



# The High Desert Gardener



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#### Moana Lane Garden Center

The Florist, Greenhouse & Gift Shop  
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775-825-0600

#### Moana Ln. Store Hours

Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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#### S. Virginia Store Hours

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Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Pyramid Hwy. Garden Center

Spanish Springs Nursery  
7655 Pyramid Hwy., Sparks  
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## March Rewards Member Only Savings!

Get \$10 off any \$50 purchase all month long.

Shop as often as you want!

Watch for another rewards member offer in April.

*No limit on number of purchases. Excludes Teleflora, gift cards, greeting cards & Moana Rock. Offer good for rewards members only. Ends 3/31/11*

## Now is the Time To...

- Some birds will begin building their nests this month; place nesting materials out for them now and consider a **Wild Birds Unlimited** birdhouse for wrens, bluebirds or woodpeckers.
- Apply pre-emergent weed control to prevent weed germination and unwanted plants in your landscape - we recommend **Green Light Amaze** for flower beds & non-planted areas, hillsides, paths, etc.
- Prevent crabgrass and feed lawn with **Scotts Super Turf Builder plus Halts**.
- Start a compost pile; consider an **Achla Spinning Composter** and use **Dr. Earth Compost Starter** for faster composting.
- Plant fruit trees - pear, apple, peach, cherry, apricot, nectarine & plum now on a dry day before buds swell. Spray with **Liquid Fence Freeze Pruf** when buds begin to swell to prevent frost damage by protecting buds from 2-9 degrees F below freezing.
- Plant cool-season flowers - snapdragons, stocks, primroses, pansies, violets, Iceland poppies, ranunculus, candytuft, lavender, daylilies, thymes, flowering kale and cabbage, etc.
- Begin fertilizing houseplants with **Osmocote Outdoor & Indoor Slow Release Fertilizer** or **Grow More Sea Grow All Purpose Plant Food** as new growth begins.
- Start a **Victory Garden** or **Square Foot Edible Garden** - plant

**Pyramid Store Hours \*Closed on Tues & Wed\***

Mon, Thursday, Friday and Sat  
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Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Landscape & Design Center**

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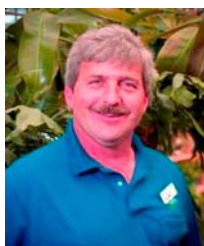
**Featured Products:**

For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or

radish, lettuce and cabbage seeds, onions, potatoes, asparagus, garlic, shallots, strawberries, rhubarb, horseradish and Swiss chard.

[Click here for more Timely Tips!](#)

**Looking for more timely tips? Watch News 4 every Friday morning at 6 a.m. for Moana Nursery's High Desert Gardening Tip of the Week!**

**Tips from Plant Doctor Jon****"The Changing Landscape"**

In 1988, I made the carefully thought-out decision to transplant three silver maples on my newly purchased property to an appropriate location. I needed fast growing shade trees; the new location was away from structures, and I, most importantly, was aware that some day the trees would need to be removed. Those magnificent trees served my family and me well. They provided shade for my young children as they practiced soccer and baseball and a magnificent tree fort was constructed using their mighty foundation. Fortunately, twenty-three years later, I am still living in that same home. The silver maples will serve one more purpose of providing heat for my home. This is the year I am saying goodbye to them!

[Click here to read Jon's article.](#)

**March Bird of the Month**  
**American Robin**

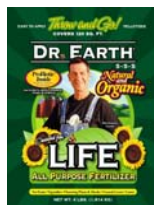
The American Robin is a member of the thrush family, which also includes bluebirds, solitaires and the wood thrushes. It can be found throughout North America at some time during the year. Male robins have a dark gray to almost black back and tail with a rust/brick colored breast. The female is paler all over. The juvenile robins have a spotted breast. Robins live on average about 1 ½ years, but can live up to five years.

**Fun Facts:**

- American Robins living in the western states tend to be paler in color and often lack the white markings on the outer corners of their tail.
- While they eat a variety of insects and berries, it has been noted that robins can eat up to 14' of earthworms in a day!

