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IT'S MAY!

It's the merry month of May and gardeners all over Houston are busy as bees getting their gardens ready for our long Houston summer.

Here are a few ideas

that may serve to inspire you:

Some time during this month you will probably want to apply that second dose of fertilizer to your Azaleas, you know, the "6 weeks after blooming" dose.

You will also want to apply a balanced fertilizer to your crepe myrtles and a high nitrogen boost to your lawn.

It's not too late to plant the following seeds:

Globe Amaranth, Sunflower, Verbena, Vinca Marigold, Sweet Pea, and Zinnia.

You can now plant:

Snap Beans, Okra, Blackeye Peas and Summer Squash. Also the following flowers can be put in the ground now: Begonia, Butterflyweed, Cockscomb, Coral Vine, Cosmos, Daisies, Hibiscus, Jasmine, Lantana, Phlox, and Salvias.

If you haven't done it already, it's a good time to prune those spring-flowering plants that have bloomed.

Happy gardening!

__ Pam Libby

MAY: 5/20/97

Executive Board	5:30 p.m.
Dessert and Coffee	6:30 p.m.
General Meeting	7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

"Programs by Our Own Master Gardeners."

Speakers: "Cottage Gardens" by Norm Arnold, "Color Gardens" by Toby Turner, and "Favorite Gingers" by Ceil Dow

JUNE: 6/17/97

Executive Board	5:30 p.m.
Dessert and Coffee	6:30 p.m.
General Meeting	7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

"Irrigation and Tips from his Personal Vegetable Garden."

Speaker: Dr. Sam Corner, Horticulture Head, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station