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Outdoor Living, Tree Land & Moana
Rock

45th Spring Anniversary Sale Continues!

ALL Outdoor Plants ... 35% off in April

It's Time for Home Improvement - - - Add Beauty & Value - - -
[Click Here for Major Sale Items and Visit for All the Garden Center Specials.](#)

Thank You for 45 Years!

Timely, Local Tips
Now is the Time to . . .

- Turn on your irrigation system and inspect for leaks, broken/clogged heads, coverage and other problems. Or let our irrigation specialist do it for you; call 825-0602 x 134 to schedule

11301 S. Virginia St., Reno
775-853-1319

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7655 Pyramid Hwy., Sparks
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Store Hours
Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 5
p.m.

The Florist at Moana
Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Landscape & Design Center
Water-Wise Irrigation, Hardscapes &
Water Features
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Feature Products:



an appointment

- Start a new lawn from seed or repair an existing lawn; cover seed with **Dr. Earth Compost**.
- Feed existing fruit trees and berries with **Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Fertilizer**.
- Prune roses around April 15th; feed with **Dr. Earth Rose & Flower Fertilizer** and apply **Bonide Rx Systemic Drench** to protect from disease and insects.
- Feed trees and shrubs that have been planted more than a year. Moana recommends **Dr. Earth Life Fertilizer** and systemic **Bonide Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control** if insects have been a problem in the past.
- Plant asparagus crowns, potatoes, onions and other cool season vegetables now with **Dr. Earth Vegetable Planting Mix**.

[See all our Timely, Local, High Desert, Bi-Weekly Tips here.](#)



New Greenhouse Arrivals - just in time for Easter

No need to wait for spring weather - you can bring it inside with these festive blooming plants! (Open Easter Sunday - - noon to 5 p.m.)

- **Easter Lilies - single, double, triple and quads**
- **Easter Cactus**
- **Hydrangeas**
- **And more!**

Gail's Cool Season Veggies Coming Soon

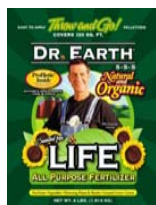
- **Lettuce**
- **Swiss chard**



Easter Lilies

For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or transplanting all plants:

Superthrive, Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost and Dr. Earth Life or Starter Fertilizer



- **Broccoli**
- **Cauliflower**
- **Green onions- freshly dug and ready for planting**

Don't forget to plant some of our great organic potatoes in a Smart Pot or in your garden!

April Featured Plants for Spring:

'Grefsheim' Spiraea -- tough shrub with fine textured leaves & arching branches covered with profuse white flowers in early spring. Great for hedges and mixed shrub or perennial borders.



'Grefsheim' Spiraea



Fragrant Abelia

Fragrant Abelia - Tall shrub with glossy green foliage turning orange red in fall. Notable for its unusual hardiness and intensely fragrant flowers. Plant where you can smell it - perfect for containers or shrub border.

April Featured Plants (more):

'Crusader' Thornless Hawthorne -- Small spring flowering, hardy tree is drought





Plantskydd keeps rabbits away from lawns and other areas of your garden by a combination of both taste and smell.



Bonide All Seasons Spray Oil and Bonide Annual Tree & Shrub Insect Control



tolerant when established. Small specimen with four seasons of interest; is great for small yards. Handles exposure, wind, heat and cold.



'Crusader' Thornless Hawthorne

'Summerwine' Ninebark -- Improved variety with neat, compact branching and fine, deeply cut dark crimson leaves. Pinkish-white flowers in summer are showy against dark foliage. Makes a great focal point in any landscape. Works in shrub borders.

Pottery Galore!



We're loaded with pottery - - wide range of sizes, many styles & new colors -- many are frost free! We're sure you'll find several to tickle your fancy and meet your needs!



Dr. Earth Final Stop Yard & Garden Insect Killer



Weed Impede



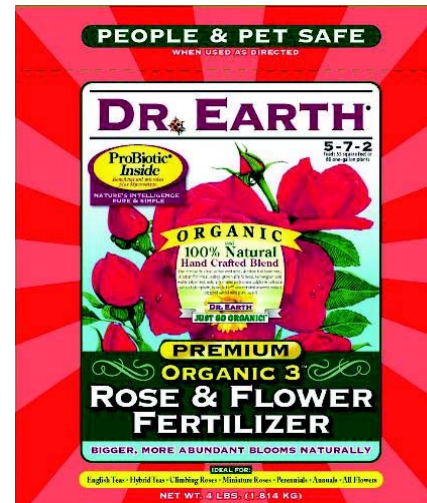
Amaze Weed Control



Monterrey Liqui-Cop

Trisha's April Product Picks for Rose Care

- **Bond Pro Pruners** -- Just in time to prune your roses! Exceptional price of \$7.99 (reg \$15.99) while supplies last.
- **Dr. Earth Rose & Flower Fertilizer** -- Feed your roses now and every 2 months for gorgeous roses.
- **Bonide Rx Systemic Drench** - Protect your roses from insects & disease for up to 6 weeks.



Fairy Gardens



Release your inner child and discover the fantasy world of miniature fairy gardening, where magic is reawakened and fairy tales come to life in your very own home and gardens. A perfect way to introduce your child or grandchild to the rewards of gardening.



Dr. Earth Fruit Tree Fertilizer



Dr Earth Vegetable Planting Mix



Dr. Earth Compost



**April High Desert Bird-of-the-Month:
Mourning Dove**



The Mourning Dove is a graceful, slender-tailed, small-headed dove that's common across the continent. Mourning Doves perch on telephone wires and forage for seeds on the ground; their flight is fast and bullet straight. Their soft, drawn-out calls sound like laments. When taking off, their wings make a sharp whistling or

whinnying. Mourning Doves are the most frequently hunted species in North America.

