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2017 Master Gardener Calendar: Demonstration Gardens

January

- Daffodils: Need watering if no rain this month; may need fertilizer.
- Arboretum Trees: Prune as needed to improve form and health.
- Crape Myrtles: Prune as needed to improve form and health.
- Canary Island Date Palm: Broadcast 2 cups Epson Salts (Mg) beneath canopy.

February

Cindy

- Roses: Prune roses as needed. Major yearly pruning consists of shortening main canes and lateral branches, and removing twigs and canes that are dead, diseased, injured, or spindly. Leave at least half the length of each main cane that is one to three years old.
- Mulch: Schedule work day in the arboretum to pull grass/weeds from around trees and replenish pine straw mulch (as needed) to maintain 2-3 inch depth.

March

Mary Ann

- Drift Roses: After danger of frost but before new growth begins, cut plants back by 1/3 to 1/2 original size to remove old spindly growth.
- Camellias & Roses: Broadcast 1/2 cup of 12-6-8 "rose special" fertilizer to entire camellia bed and apply 1/2 cup fertilizer per rose plant.
- Canary Island Date Palm**:** Broadcast 3 cups of palm fertilizer beneath canopy.
- Persimmons: Apply first of three applications of fertilizer; fertilize with 1-2 cups of 5-10-15 with micronutrients.
- Weeds**:** Schedule work day to pull weeds from all plant beds around buildings.

April

- Arboretum Trees: Apply 1st application of fertilizer --- Broadcast 2 cups of 10-10-10 fertilizer per tree – over approx. 100 square foot area. ***DO NOT FERTILIZE PINE TREES!

Ruth

- Butterfly Garden: Broadcast 8 cups 10-10-10 fertilizer evenly except near persimmon.
- Viburnum Shrubs: Prune after flowering (as needed) to improve form & health.
- Canary Island Date Palm: Broadcast 2 cups Epson Salts (Mg) beneath canopy.

May

- Crape Myrtles: Fertilize pink crape myrtle (daffodil bed) 1 cup 10-10-10.
- Camellias & Roses: Broadcast 1/2 cup of 12-6-8 "rose special" fertilizer to entire camellia bed and apply 1/2 cup fertilizer per rose plant.
- Front Bed: Broadcast 3-4 cups 10-10-10 fertilizer evenly over entire front bed.
- Azaleas: Prune after flowering (as needed) and fertilize with 12-6-8 fertilizer, approximately 1/4 cup per plant.
- Weeds**:** Schedule work day to pull weeds from all plant beds around buildings.

June

Daryll

- Arboretum Trees: Apply 2nd application of fertilizer --- Broadcast 2 cups of 10-10-10 fertilizer per tree – over approx. 100 square foot area. ***DO NOT FERTILIZE PINE TREES!
- Persimmons: Apply second of three applications of fertilizer; fertilize with 1-2 cups of 5-10-15 with micronutrients.
- Canary Island Date Palm: Broadcast 3 cups of palm fertilizer beneath canopy.
- Weeds**:** Schedule work day in late June/early July to pull weeds.

July

Daryll

- Camellias & Roses: Broadcast 1/2 cup of 12-6-8 "rose special" fertilizer to entire camellia bed and apply 1/2 cup fertilizer per rose plant.
- Front Bed: Broadcast 3-4 cups 10-10-10 fertilizer evenly over entire front bed.
- Canary Island Date Palm: Broadcast 2 cups Epson Salts (Mg) beneath canopy.

August

- Roses: Prune roses for a second time as needed. This should be a lighter pruning, removing only 1/4 to 1/3 of the growth. *Note: After pruning, dispose of pruned plant material.*
- Weeds**:** Schedule work day to pull weeds from all plant beds around buildings.

September

Pat

- Camellias & Roses: Broadcast 1/2 cup of 12-6-8 "rose special" fertilizer to entire camellia bed and apply 1/2 cup fertilizer per rose plant. Fertilize early this month**.**
- Persimmons: Apply last of three applications of fertilizer early this month; fertilize with 1-2 cups of 5-10-15 with micronutrients.
- Canary Island Date Palm: Broadcast 3 cups of palm fertilizer beneath canopy.

October

- Weeds**:** Schedule work day to pull weeds from all plant beds around buildings.
- Canary Island Date Palm: Broadcast 2 cups Epson Salts (Mg) beneath canopy.
- Mulch: Replenish pine bark mulch in front bed to maintain 2-3 inch depth.

November

Cindy

- Weeds**:** Schedule work day to pull weeds from all landscape beds, as needed.
- Roses: Prune roses as needed to shape. This should be a light pruning only. *Note: After pruning, dispose of pruned plant material.*
- Water: Front beds & butterfly garden may need water if still warm and no rain this month.

Cindy

December

- Daffodils: Broadcast 1 cup 10-10-10 fertilizer over the entire bed and water.