

Peonies VII

Reflections....

With the frenzy of spring past us now, we get the chance to reflect on the health of our gardens and landscape. As many people know it is the foundation that determines the success of our gardens. Just like in life, we have to nurture those things upon which our strength and character is built. The more attention we pay to the soil on which our gardens are built the more fruits, blooms and bounty they offer us. This is truly the time for reflection, to stroll through our gardens daily and let them permeate all of our senses.



"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses."

- Hanna Rion



Last night for dinner, we raided the garden (top left picture) for spinach, strawberries and cilantro for a delicious salad topped with seafood and homemade vinaigrette.



"He who has a garden and a library wants for nothing"

- Cicero



"In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them."

- Aldo Leopold

July Fun Facts....

Mark Twain reflected... "Many public-school children seem to know only two dates--1492 and 4th of July; and as a rule they don't know what happened on either." Before 1492, people inhabited our continent for tens of thousands of years but had virtually no recorded or sustained contact with other parts of the world. Over two hundred years of conquering and settling began with Columbus' voyage in 1492 and culminated with the ultimate political upheaval that led to our national independence and freedom from the British Empire. It was in July 1776, when Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence followed by the unanimous approval of our Continental Congress. Today we celebrate with gratitude, parades and fireworks.

What's Growing on...

News & Noteworthy

We are cycling through dead-heading all the rhododendrons and managing ilex and Laurel hedges and should have everyone completed by the end of June. Let us know if you would like to lower any rhododendrons physical size, now is the time to do it but is a separate project. Irrigation start-ups have been completed. If you would like an audit for coverage let us know. Most properties were audited at the time of startup but if you notice anywhere not being covered let us know. Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to meet with our Operations Manager, Resa Koenecke, if you would like to schedule a time with her to review your property, she can be reached at 206-619-9993.