


The first clue I had that the battle was near was when I wandered around my yard a couple weeks ago and I could see that someone had feasted on the new shoots and beginnings of flowers on my hydrangias on the north side of my house. After a quick investigation I could see that my enemy was that dear sweet mama DEER and her babies. I love to see them wandering the neighborhood – I just wish they hadn't found my favorite hydrandias!

So the battle begins with me putting netting on all the northside plants. 

And then I think I just drove them around the house because a few days later it was nibbled plants on the eastside and days later the southside. As I was finishing draping netting over the grapevine on the southwest corner I begin to notice the back or westside of the house has been nibbled too. I was standing there staring at this new development when Mr. Blogger went in the house muttering something about getting out of my way lest I put a net over him!

I looked on Google to see what it is that deer like about our yards and found the following:

*"The primary diet of a whitetail deer is leaves, new shoots twigs, nuts, berries, shrubs and wild flowering herbs. These non woody plants are very important to a deer's diet especially in the fall."*

 As much as I love them I can't imagine wanting to attract them. I am back to arming myself for battle with them until fall comes and they decide there is a better diet elsewhere.

Short blog this week. Enjoy the week ahead. – Cindy