

What is “budding” in your Garden?



In my part of the world, flowers and leaves are beginning to appear. This week we have moved closer to Spring and away from winter although the Groundhog says differently.

Look for new growth in the trees stem you drew a month ago. Make a date to check on one or more of your January trees every two weeks. Changes are going to start happening faster.

Compare what is happening this year with what you drew last year. My magnolia has been blooming since December but was just beginning to open up last year!

My *Ribes Sanguineum* (California Currant) is just emerging in a wonderful way. Leaves and flower at the same time. I had never noticed that before.

- ❖ Keep naturalist's notes as part of your drawing or sketchbook. Even if you cannot draw everything, make a list of what is happening each month.
- ❖ Compare to last year- what is early (magnolia), what is late this year? (Buckeye?) What is different? What hadn't you seen before?
- ❖ What are our buds going to do? Are they going to be flowers like the Magnolia or leaves or both?
- ❖ What else is going on in the garden or the neighborhood besides what you have chosen to follow?

“Love the moment. Flowers grow out of dark moments. Therefore, each moment is vital. It affects the whole. Life is a succession of such moments and to live each, is to succeed.” ... Corita Kent