

BEAUTY AND ORDER

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The importance of being patient in winter

With this being our 19th season in business, one would think winter and its seemingly perennial extension, (beyond what I consider fair bounds), would now be accepted.



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Unfortunately, it seems the brat in me continues to lament to my wife how unfair it is with each day recording single degree temperatures and/or snow fall after Feb. 15.

Like clockwork, I pull out of the closet my teenage whine: “If this continues, my skin will no longer be distinguishable from my T shirt.”

Try as I may, continued tantrums are likely for however many more seasons are allowed.

Thankfully, plants are different. They are patient. Seemingly happy to show restraint with continued root growth and buds swelling from moisture they are moving through their “veins” in settled anticipation of spring — which they know will show up at just the right time.

We are in the middle of our effort to help them with hard pruning of woody plants, removal of last season’s perennial vegetation, application of organic fertilizer and bed weed pre-emergent.

Mulching will follow in mid-March and in the blink of an eye, the pear trees and redbuds will announce the arrival of the landscapers’ version of



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“March Madness” right on cue.

If you are the do-it-yourself type, don’t let this weather fool you or cause you to stick your head in the sand, (or snow). It’s time to “git-r-done.”

If you need any hands-on help or coaching, give Susan a call, or drop an email and we will help in any way we can.

If she forwards you on to me, I promise not to whine, no matter the weather.

That’s reserved for Robyn, and thankfully like plants, after 28 years of marriage, she is nearly as patient.



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A dormant pruned burning bush (top) and rose bush (above) patiently wait for spring.



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