



# MARCH



The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. March was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war. We changed to the 'New Style' or 'Gregorian calendar in 1752, and it is only since then when we the year began on 1st January. Source: Wikipedia

## Gardening for God meeting scheduled Saturday, MARCH 29th for Gardening for God current members and ANYONE who desires to become a member.

The C & D rooms in the Hurley center have been reserved on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the Gardening for God Spring meeting. A notice will appear in St. Edna's bulletin two preceding weekends. Tarry Haskins will be contacting all GFG members by U.S. mail seeking their commitment for our 11<sup>th</sup> season. Spread the word, there are several plots that are in need of volunteers.

FERTILIZER, COMPOST and MULCH, 3 of the most import ingredients for trees, shrubs, grass, and flower beds to have a showy and colorful landscape. How to care for your landscape: <http://www.chnursery.com/postcare03.pdf>



Before you start digging, take a handful of soil and squeeze it. If it forms a ball, your soil is too wet to work.

Plant cool weather plants such as lettuce, radish, spinach and beet. Also, pansy and snap dragon flowers.



Be rid of the old tired look to a new stunning look by removing old shrubs and planting small ornamental trees such as Smokebush or Panicle Hydrangeas.



Cut back ornamental grasses 6-8 inches from the ground. Divide clumps if they have become too large or the centers have died out.

If you did not get a chance to trim trees and shrubs now is the time before new season's growth.



Feed perennials and roses before they start sprouting branches. Apply Epsom salts on the soil around your flowers for an extra boost



Try something new, plant a small flowering shrub such as Hydrangea Little Quick Fire in a flower pot.



Add a new feature in your garden this year. Such as hanging candles or create your own garden fountain. Directions can be found at: <http://www.planitdiy.com/inspiration/in-lawn-garden/build-your-own-custom-outdoor-fountain-feature/>



Originally, the color associated with Saint Patrick was blue. Saint Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish, and the wearing of the shamrock became a facet of today.



Plant your tomato plants when the night temperature is 50°F to get a 2-3 week jump start. Cover plants with plastic gallon jugs with the bottoms cut out to capture the daytime warmth.