

# The High Desert Gardener



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## Now is the Time To...



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Water-Wise Irrigation,  
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- Check plants for aphids. Treat minor infestations by hosing off. For more persistent infestations Moana recommends **Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew**, **Bonide Annual Tree and Shrub Insect Control** and **Bulls Eye Nozzle**.
- Fertilize your lawn, kill existing weeds and save on your water bill. A thicker, greener lawn absorbs nutrients and water better. Your lawn will use less water than unfertilized grass. Moana recommends **Scotts Super Turf Builder with Plus 2 Weed Control**.
- Let spring bulb foliage yellow and wither before removing it.
- Plant warm season flowering annuals, vines, herbs and veggies after Reno's average last frost date of May 15.
- Lilac blossoms last longer indoors if they are cut in the morning on a long woody stem when the flower is only half open; cut a second time indoors and make a vertical slit up the woody tissue before putting in a vase.

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

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



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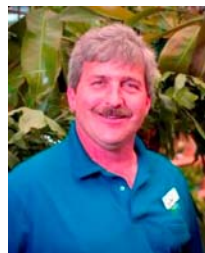
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Featured Products:



For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or transplanting all plants: Superthrive, Gardner &



Jon Bruyn

## Tips from Plant Doctor Jon

### "Water Wisely for Healthy Plants"

**Water deeply** - A healthy plant has deep roots. The deeper the roots, the less temperature variations on the surface impact the plant and the more firmly the plant is anchored into the soil. Watering plants to a two foot soil depth or more will force root growth downward as the water slowly drains away from the surface. Trees grow roots to a depth of three feet and shrubs to a depth of two feet if watered properly. If you are having difficulty getting water to those depths, a Deep Root Waterer will help.

Click here to read Jon's article.



Lisa Braginton

## Grow Your Own Organic Fruits

We'll show you how!

While it's natural to think organic in edible gardening, we also want to make sure that we are producing and consuming in ways that are healthy for our planet and ourselves. Other parts of our landscapes may not seem as critical to maintain organically. The truth is it is just as easy to be organic throughout your entire landscape. For instance, you can use organic products and an organic approach for great results on your lawn. Use **Dr. Earth Compost** to fill in bald areas, amend soil, and provide ample seed cover. **Premium Scotts Turf Builder Grass Seed** uses an all-natural additive to coat their seed, which helps prevent the seed from drying out and dramatically increases germination. **Dr. Earth Lawn Fertilizer** feeds the whole plant, not just the top growth. Use **Plantskydd Vole Repellent** to keep voles and other small animals from causing damage to your lawns. By caring for your lawn from the roots up and maintaining its vigor with sustained nutrition and appropriate watering and mowing methods, most pest problems - including weeds - can be avoided altogether. Who wouldn't want that? Earth Day may be long over, but it's never too late to "Go Green" anywhere in your landscape.

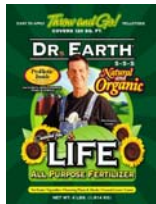
## Save...On Home Improvement Specials

Add value and beauty to your home with  
\$15 shrubs & \$59 trees

Buy 5 or more shrubs - For \$12 each



**Bloome Soil Building Compost and Dr. Earth Life Fertilizer.**



**May Recommended Products:**



Use **Bonide Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew** for all natural insect control on a variety of bugs, including codling moths.



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

#5 'Rose Glow' Barberry **\$15** (Reg. \$26.99)

#5 'Snowmound' Spiraea **\$15** (Reg. \$28.00)

#5 'Katherine Dykes' Potentilla **\$15** (Reg. \$28.00)

**Buy 3 or more trees - For \$55 each**



#15 'Prairiefire' Crabapple **\$59** (Reg. \$119.99)

#15 'Krauter Vesuvius' Flowering Plum **\$59** (Reg. \$109.99)

#15 Bosnian Pine **\$59** (Reg. \$129.99)

*Limited to stock on hand. Selection runs May 4 to May 24, 2011.*



**May Bird of the Month**

**Cooper's Hawk**

Cooper's Hawk is a medium-sized hawk with the classic accipiter shape: broad, rounded wings and a very long tail. Adults are steely blue-gray above with warm reddish bars on the underparts and thick dark bands on the tail. Juveniles are brown above and crisply streaked with brown on the upper breast, giving them a somewhat hooded

look.

**Fun Facts:**

- About a third of all attempts by Cooper's Hawks to capture food are successful.
- While Cooper's Hawks will prey on a wide variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, some of their most common quarry include Mourning Doves, American Robins, Jays, Northern Flicker, European Starling and chipmunks.
- One study in New York documented that each Cooper's Hawk nestling consumed 11 items of prey per week.
- Cooper's Hawks have been known to cache uneaten prey in trees for later use.

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

**Remember Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th**

Let Mom know how special she is with a beautiful floral arrangement made especially for her. Same day delivery available.



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Use **Scotts Super Turf Builder with Plus 2 Weed Control** to fertilize your lawn, kill existing weeds and save on your water bill. A thicker, greener lawn absorbs nutrients and water better. Your lawn will use less water than unfertilized grass.



**Smart Pot** - This lightweight aeration container is perfect for growing veggies, herbs and flowers, especially in hot weather; can be used virtually anywhere.



**Dr. Earth Vegetable Garden Planting Mix** - 100% natural amendment ensures a healthy, wholesome and super-flavorful harvest.

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E-Gardening Magazine  
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## Gifts Galore for Mom *Surprise her with something unique and special this Mother's Day.*



Indoor/Outdoor Rug



Great Summer Bag



Sun Hat

**Choose from colorful and sturdy indoor/outdoor rugs, gorgeous wall art, San Diego Hat Co. sun hats, summer bags and much more!**

**Mini Saturday Demos** (1 p.m. at all 3 locations)  
15 minute show & tell by a knowledgeable Moana teammate

**May 14 - ABC's of container planting**

**May 21 - Tomato growing tips**

### Upcoming Seminars

**May 7 - Healthy Garden, Healthy You (10 a.m. and 1 p.m.)**

*Special guest Milo Shammas, founder & CEO of the Dr. Earth line of organic soils, fertilizers and pest controls and author of Healthy Garden, Healthy You*

Learn how human health starts in the soil, why it's important to have healthy soil for successful gardening, especially in the high desert where our soil is void of almost all nutrients, and how it translates to healthier plants and a healthier you.

**May 14 - Edible and Medicinal Herbal Landscapes**

*Evert Broderick and Kim Powers, herbologists and Gail Frezette, Moana Nursery Assistant Buyer*

Don't miss this fun discussion on the uses of herbs and which plants are most suitable for specific landscaping. Learn about edible and medicinal uses of herbs, along with the horticulture details from Gail.

**May 21 - Iris Seminar; Iris Show May 21st & 22nd**

*Evelyn Condo, Master Iris Judge and founder of the High Desert Iris Society*

The High Desert Iris Society presents this fun class on how to grow iris. From beginner to expert, you will learn about the many colors and varieties of iris and how to plant, grow, and identify them. Don't miss the annual flower show on May 21-22 at the Moana Lane garden center.

*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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