



Have you ever been determined to improve something because you're convinced it'll be quick, only to have it take ridiculously more time than expected? Yeah... me too! This past week was a prime example. A late night podcast listen turned into me jumping right down the Google and Wordpress dark hole in an attempt to improve your experience on our site. Let me just say what we're all thinking... I should just hire a professional. What would have been learned from that? Needless to say, Javascript and I had to part ways after a tumultuous relationship.

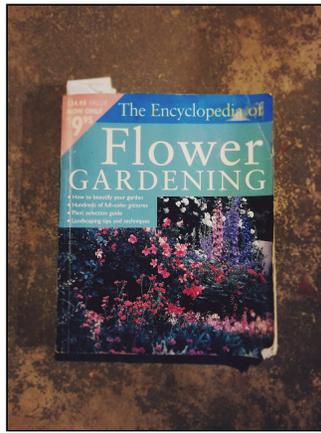
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The next time you're on the site, spend some time cruising around! Your input is important and we'd appreciate your [feedback](#). Please don't hesitate to let us know what's not working for you! We're here for you!

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Thanks to all of the brain-numbing javascript nonsense, we managed to skip the part about this being for all of you. Please forgive us! Here's what you missed:

Way back when we were wedding planning, I came across a [gardening book](#) at a local goodwill for \$1.99. This turned out to be a must have for all of you.



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If you're anything like me, you're currently daydreaming about warm temperatures and green all over the place! Then the reality hits.. warm temperatures mean bugs! Turns out not all of them are so bad. You could say that [Harvester Ants](#) may have some refuge on the farm from now on!

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I have a love-hate relationship with genetically modified *anything*. God placed all of the creatures on our planet in ways only he could design. It's a slippery slope when modifications are made to the complicated structure of genomes. We truly don't understand what chain reactions could occur from *one little tweak*. Although the fear of uncontrollable genomic changes is legit, I am often calmed when I read research highlighting the positives to genetic modifications. If you have a pothos ivy in your home, you are the proud owner of a species of houseplant that can be modified to cleanse the air of chloroform and benzene. Although a few years away from being available to the general public, the [research](#) is encouraging.

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Lastly, we had to get real about our bodies and how its waste is contributing to massive [antibiotic resistance](#). Water is life. It's also able to move everywhere and anywhere it desires as long as it has a path to follow. [Artificial sweeteners](#) are already being used as data markers when studying the flow of water due to it being nearly impossible to filter out. [Antibiotic resistance](#) has been attributed to high concentrations of human and animal fecal waste. Researchers can determine initial water contamination by testing for artificial sweeteners. This could help researchers determine where further testing could be completed, helping farmers and municipalities address flaws in waste release systems.

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Regardless of where you live, can we all agree that winter can be a magical thing?

#LoveTheLifeYouLive,

Christina

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January Happenings Around The Farm:

We have lisianthus! Fingers crossed they make it to transplant!

Dahlia's and Gazania's are started and staying strong

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