

## **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

### **MAY TIPS**

#### **Plant Tips**

In Northern Ohio (zone 6) we have to delay planting annuals, perennials and vegetables until after Mother's Day or the middle of the month. The ground is too saturated for plants to flourish. Later in the month if you're shopping for perennials, some deer proof plants are Coreopsis, Lenten Rose, Bee Balm, and Peony. Add mulch around plants to retain moisture and block weeds.

Pruning plants that bloom on 'old wood' like Forsythia, Lilac and Weigela, should be done after they have bloomed.

Pruning plants that bloom on 'new wood' or current season's growth like Abelia, Butterfly Bush, and Caryopteris, can be pruned in early spring while the plant is dormant, before the buds show green.

#### **Garden Tips**

Later in May when the soil can be turned over (no longer with clumps), mix in some compost, manure, or sand. Some cool weather vegetable seeds like spinach, lettuce, Swiss chard, sugar snap peas, carrots, and radishes can be planted. Side dress the rows of planted seeds with some 5-10-5, or 10-10-10 or Osmocote.