Robins can be attracted to a feeding station by offering mealworms, fruit and a birdbath. It's especially fun to offer mealworms during nesting season when the robins can stop and pick up a mouthful of tasty worms to take back to their babies. They will fill their mouth until you think nothing

transplanting all plants:  
Superthrive, Gardener &  
Bloomer Soil Building  
Compost and Dr. Earth Life  
Fertilizer.



March Recommended  
Products:



Spray **Cloud Cover** on  
broadleaf evergreens to protect  
against cold, dry winds.



**Plantskydd** keeps rabbits away  
from lawns and other areas of  
your garden by a combination of  
both taste and smell.

else could possibly fit inside and still continue to try to pick up more,  
dropping some in the process and then trying to pick those back up. It can  
be very entertaining!

For more information visit our local WBU website [reno.wbu.com](http://reno.wbu.com)

**\$21 Savings  
on Boxed  
APS System**

Wild Birds Unlimited 30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Promotion Continues!  
Save \$21 on the Advanced Pole  
System basic setup.

*One per customer. Can't be combined  
with other offers. Valid March 1 - 15,  
2011. Redeemable at any of the three  
WBU locations in Reno & Sparks*

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**March Gardening Madness at  
Moana - Make it your best  
spring kick-off ever!**

- Start a new tradition for you and your family by planting potatoes on St. Paddy's Day.
- Start your 2011 garden by planting up a raised bed or a potato pot with some of our beautiful seed potatoes from Irish eyes.
- Got seeds? Now is the time to start planning and planting your garden. We have all the seed starting supplies so you can GROW YOUR





Control fungus gnats with **Gardner and Bloome Horticulture Sand**. Apply a thin layer to the top of houseplant soil.



Apply eco-safe **FreezePruf** to protect plants, foliage & flowers from frost and freezing temperatures. It's like anti-freeze for your plants!



Use **Ferry-Morse Peat Strips** now to get an early start on your spring veggies.

#### Helpful Links:



Home and Garden Showplace  
E-Gardening Magazine  
Click the link!

[Fall/Winter Magazine](#)



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OWN. Make this the year you taste the unbeatable flavor that comes with your own homegrown vegetables.

- Get a touch of color that can handle the cold with the new for 2011 Plentifall trailing pansy hanging baskets and 2 gallon gorgeous Hellebores in bloom for your garden.

## Upcoming Seminars

### March 5 - Soils, from A to Z

*Jim Stanton, Pyramid Hwy. General Manager, Professional Gardener*

Before planting lawns, trees and shrubs you must first consider your soil. Jim will discuss soil preparation, bed building, estimating soil amounts needed, selecting soil blends and amendments, and how to select and use mulches.

### March 12 - Organic Vegetable Gardening

*Steve Packer, Moana Plant Dr., Landscape Designer and Certified Arborist*

With food costs skyrocketing, a viable alternate is to grow your own vegetables! Learn how to get your vegetable garden ready for spring using organic methods. Fertilizers, soil preparation and pest management are some of the topics that will be covered.

### March 12 - Landscape Analysis 11:30 a.m.

*Scott Gescheider, Moana Landscape Division Manager*

Developing a Plan for a Landscape Design: The first step creating or renovating a landscape is a thorough analysis of the property, creating a generic plan of how you want to use space, and developing a budget. Learn the necessary steps to saving you time, money, and getting a project done right the first time. *\*This is the first of 2 part seminar in creating a landscape design that you can implement.*

### March 19 - Early Spring Lawn and Landscape Care

*Jon Bruyn, Moana Nursery Plant Doctor and Certified Arborist*

Jon will discuss watering, weed control, grass identification, lawn insects and organic and chemical pesticides, along with teaching you the tricks to having a green and healthy lawn.

### March 26 - Landscape Design

*Dawn Donovan, Moana Landscape Designer*

The Art of Creating an Outdoor Space You will Love. The second step in any landscape plan is designing a plan that you can/will implement. Learn how to turn you Landscape Analysis into a buildable design utilizing some of the key principles of landscape design and how you can creatively develop a plan that you will love. *\*This is the second of a 2 part seminar in creating a landscape design that you can implement.*

*All seminars are free and held at 1190 W. Moana Lane in our Landscape & Design Center. Seminars begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Seating is limited to 60 and is first come, first served. Visit [www.moananursery.com](http://www.moananursery.com) or call (775) 825-0600 for more information.*

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