

## Peonies VII



Whether you think you can,  
or you think you can't—  
you're right. — Henry Ford



Life does not accommodate  
you, it shatters you. It is meant  
to, and it couldn't do it  
better. Every seed destroys its  
container or else there would  
be no fruition.

- Florida Scott-Maxwell

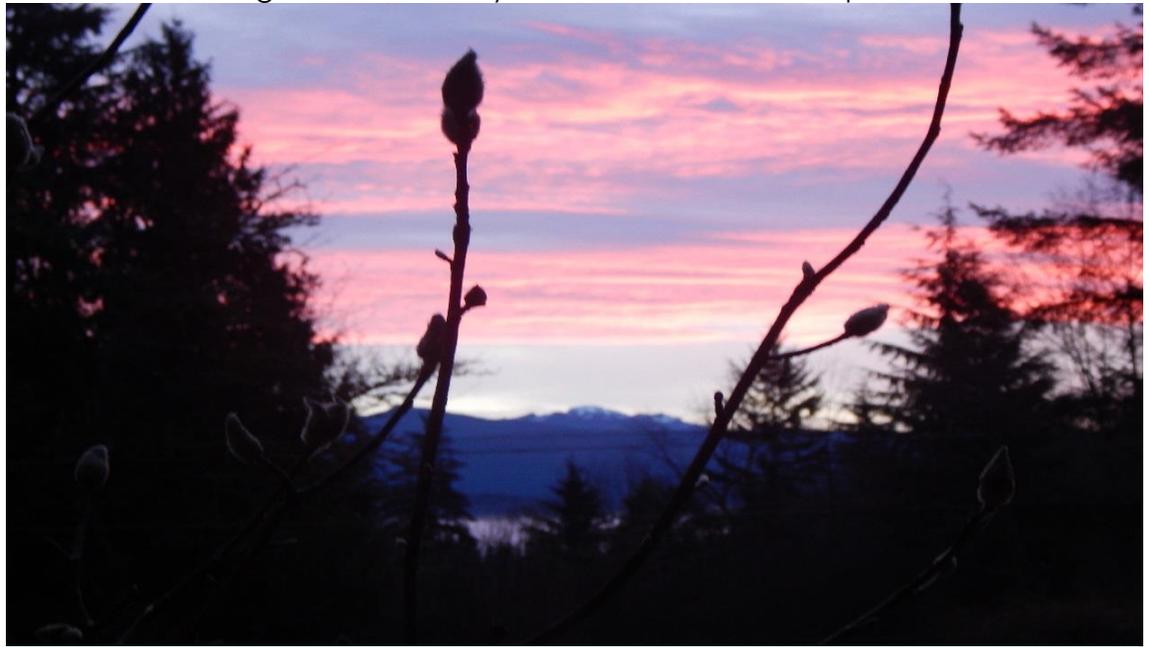


"Faith is about doing. You  
are how you act, not just  
how you believe."

~Mitch Albom

### Turn it over....

March began with a burst of warm sunshine that prompted me to walk through the dead remnants of last year's garden and think about growing again. When the winter came and stole the flowers and vegetables I had so painstakingly cultivated, it made me a little sad. I tend to get caught up in the overpowering illusion that I should be able to control every aspect of my life... including what grows in my garden. But something about that brilliant light and the warmth on my face made me look past last year's wilted and withered stalks that died or never bloomed. I saw the potential of new life in the soil, new flowers and new opportunities. I can cultivate the soil I have, plant my seeds, and then turn the rest over as I turn the soil. There are no guarantees, either in the garden or in life. But I have a feeling that with the warmth and the light, I'll at the very least harvest a bit of hope



### March Fun Facts....

#### "Sowing your crops"

The name of the month dates back to the Roman calendar. March is named for Mars, the Roman god of war. Also, March was originally the first month of the year (not January!). Julius Caesar changed the calendar when he became ruler. Caesar was warned to "Beware the ides of March," as this was foretold to be the day of his assassination. The "ides" are on the 15th. People debate about the birth flower for March. Some argue that it's the daffodil or the jonquil, and others say it's the violet. Superstition says that if it rains during the first three days of March, then it's an unlucky sign of a bad harvest. Because of this many farmers will not sow crops until the 4th of March.

### What's Growing on...

#### News & Noteworthy

Spring is approaching and we will be fertilizing those properties that have it included in their contracts the second and third weeks in March.

We will be gearing up for lawn renovations in mid to late April. Please make sure you get on our calendar for any additional lawn services like thatching and top-dressing. We also provide the aerating and over-seeding services.

And remember to stop and enjoy the new buds on the trees, the Cherry Blossoms and all the spring bulbs.