


Last weekend I was admiring my backyard grapevine and how nicely it was coming along after I had severely clipped it back this spring. I am now training it to go the way I want it and not the way nature persists!

Well, as I was walking around the yard the following day I noticed little bites here and there on other plants and as I circled the yard I found my grapevine completely stripped of it's beautiful leaves! Some little lovely deer came into my yard and helped themselves. Shame on me for not protecting it but arghhh...

As I was getting ready to write this week's blog I was wondering how many times you have heard this tale over the years and found several. Some things never change!!!

My DEER blog from 2015:

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 hydrangeas 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 hydrangeas!

So the battle begins with me putting netting on all the north side plants.  And then I think I just drove them around the house because a few days later it was nibbled plants on the east side and days later the south side. As I was finishing draping netting over the grapevine on the southwest corner I begin to notice the back or west side 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