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April Showers Bring May Flowers

Mike, The Homeowner, Plans a Surprise for Mother's Day

"Dad! What are we going to get mom for Mother's Day?!" my daughter shouted to me as we ran around the park on this beautiful spring day. Mother's Day? Oh my, I'd completely



forgotten. Those April winds and all that spring prep I had to do last month caught me off guard. I remembered how much she loved sitting in the yard because of all the flowers. I know that annuals need to be planted each year and that perennials return for a couple of years so the next time the QLC crew came by to do their regular visit I asked what they would recommend.

"We have customers who are putting in petunias right now. They love the summer sun, they bloom all season long and come in a variety of colors," said Shawn. "In fact, we are planting a nice assortment in one of

our customer's courtyards this week." I thought that was a great idea and asked the kids for their opinion. Together we went to Plant World, where we could get a membership and purchase plants at a discount. I found out that's where Quality Lawn Care gets much of their plants. The guys said I could go and place the order, even pay for the items and for a delivery fee, they could pick them up and plant them for me. I thought it would be a wonderful surprise if it was done while my wife was at work.

I called and scheduled the planting for a Friday so she would be surprised when she got home from work. I can't wait to see her expression when she sees all the color around the front walkway. I'll get out the patio furniture, dust it off and get the grill ready. I have a feeling that having a barbecue would be the perfect way to spend Mother's Day while we cater to her every whim.

And instead of buying flowers that will die in less than a week, I know that she will enjoy them for an entire season. When I called to schedule the planting, Rob suggested that we add deadheading to our services so we can have fresh blooms all summer long. I hadn't thought of that (cont'd pg 3)

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May 'To-Do' List



- Continue to keep areas under shrubs clean to avoid unwanted pests from nesting there.
- Monitor your watering system and check regularly for leaks or oversprays.
- Power rake lawns that have a thick layer of thatch or dead grass. This will help remove the obstructions preventing healthy grass growth.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs.
- Begin watering your lawns, trees and shrubs 1 time per week.
- Spray non-turf areas with pre-emergent to reduce the number of weeds that will be cropping up in your rock areas this spring.
- Clear out all dead leaves and debris from around the base of shrubs and trees.
- Check irrigation to be sure that there are no broken heads or leaks.
- Plant spring flowers.
- Turn soil and compost in compost bins.
- Prune your roses.
- And finally, Enjoy the weather!
- Need help? Call us @ 836-4000.



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<http://albuquerqueyardandgarden.com/>

You can find our monthly “To Do” Lists, specific articles about landscaping and yard maintenance. There is a search button where you can look for articles about trimming, planting, watering, treating for pests and weed control.

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and was pleased he suggested it. I'm looking forward to a wonderful warm season where I can spend time enjoying my yard and not working in my yard, thanks to the staff at Quality Lawn Care. Do you need some planting done? Give them a call at 836-4000.

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Did you know...

On May 8th , 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Twenty five percent of all flowers purchased throughout the year are sold on this day.

IN the 1600's England, Mothering Sunday took place on the 4th Sunday of Lent. It began with a prayer to the Virgen Mary. Afterwards children would present their moms with flowers.

Facts taken from:
<http://info.osr.org/en/mothers-day/>



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Viv and her Mom 1960's

A letter from Owners: Robert and Vivian



Welcome to Spring!

When was the last time you visited Disney World? I admit it's been too many years for me.

After researching the fun facts in this newsletter, I'd really like to go back and see all of these plants for myself. What attraction have you visited that really captured the beauty of trees, plants and flowers? Our own Biopark is becoming quite the sensation among botanical gardens in this country. We visited the park last week and the Mediterranean garden is full of color with the current exhibit. We recommend you take some time to visit. In the meantime enjoy this month's story and as always thank you so much for your continued support! *Rob and Viv*