

“It’s spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you’ve got it, you want — oh, you don’t quite know what it is you *do* want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!” -Mark Twain



April-In Our Herb Garden:

-Try growing some newer, more unusual types of herbs that satisfy a variety of uses. Discover Hyssop, Germander, Gotu Kola, Lovage, Patchouli, Rue and Valerian.

-Planted mint scented herbs on the SE side of your entertainment area to release insect deterring oils into the air downwind, and where you gather outdoors. Examples are Mint family, Thyme, Lemon Verbena, Oreganos, Sages, Lavender, and more. The prevailing winds from the coast, April through September, will help to release the scent.

-It’s not too late to set out transplants of perennial herbs.

-From now and throughout the summer, plant basil which likes the warm weather.

-Cool weather annuals planted late this month will go to seed near the end of June (dill, cilantro, parsley).

-Weed and water as necessary.

-Enjoy your garden, everything is taking off.

- *HERBS: A Resource Guide for San Antonio* (visit the San Antonio Herb Society’s web site @ <http://www.saherbs.org>)

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