



Master Gardener Tips

March

- * When planning an herb garden, choose a permanent spot for each Herb. Many annual herbs will self seed and frequently come up year after year.
- * Parsley is rich in vitamins A and C. Be sure to include this valuable cooking herb in your garden. Its leaves add interest in flower areas too.
- * Blue bells will spread, similar to daffodils but they prefer a shadier location. They will bloom where they get no sun.
- * Impatiens are great shade flowering plants. They are also sensitive to cold. Wait until the ground warms up to plant and expect them to die at the first frost in the fall.
- * Check out all the new perennials in your local nursery.
- * It takes 2 hours a week to care for a 20 by 50 foot garden. That does not include planting. So plan accordingly for the size of garden you are planning. Most of us will not have that large a garden, but any garden will require time each week.
- * Toward the end of March, plant outdoors onion sets, potatoes, peas, radishes, carrots, turnips, leaf lettuce and other cold hardy vegetables.
- * Most cacti bloom more readily if root bound.
- * Stepping stones that have sunk into the ground, need to be repositioned for the new year. Lift them up and spread sand in the low areas and then replace the stones.
- * Birds need new or cleaned bird houses. The season for them is arriving.
- * Before you work in the garden make sure the soil is dry enough to crumble in your hand. If it's too wet; wait for it to dry out because the hard clumps turn into cement like soil.
- * Edging the gardens will make for easier planning and planting. Having a crisp edge also makes everything look tidy.

