

# Peonies VII

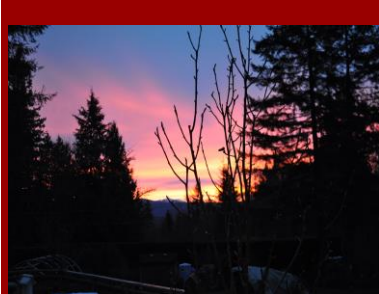
## Ever thought about growing your own Vegetables?

Jeff here...and I wanted to let you know we can help. Let us do the hard part of building your raised beds and bring in a nice sandy loam soil with lots of composted material. All you would have to do is plant your favorite edibles. (below; Two different customers raised garden beds using block. We can also do in wood.)



## Lawn Renovations...

With all the rain and no sun we are seeing a lot of moss and drainage problems. Our Rainier Maintenance Plan customers include aerating and over-seeding in their annual contracts and our Sustainable Management plans include thatching too! We are also happy to address as an annual project. If you would like us to take a look at your lawn we can assess normal moss build up from the area being shady during a wet warm year versus how much is from poor soil and lack of drainage. If you are ready to take care of some drainage concerns we could provide you with a solution. As I write this article it has rained for two days straight and I can't wait for a long stretch of sunshine!

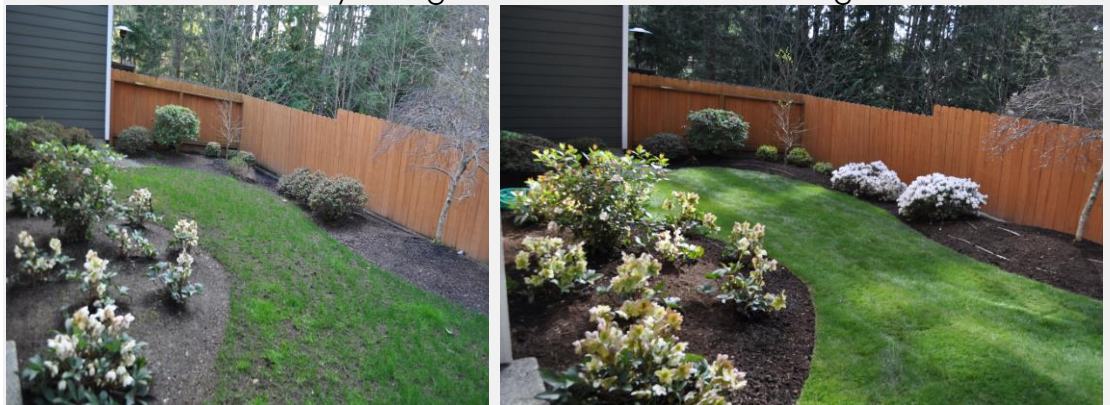


April's best planting time for above ground crops is the 6th & 7th and for below ground crops, the best days are the 16th, 17th, 24th and 25th  
~2014 Farmers Almanac



My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece"

~Claude Monet



## April Fun Facts....

The origins of April Fools' Day are really a mystery, the experts say. The most popular theory is that France changed its calendar in the 1500's so that New Year would begin in January to match the Roman calendar. Many people in rural areas continued to celebrate the New Year in the spring and became known as "April fools," so the story goes. Not sure if it was that or that pranksters just needed a day for humor to reign, where practical jokes and hoaxes are sanctioned. Some of the best pranks have been media driven like the Spaghetti harvest in 1957, the Flying penguins in 2008, and in 1989, the Seattle based comedy show, "Almost Live" broadcast the collapse of the Space Needle.

## What's Growing on... News & Noteworthy

We had Cass Turnbull with Plant Amnesty come out and train our employees on proper pruning techniques. Thank you to Chris Siimmons and Kathy Lowe and the HOA for letting us use the Maplebrook community as our hands on field training.

Cass and our Landscape Technicians walked around and discussed pruning techniques on different shrubs and trees. We are pleased to announce that all our Landscape Technicians passed the test.

Congratulations!!!!

Please check out Cass's organization [plantamnesty.org](http://plantamnesty.org). She does a great job!



My hoe as it bites the ground revenges my wrongs, and I have less lust to bite my enemies. In smoothing the rough hillocks, I smooth my temper.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson