



Hidden Ponderings

*your monthly gardening newsletter from
Hidden Ponds Nursery*



Happy February !

*"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk
in my garden forever"*

Alfred Tennyson

Valentine's Day is this month! A day of showing your love and affection - maybe with roses, maybe with chocolates and just maybe... you will do something different this year! Create a stone garden with heart shapes, give a tree, create a fairy garden with thought and care to amaze your love. Come visit us at [Hidden Ponds Nursery](#) and we can help you find something new to surprise and delight your love this year!



Preparing for Spring !

Be it annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, grasses, lawns there is always planning to do in February. Remember, the frost free date for our area is still more than a month away (March 15th). So in February, we are still in prep mode for lawns and landscaping! Yet there are things that you can do.

Planning

Color, height, soil, sun, shade, purpose.. all should be taken into consideration when choosing plants, trees, shrubs, herbs, vegetables and lawn type. For the best results, think about what your goals are and what you have to work with in your yard. Come in to [Hidden Ponds Nursery](#) and let



our experts help you with design ideas and best plantings for your landscape.

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Pruning Crepe Myrtles & Grasses

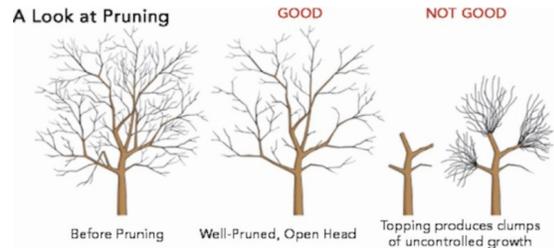
Good pruning will help improve the health and growth of your plants and trees. Now is the time to prune your myrtles and grasses. You don't want to murder your plants and trees so have a plan and purpose in mind before pruning. If at all in doubt, join us for our [workshop](#):

Tips on Pruning

February 9th at 10:30am

[Hidden Ponds Nursery](#)

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Soil Care

February is a good time to start to prepare your soil. Till your soil down about a foot to aerate the soil so your plantings will have room to grow and breathe. Never work the soil when it is wet. It will become too compact and be unproductive. You can check your soil health with a soil testing kit or through your university cooperative extension. Amend the soil as necessary for good growing.

Read more [About soil from Garden Design](#)

Tree of the Month: Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum, known more commonly as **Japanese Maple** makes a lovely focal tree in your garden. There are many varieties available; some will grow 25 to 30 feet tall while others stay in the 5-6 foot range. Some grow upright while others weep. Foliage color ranges from green to bright green, red to dark burgundy and also an orange hue. One variety in particular has a coral trunk and branches. This tree is not high maintenance, but it does need good drainage and many varieties prefer only partial sun. The root system is compact and non-invasive, and such a variety of sizes and colors makes this a specimen tree for many landscapes!



Japanese Maples will be available at [Hidden Ponds Nursery](#) this month! Come see us for your best selection!

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"Leave room in your garden for the fairies to dance"

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