

## Timely Tips for April Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius

April means "to open" or "opening", in allusion to it being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open". This is the month of rebirth and hope for the future. April means Spring so; get out your gardening tools and get moving. Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery are fully stocked with all kinds of plants and products for every purpose for today's gardeners. Consider adding Native Plants such as Texas Sage, Red Yucca, and Mexican Heather to your landscape. Native plants are perfect for our Texas Summer heat better than most, require less water, require less mowing, provide habitats for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, protect the soil, and save on fertilizers and insecticides.

A successful garden begins with good soil. Organic material is important to the soil composition. It helps with drainage and increases the microbe population. Expanded shale is used to break up hard compacted clay soils. Top dress your flowerbeds and containers with organic mulches.

Hopefully you have your tomatoes, peppers, squash, and other warm season vegetables already planted; if not get them in the ground right away. To get the highest yields, make additions of fertilizer (called side dressing) every couple of weeks, starting about a month after transplanting or seeding. If your yard is too small for a traditional garden plot, try gardening in containers. The bigger the container, the better!

If you want to create a truly dynamic garden, inviting colorful guests like butterflies and hummingbirds is definitely the way to go. Butterflies like sunshine and plenty of space to fly around, so opt for a sunny, open spot. Both enjoy having some type of cover as a resting spot. Your garden can even include a water feature for butterflies and hummingbirds to play in.

St. Augustine and Bermuda lawns should be actively growing now; so it is a great time to apply fertilizer. Please consult one of our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals for the best advice for your lawn. A correctly fertilized lawn now will better help your lawn to handle the Texas Summer heat!

### April Garden Series

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am** – How to Add Color to Your Shade Garden

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am** – Explore an Endless Array of Flowers from Proven Winners®. Come see P. Allen Smith at our Hurst location at 1:00 pm.

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am** – Perfect Perennials for Texas Gardens

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 am** – Enchanting Butterfly & Hummingbird Gardens

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am**

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