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*Whether it's a vegetable garden, house plants or a landscape...*

# A Garden Runs Through It

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**In November 2014, we started a 3 times a week blog. The blog delivers timely information to you Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

**We are re-vamping our newsletter to include the blog posts. You will receive this newsletter twice a month. Please let us know how you like this. If you would like to receive only the blog please subscribe to it and unsubscribe to the newsletter.**

[Our Blog](#)



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## Information Booth Locations:

### May Surprise

May 2, 9am-4pm  
10th & Parkhill St, Colusa

### Colusa County Fair

Colusa Fairgrounds, Etchepare Hall  
June 4-7

### Colusa County Fair Make & Take

Colusa County Fairgrounds, Etchepare Hall gardens  
June 4-7, 6-8pm



# Our Blog posts

## Make every Drop Count

Mulch

Repair leaks and broken sprinklers

[Click here to read the full blog.](#)



## Water-wise plants I

Many people have asked us "What water-wise plants can I plant in my landscape?" We are going to highlight 3 plants every Wednesday.

Yarrow, Blue Gramma Grass, Hens and Chicks

[Click here to read the full blog.](#)

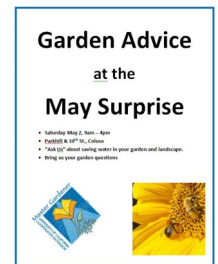


## Garden Advice at the May Surprise

Garden Advice at the May Surprise!

Saturday May 2nd, 9-4pm

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## Sustainable Landscaping

Discover your climate and micro-climate.

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## Water-wise plants II

Roses, Cape Balsam, Feather Reed Grass

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## Recipe of the Month

### Slow Cooker Pot Roast Soup

#### INGREDIENTS

1. 1 beef Shoulder Roast Boneless (2-1/2 pounds)
2. 2 cups chopped onions
3. 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with green peppers and onions, undrained
4. 1 cup frozen hash brown potatoes (cubes)
5. 1 cup beef broth
6. 1 tablespoon minced garlic
7. 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
8. 1/2 teaspoon salt
9. 1/4 teaspoon pepper
10. 2 cups broccoli slaw  
1/2 cup frozen peas

1. Cut beef roast into 12 equal pieces. Place in 4-1/2 to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker. Add onions, tomatoes, potatoes, broth, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on HIGH 5 to 6 hours or on LOW 8 to 9 hours or until beef is fork-tender. (No stirring is necessary during cooking.)
2. Stir in broccoli slaw; continue cooking, covered, 30 minutes or until broccoli slaw is crisp-tender. Turn off slow cooker. Stir in peas; let stand, covered, 5 minutes.

Total Recipe Time: HIGH 5 to 6 hours or on LOW 8 to 9 hours

Makes 6 servings

This recipe is from [Beef it's what's for Dinner](#)

Submitted by Barbara Scheimer and Cynthia Peterson



## May in the Garden:

### What to plant?

- Direct seed in the garden cucumbers, melons, summer squash, beans, corn, and annual herbs.
- Plant sunflowers, zinnias, cosmos, marigolds and aster in the flower garden.

### Chores:

- Fertilize summer blooming flowers early in the month.
- Apply (or re-apply as needed) organic mulch to all beds to keep the soil cool and enrich the soil. Be sure to leave space around the base of the plants.
- Trim the dead flowers but not the leaves from spring bulbs. The leaves restore the bulb; so wait to remove them until they turn yellow. Fertilize the bulbs after the bloom is finished with bone meal.
- Later in the month prune spring flowering shrubs to shape, removing old and dead wood. The plants flower on the growth that happens during the summer; do not prune in the fall or winter or you will have no flowers on the shrub.
- Continue the battle against slugs and snails.
- Deadhead (cut off spent flowers) to get continuing bloom on annuals and perennials.
- Thin peaches, plums and nectarines so there is 6" between fruits.

The Colusa County Master Gardener Volunteer Program is a partnership among the University of California, USDA, Colusa County and the Colusa County Farm Bureau. Master Gardener volunteers extend horticultural information and offer educational programs and garden-related demonstrations in Colusa County.

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