



Peonies  
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"May the love hidden deep  
inside your heart find the love  
waiting in your dreams. May  
the laughter that you find in  
your tomorrow wipe away  
the pain you find in your  
yesterdays."  
~Unknown



"Passion is momentary; love is  
enduring."  
~ John Wooden



"No bird soars too high if he  
soars with his own wings. "

~William Blake

## A Measure of Hope....

February has always been the month most filled with hope for me. The days are starting to get longer and I feel an undercurrent of energy ready to burst forth. I am scouring the seed catalogs for our future vegetable garden. Today, the possibilities are endless. When I take the action of helping to prepare our garden, plant the seeds, stake the tomatoes, thin plants when necessary and pull weeds, my faith grows. I am filled with hope that I will spend the rest of the spring, summer and fall harvesting the bounty. My passion for the earth will once again exceed my expectations.



## February Fun Facts....

**"The day birds choose their mates"**

Valentine's Day has many traditions and tales. And birds have always played a role: If a woman saw a robin flying overhead, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a rich person. Seeing a swan first foretells finding a loyal and lifelong partner. For a life filled with travel, see a gull. For those who are not ready for romance then you will need to seek out a woodpecker or a crow. In Victorian times it was improper for a lady to send a valentine and a "proposal" valentine of this era cost as much as a month's earnings and included a picture of a ring or church.

## What's Growing on...

**News & Noteworthy**

The NW Flower and Garden Show



February 11 - 15,  
2015, This year the  
theme is  
'Romance  
Blossoms' our WA  
State Landscape  
Association  
(WALP) leads this  
year are Jon

Shepodd and Kathy Madsen. Their vision will be a three part garden starting with young/first love, moving into passionate love and finishing with enduring and love lasting a lifetime. The King County Chapter has enjoyed a six year run of award winning gardens. Hope to see you there!