





# Clean-up

- Now is a good time to prune
  - When pruning different trees clean blade/saw with alcohol to sterilize between trees/shrubs
- Rake (if you want) and remove old leaves, cut old Peony stems and Hellebore leaves (trash or hot compost)



- **Bush Honeysuckle**

- If you have this in your yard and want it removed I'll help. If you want it removed and want a native replacement I have native Hydrangea; Oakleaf and smooth I can pot up and give.



# Annuals and summer vegetables/fruits

- Average last frost date is **April 9/10!**
- Latest spring frost was May 10, 1966.
- Don't plant out tender plants until late April
  - Including many annual flowers, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, squash, etc.

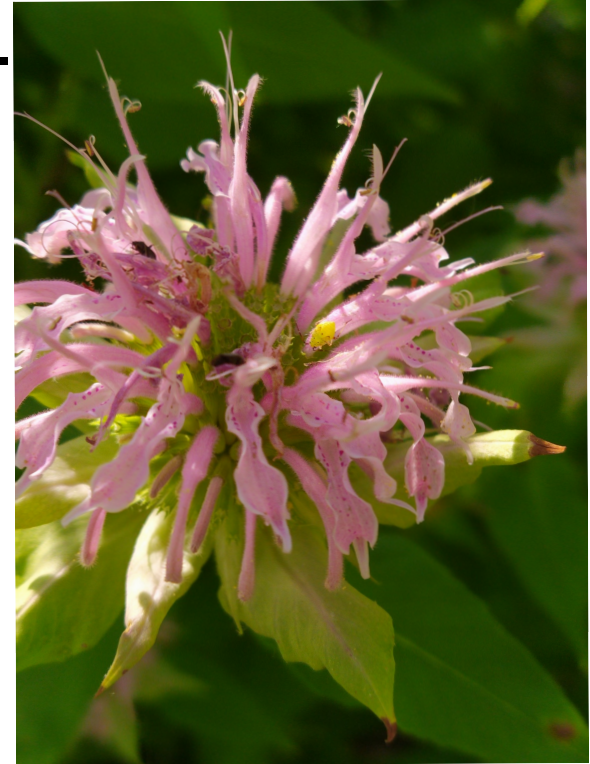




- Please wait to mow your yard if you have *Claytonia* flowering now and until early May.
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- Volunteers needed for the two main entry islands at Clearview and at Arlmont.
  - Clearview just needs maintenance – weeding, pruning, etc.
  - Arlmont needs lots of work!



# “Goal” for Arlmont





# Bring back the Bel-Nor garden tour

- Not as a fundraiser for the islands, but to engage with the community and get to know neighbors
- Promote gardening and more vibrant landscapes (trade plants!)
- Gardening is exercise and sunlight (good vit-D)

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- Garden tour through seasons.
- We all garden differently; some do edible landscaping, some native, some water gardening, etc. We can inspire one another.
- Proposed dates May 25<sup>th</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup>.