

May is finally here. The world all around us is bursting with new life...flowers, leaves and nests filled with babies. Take the time to enjoy each and every day of this wonderful month.

In the Garden

It's time to plant your cutting garden. May is the perfect month to plant starts from the garden center. But it's not too late to grow your flowers from seeds. Annuals such as cosmos, zinnias and calendula are easy to grow.

Simple Craft Idea

Recipe to Make

This month is the perfect time to make sauteed asparagus and morel mushrooms if you can find them. If not make the asparagus with regular mushrooms or cook them without. Just cut up the vegetables and saute in butter until tender.

Vintage Decor

Stock up on vintage vases to show off your cut flowers this summer or to give as gifts. Look for milk glass bud vases, blue ball jars, salt and pepper shakers, creamers and glassware. Anything that holds water can make an attractive vase.

To Stay Organized

Besides stocking up on containers to hold your flowers, get your floral supplies organized. If you frequently give away bouquets you want to make sure you have floral preservative, ribbons, and gift tags. Store these items in a basket or box for easy access during the busy growing season. Decorate peat pots for spring gift giving. Purchase medium to large size pots and cover them with decorative paper or book pages. Use modge podge to glue them on. Embellish with twine and tags, then fill with a faux nest and eggs or tissue and candy.

Good Read

Picnic season is almost here. Check out *A Year Of Picnics* by Ashley English. She has some great ideas for fun, seasonal picnics that anyone can put together.

Fun Outdoor Activity

A great outdoor activity for May is to go yardsaling or head to a local flea market. Take a friend with you and don't forget your "list". Bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy in the park.

Planning Ahead

May is a great time to plan your summer BBQ's and get-togethers. Create your menus and shop for your supplies now while there is still a wide selection of seasonal paper goods.

Inspirational Quote

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's Party!" Robin Williams

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