Helpful Links:

Moana Nursery is on Facebook!
Click the link and become a fan!

[Become a Fan Now!](#)

**Nature News e-Newsletter**

Sign up for Nature News - the Wild
Birds Unlimited e-Newsletter from
Moana Nursery [HERE](#)

Fun Facts:

- Like all birds, Mourning Doves are unable to sweat, so to stay cool during hot weather, they pant just like a dog. Panting requires them to drink a great deal of water due to the excessive loss of moisture to evaporation.
- Doves are one of the few species of birds that drink by sucking up their water instead of taking a bill full of water and letting it trickle down their throat. They can suck up its total daily requirement in less than 20 seconds.



[Click her for more local bird information at reno.wbu.com](#)

Seed of the Month ... Dove & Quail Blend

20 lbs. \$13.99 (reg. \$15.99) for the entire month of April

Attract ground feeding Mourning Doves, Quail, Towhees, Juncos and White -Crowned Sparrows.

Moana Nursery Launches New Indoor Plant Business

Moana Nursery, northern Nevada's garden center nursery and outdoor landscaper, has ventured indoors ... finally offering services to complement the Greenhouse at Moana. The launch of Moana's new Interior Plant Services business featuring design, clean-air plants, maintenance & a host of other helpful activities will be led by one of the area's most experienced indoor plant specialists, Vicky Ross.

Vicky has 23 years of indoor plant and interior design experience, starting with six years as a live plant technician allowing the plants to teach her about their secret lives. Gaining an appreciation for the needs of indoor plants and their environments, Vicky has gained



another 17 years of design and maintenance experience managing and mentoring both the plants and the people who love them. In Vicky's words, "Plants face many challenges each day and I quickly learned that they always tell the truth."

Spring Landscape & Irrigation Tune-up:

Now's the perfect time to tune up your landscape and we can do it for you!

- Turn on and tune up your irrigation system
- Revitalize your landscape
- Replace overgrown trees and shrubs
- Add a water feature
- Create a wild bird habitat
- Add a vegetable garden
- Upgrade your driveway & patio
- Install a putting green



Call 825-0602 x134 to schedule an appointment with one of our talented designers or irrigation specialist.

Moana Nursery Rewards Members:
We hope you enjoyed using your Moana Rewards Certificate

Please note that we made some changes to the program. [To view the 2012 brochure and read about these changes please click here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 29, 2012 -- 8:30 AM - 1 PM: Junk the Junipers

Remove ornamental junipers located within 30 feet of your home and bring them to one of the 4 biomass collection sites for FREE disposal. In exchange, receive a coupon from Moana Nursery for one free #5 replacement shrub valid from April 29 - May 5, 2012. One coupon per household. While supplies last.

- Red Rock Area: Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Station, 11525 Red Rock Blvd.
- Spanish Springs: 470 Rockwell Blvd.
- Virginia Foothills: East end of Kenneth Drive.
- Washoe Valley: Truckee meadow Fire Station, 1240 Eastlake Blvd.

June 1, 2012 -- 5:30 - 8:00 PM: Party in the Garden 2012

Hosted by the May Arboretum Society, this preview party celebrates their 23rd annual plant sale. Event includes food, wine and a special presentation from renowned garden designers and authors, Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer Ogden. Tickets are \$50 each. All proceeds benefit the Wilbur D. May Arboretum. For more information, visit www.mayarboretumsociety.org.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

April 7: Waterfowl . . . Ducks for the Whole Family: 10 AM - Noon -

Who knew there were so many different varieties of ducks in Reno? Join local birding guru and longtime Audubon Society member Alan Gubanich for a slide show and pointers for identifying various duck species, followed by a field trip to Virginia Lake to practice what you've learned! For children ages 8 and up with a parent or grandparent. Meet in the Landscape & Design Center. Bring your binoculars and bird guides if you have them. If not, binoculars will be loaned. Free cracked corn will be supplied. Birdwatching is a great educational family activity that costs virtually nothing, so this is a great way to get started.

April 14: Water-wise Gardening Doesn't Mean Zeroscape! Yes, you can grow a beautiful garden with four seasons of interest and have

reasonable water bills with water thrifty plants. Join Master Gardener Catherine Hancock to learn the basics of water-wise gardening - from how to select plants that will thrive in the high desert to how to install them for maximum interest and water efficiency.

April 21: Organic Vegetable Gardening Made Simple - Based on years of experience with his own high desert organic 'market garden', urban farmer Craig Frezzette will teach the basic steps of creating and tending an organic garden - from living soil and seed starting to providing weather and critter protection. Craig sells his produce to local restaurants, the public and the Reno food coop. and is passionate about the local food movement.

April 28: Beginner's Guide to Bountiful Tomatoes -- Join Plant Doctor and long time high desert gardener Jon Bruyn to learn how easy it is to successfully grow and enjoy (harvest) tomatoes and other complementary warm season vegetables in the high desert. He'll discuss varieties and proper care throughout the season. While this presentation is tailored to the novice gardener, it will cover many tips that advanced gardeners will find useful.

All seminars are free and held at 1190 W. Moana Lane in our Landscape and Design Center. Seminars begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and last one hour unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited to 60 and is first come, first served. Visit www.moananursery.com or call 775-825-0600 for more information.

Little Known Facts

A small amount of lawn ... 11 feet X 20 feet ... produces enough oxygen for a family of four. And, in the summer, is 30 degrees (F) cooler than asphalt and 14 degrees cooler than bare soil.

Each Moana Nursery is home to several family cats & dogs plus lots of wild birds, but only the Moana Lane location has for years hosted this family of geese, born on the 'green' roof shed and happily playing in our water features.



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