



First Monday in Spring

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It's the first Monday in the spring of 2011. Today's temps were very much colder than last Friday's summer-like temps. Despite the chilly morning, I woke early and got to work in the greenhouse.

My first order of business was to heat up my hot tea brewer and walk the isles to see who sprouted overnight. It is such a gift to see new seedlings awake!

This morning some of the hot and ornamental peppers, zinnia's, marigold's, sunflowers, large pots of chervil, dill and bronze fennel showed life too. I try not to get too ahead of myself with seedlings, it can be a daunting task to transplant thousands of seedlings.

My well-scheduled plan is to try to plant 10 to 20 types of different seeds (40-80 seeds each) a day - in a 2-week period, then wait 3 days and then plant more. I know when it is time for transplanting, I have to be careful with my schedule timing - or I'll be taken over by seedlings.

This year I am growing plants for my own use, plants to sell and plants for a downtown container project. The downtown project will be containers with all edibles in them. We also have wonderful plans of having free programs for children and adults on "Victory Gardens", "container gardens", and cooking workshops.

The planning of this project has been a town-wide venture, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church groups, the local food pantry, business owners, citizens of the town and two home schooler groups. We have also been contacted by two local chefs and a vegetarian/India cooking school, with interest in our project.

So as I sit in my greenhouse on this cold rainy Monday morning, I am surrounded by "dream" of the future. Each little tiny seedling will grow to be "magical" food and beauty. With all the positive energy I gather from these thoughts, the loving energy surrounds my tiny, little seedlings. Cold rainy spring mornings eventually turn into awesome sunny summer days.

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