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Summer is Here!

Not a green thumb? That's okay! Here are some helpful hints to help you in your garden or with any of your communities.

June:

After the first week of June we typically see temperatures in the 90's here in Albuquerque. Yep, that's right, spring is already over!

The spike in temperature will cause some stress in turf and plants that are not suited to our desert environment. There are some xeric plants that will be blooming in June: chocolate flower, red hot pokers, desert four o' clock, and Evening and Mexican primrose.

Remember to trim or deadhead spent blooms from previous month's growth on your blooming shrubs and they may bloom all summer.

June is a good month to dig plants such as daylily and share them with friends. If you have a compost pile, acidify it by adding the pine needles that may be

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Newly elected 2010 CAI New Mexico Chapter Directors

Jon McCormick - President

Taylor Hought - President Elect

Vince Marciano - Vice President

Melanie McLaughlin - Secretary

Tom Simon - Treasurer

Bruce Taylor - Director

Gene Vance - Director

A special thank you is extended to all the CAI members and outgoing Board Members who were able to attend our May 5, 2010 CAI New Mexico Chapter Annual Meeting!



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laying around your back yard after the malt. If possible, chopping or breaking them up will help with the decomposition.

If you did not adjust your watering schedule to summer watering times in May, make sure you do it in June. Of course, make sure you are watering in the morning to avoid evaporation while discouraging fungus growth. If you did not run through the sprinkler system in May for any maintenance make sure you do it in June.

July:

July is historically the hottest month of the year with 100 degree highs not unheard of. That heat might finally convince you to plant that shade tree on the southwest side of your home to help keep it cool and save some energy.

Look for Russian Sages, pincushion flowers, desert zinnias, desert willow and honey suckles to be blooming this time of year.

Remember to mulch your garden to help it stay cool, reduce water use and provide nutrients in this hot month.

Stake fast growing plants so they won't topple over. If you have fruit trees remember to support the fruit laden branches if you did not thin earlier in the year.

Do not use fertilizer on trees and shrubs any more this year as you do not want to encourage new leaf growth.

Keep the same watering schedule as June if possible. You may have to water dry spots in your lawn by hand but you are saving water. It is also a good time to make sure the system is working correctly. Check for sprinkler heads that may have been hit with a mower, or an emitter that has come loose unexpectedly.

Gardening can be fun, so make sure you have fun with it! Remember, plants and shrubs are not made in a factory. They are grown, are living, and may just not like how they were transplanted or where they were placed in your landscape. If something doesn't work, don't give up! Try again, experiment, mix it up and have fun!

Ryan Daniell - Landscaper

CAI 2010 National Conference

With more than 1,700 participants, CAI's recent National Conference and Exposition at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas was the most well-attended national event in the 37-year history of CAI.

The 2010 conference also welcomed the largest number of international guests, hosted the biggest exhibit hall and featured the most sponsorships to date. Almost 500 students participated in Professional Management Development Program courses offered in conjunction with the conference, setting another CAI record.

CAI's 2011 National Conference will be held May 4-7 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club in Florida.

Photos from this year's event are on page three, provided by CAI. Enjoy!

Fun Facts and Figures provided by CAI

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- Almost 2 million Americans serve on community association boards, with hundreds of thousands more participating as committee members. Assuming the average board or committee member spends just one hour a week on association business—and for most it's much more than that—these volunteer leaders dedicate more than 100 million hours of service to their communities every year.
- The estimated real estate value of all homes in community associations approaches \$4 trillion, approximately 20 percent of the value of all U.S. residential real estate.
 - The total annual operating revenue for all community associations in the U.S. is more than \$41 billion. Most of this is spent in associations' local economies for goods and services. Community association boards also maintain investment accounts of more than \$35 billion for the long-term maintenance and replacement of commonly held property.



M-100 Course available in Albuquerque!

August 5 - 6, 2010 | 8:30 am. - 5:30 pm
and August 7, 2010 | 8:30 am. - 12:00 pm

Courtyard Marriott Journal Center
located at 5151 Journal Center Blvd. NE

Advanced Registration is Required:

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