

Spring Planting

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Spring...we are waiting! I hope by the time you are reading this, we have jumped off the roller coaster of spring/winter weather and have settled into beautiful spring days. We have new gardening books for you!

I'm starting with *The Old Farmer's Almanac Flower Gardener's Handbook* because you can't go wrong with that! They will walk you through everything from the last frost date in your area, figuring out what kind of soil you have, to everything about seeds and composting. And of course, information about flower varieties galore.

Julia Watkins has written an all-encompassing guide to planning, planting, and harvesting your backyard garden. *Gardening for Everyone: Growing Vegetables, Herbs, and More at Home* is a beautiful reference guide to create a sustainable garden for years to come. Also included are 24 simple, practical projects for your garden, including newspaper seedling pots, a bean teepee and gardener's hand scrub to mention a few.

Midwest Gardener's Handbook: All You Need to Know to Plan, Plant and Maintain a Midwest Garden by Melinda Myers. Melinda shares more than 250 plants that are proven to grow in our Midwest climate. Also included are month-by-month guides to take you through the season, as well as answers to your challenging, unique to the Midwest plant dilemmas.

The last thing I want to think about right now is winter, but *Four-Season Food Gardening: How to Grow Vegetables, Fruits, and Herbs year-round* by Misilla Dela Llana promises fresh fruits & vegetables through all four seasons, even winter! Now is the time to take a look at the DIY projects that will enable you to prolong the harvest through all of our Minnesota season changes.

If these brand new gardening books sound interesting to you, make sure to get your name on the holds list for them. As of this writing, they are all checked out! Stop in to the Library, go online (newulmlibrary.org) or give us a call at 359-8331 to get your name on the list.

The library is located at 17 N. Broadway and is open to the public Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

"To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow" Audrey Hepburn