

# The Village Garden Center's **March 2008** Garden Club Newsletter



It's the first of March and now some of the early spring yard projects you have been waiting to do can be started. Here are a few of the things that you can do to get ahead of the crowd.

1. Clean up all of your pots and containers. Use a solution of 8 parts of water to one part of Bleach.
2. Sharpen all of your garden tools.
3. Get a soil test.
4. Replace or add mulch to your beds, and add amendments.
5. Prune spring and summer flowering shrubs and ornamental trees (before they bud out).
6. Cut down ornamental grasses and cut back perennials.

**Did you know.....**  
You should think of mulching as "maintaining the forest floor" add 1" to 3" of compost or mulch to planting beds every year.

**Did you know.....**  
Landscaping your yard is the only home improvement that can return up to 200% of your original investment.

7. Start to plan changes that you might want to make to existing flower beds.
8. Create new walkways.
9. Dream of the warm weather to come!

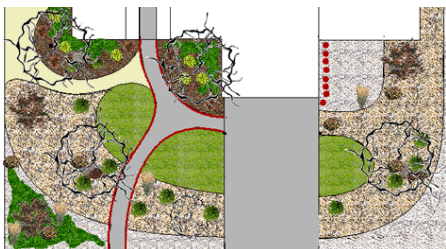


## REMINDERS:

- Our spring garden luncheon is on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. Mark your calendars and remind your friends that this is a great time to join the garden club!
- Please contact the store staff or myself on the Friday prior to our Garden Club Meeting to verify your attendance. This would be greatly appreciated as I need to have account for our giveaways and the food. Thank you.
- We chose August 9<sup>th</sup> for our Garden Club Walk. Mark your calendar and think about putting your yard on the walk!

### Garden Club Seminar March 22nd, 10am

Our seminar this month will cover early spring projects you can do in your yard including pruning, amending soil and planning new beds.



**April Specials**  
30% off for garden club members only  
One spring garden flag  
Yankee Candle Evening Primrose- all sizes  
One home décor item with bird on it