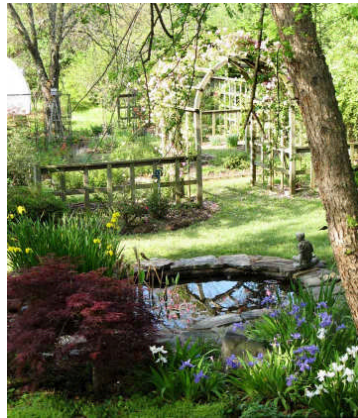
She was abundance and sweet fragrance. A light breeze on a warm day.

Ships at sea used her name when calling for help. Labor organizations chose her day to celebrate. Children honored their Mothers with gifts of flowers. Ancient peoples danced each Spring to honor her bounty.

Let us, at least metaphorically, twine our ribbons around the flower pole to celebrate her arrival.

*Merrily,
Kathy*

P.S. We have many baskets and color pots perfect for Mother's Day gifts. Maypoles are out of stock.



Pond and Roses

New Shrubs

We just got in a number of shrubs and trees ready for planting:

- Crape Myrtles – Tall white Natchez, gloriously scarlet Red Rocket, dwarf dark red Victor and others.
- Hydrangeas – Annabelle, Limelight, and Forever Summer, along with Snow Queen oak leaf and fabulous tree-form PGs.
- Knockout Roses in tree form – red, double red, and pink.
- Altheas – Lavender Chiffon, Li'l Kim, Aphrodite, and tree-form pure white Diana and pink Aphrodite.
- Wisteria – Tree-form Amethyst Falls
- Camellias – SPECIAL – 1 gallon size for \$5.00!
- Viburnums – spring and summer blooming

Minding our Peas and Cukes

We've been eating lettuce from our garden for several weeks now, and the peas are about to be ready for the salad bowl, sauté pan, and freezer. I recently made cole slaw from the "broccoli" that we planted last Fall that turned into Savoy cabbage over the winter.

The potatoes are in their pots, layered with soil as they grow. The tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, cucumbers and marigolds have all been planted. And Pat set out the asparagus beans just this week.

She planted 12 different kinds of tomatoes to feed two of us. I don't think we'll run out.

I can hardly wait to pick and eat one of our tomatoes.. A friend says that there are only two things that money can't buy: true love and home-grown tomatoes.

We still have tomato plants of many different varieties available: Cherokee, Brandywine, Tigerella, Rutgers, Whopper, Sweet 100s, Arkansas Traveler, Celebrity, etc. Squash, cukes, eggplant, and peppers are also ready to go home with you.



Nursery & Gallery Hours

Mar - June

Monday – Saturday

9:00 – 5:00

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00

(closed Sundays in June)

Sage House Gallery Corner

New Paintings – New Artists

Help us welcome Shirley Brainard, watercolorist from Little Rock, and Roberta Coyne, jeweler from Conway, to the gallery..