



Original oil painting, 4' x 4', of *Nelumbo* 'Charles Thomas' by Michelle Marocco.
Photo by John S. Green.

Pond Tips

- Transplant/divide aquatic plants
- Begin fertilizing aquatic plants
- Add nitrifying bacteria to biofilter and/or pond water
- Switch to high protein fish foods as waters warm
- Move tropicals into pond when water approaches 70 degrees

Garden & Birding Tips

- Fertilize spring-blooming perennials
- Replace mulch around plants
- Plant annuals after danger of frost is past
- Begin planting container perennials, shrubs
- Offer nesting materials for birds
- Set up hummingbird feeders
- Stop feeding suet; offer soft foods for nesters
- Clean feeders

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Pond & Garden 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day					
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Original oil painting, 4' x 4', of *Nymphaea* 'Superba' by Michelle Marocco.

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Pond Tips

- Add tropical water lilies after temperature above 70, tropical nightbloomers added once temperature stabilizes at 75 degrees.
- Divide irises after bloom is finished
- Monitor water quality for ammonia and nitrite
- Remove dying vegetation and spent blooms

Garden & Birding Tips

- Apply compost to garden
- Deadhead blooming flowers to maintain nectar supply for butterflies and hummingbirds
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs when bloom completed
- Plant new ground covers and perennials
- Mulch, mulch, mulch
- Continue offering nesting materials & soft foods
- Clean feeders

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14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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