

# Ferguson's Garden Club



Spring is here, and we couldn't be more excited! Our greenhouse is filling up daily as we stock fresh plants and prepare for another beautiful growing season. We've got an exciting lineup of events this spring, and we can't wait to share them with you!

While it's still too early to plant annuals and tropicals outdoors—our average last frost date is May 10th—there's plenty to do in the garden. Now is a great time to plant trees and shrubs, divide perennials, tackle garden prep and cleanup, and even get a head start on cool-season crops like potatoes, asparagus, strawberry roots, and onions. So grab your gloves—it's time to dig in and get your hands dirty!

## Garden Tasks for April

- Rake the lawn and clear leaves and debris from shrubs and garden areas
- This is a great time to dig and divide or transplant established perennials such as hosta, daylilies, iris, peonies, etc.
- Add mulch to landscaped areas
- Apply weed prevention to lawns and garden areas as needed (avoid areas that will be seeded with new grass seed or garden seeds)

- Re-seed bare patches in the lawn once soil temperatures have warmed adequately
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## April Planting

**Potatoes** - Choose certified, disease-free seed potatoes. Tradition says to plant potatoes on Good Friday, but they can actually be planted anytime as soon as the ground can be worked. If using larger potatoes, cut them into pieces with at least two eyes each and allow them to callous over for a few days before planting. Smaller potatoes can be planted whole. Potatoes thrive in loose, well-drained soil so dig deeply and incorporate organic matter to improve drainage. Dig trenches about 4-6 inches deep and place the potatoes in the trench one foot apart and cover with soil. As the plants grow, gradually hill the soil around the stems to encourage more yield and prevent sun-scald. Water regularly and fertilize with a higher phosphorous fertilizer. Potatoes can also be grown in large buckets or other containers.

**Asparagus** - Choose a location with well-drained soil and plentiful sunlight. Work the soil deeply and add compost. Dig a trench 8-10 inches deep and wide enough for the roots. Place the asparagus crowns in the trench with the roots spread out and the crown well below the soil surface. Space them 12-18 inches apart. Backfill the trench gradually, adding soil as the asparagus grows. Once the rows are level, add mulch to retain moisture and suppress weeds. Water well after planting with Root Stimulator. Resist the urge to harvest the first year and limit harvesting in the second year to allow the plants to establish

**Onions** - Again, pick a location with well-drained soil and lots of sunlight. Dig up the area to loosen the soil and then make a shallow row about 1-2 inches deep. Plant onion sets 2-3 inches apart to begin and thin them as they grow to use for salad/green onions. Onion plants should be planted 4-6 inches apart. Backfill the row and water well. Mulch to retain moisture and reduce weeds. Fertilize with Ammonium Sulfate for the best growth.

**Cool-season seeds** such as lettuce, spinach, radishes, carrots, beets, and peas.

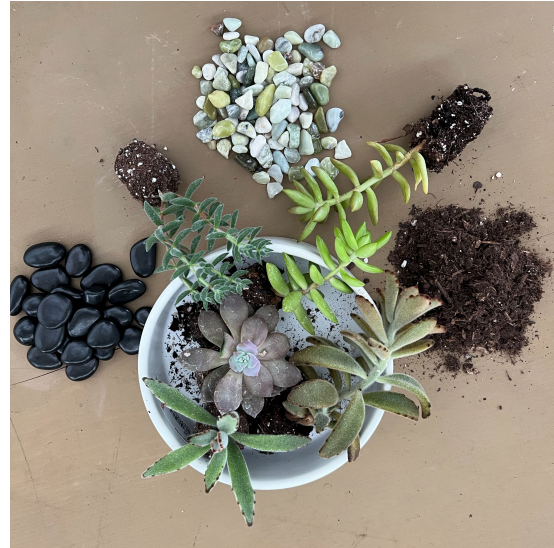
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[Get your Houseplants Ready for Growing](#)

Now that winter is behind us, your houseplants could use a little TLC to kickstart their growth! With longer days and more sunlight, they're waking up from their winter rest and ready to grow. Spring is the perfect time to refresh them with fresh soil, repot if needed, prune away any leggy or damaged growth, check for pests, and start fertilizing again.

## Re-Potting

If your houseplants have outgrown their pots, spring is the perfect time to repot them. Look for roots growing out of the drainage holes or circling around the root ball—these are signs your plant needs more space. Choose a pot that's 1-2 inches larger in diameter than the current one. New soil will also provide some new nutrients.



## Fertilize!

As plants enter their active growing season, they'll need more nutrients.

Use a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer to give them a boost. Use a diluted dose at first and increase as growth picks up. We carry a few great options, but our current favorite is Grow Concentrate by We The Wild!



## Philodendron Brandtianum





Striking tropical plant known for its heart-shaped leaves with silvery variegation. Its versatile growth habit allows it to trail from a hanging basket or climb a moss pole, trellis, or our new decorative chains for larger, more dramatic foliage. This easy-care philodendron thrives in bright, indirect light with moderate watering and high humidity, making it a perfect choice for plant lovers of all levels. It has unique coloring and a low-maintenance nature.

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## Upcoming Events

**Houseplant Happy Hour**  
**April 10th 3-6pm**

Houseplant and pottery sales, giveaways, & treats.

**Garden Club Gathering**  
**April 12th 10am**

Gather, learn, & share with like minded people.

**Spring Planter Make & Take**  
**April 24th 5:30pm**

Spring planter design class with the option to make your own!

**Spring Open House**  
**April 26th All Day**

Get excited for Spring! Herb planter make & take all day.

**Veggies & Herbs 101**  
**April 26th 11am & 2pm**

Learn about growing your own herbs and veggies! Put together an herb planter.

**Firefly Glow Party**  
**May 1st 6-9pm**

Glow-in-the-dark petunia viewing. Fun for all ages! Drinks, treats, & more!

**Spring Planter Make & Take**  
**May 3rd**

Spring planter design class with the option to make your own!

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