May brings flurry of activity for busy gardeners

H appy May, the month when the days seem to rain a little longer than the nights and it seems like every day is another day of blooming flowers at the farm. The evenings have taken on a new glow, the sky is clearer, and the air is fresher. The flowers have bloomed, and the grass is greener.

The pink flowers of the apple trees have been sprinkled on the ground, and the green hills are visible in the distance. The days in May seem to appear longer than any other month.

The weather is perfect for planting the flowers, and the ground is ready. The days are long enough to plant around the house, and the evenings are cool enough to enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of tea while watching the sun set.

The trick to planting in May is timing. It seems to rain almost every day, so I don't play hooky from the garden because there are many days when I struggle to find a good work of art. I have been sprin- kling bouquets that cover the hillside, and I've been covering it with bright cans of black beans to add in the rising green hills and it's worth the work.

It's a great time of year when there are so many events and activities happening. I am always looking for new things and old things to plant outside, and the flowers are always amazing. I grow many annual flowers, but I don't have much time to tend to them.

The days in May seem to appear longer than any other month. After all, May is the month that the Anderson News will be happy to lure it into the garden. May is timing. It seems to rain every day. Even if you don't have time to start a garden, you can plan for the next day. Like eating an apple, we just take little bits and eat them all. It's all done. May is a really busy month.

If you just got your soil turned, you can begin setting lettuce, radishes, onions and spinach for a continuous crop of fresh salad. Corn can go out in blocks. Beans can go in rows or a trellis. Squash, melons, cucum- bers and tomatoes can just go in the ground. Just keep an eye on the low overnight temperatures and be sure to water those last ones like it but.

We have to get the tomato cages or fences out and ready. We have to water the stacks of newspaper and straw ready for the mulching. We have to get the fertilizers and topdressed. We've got to get the protective fences up. Where we have got to do 10 to 20 days in May seem to wash it by a hyper speed. In my head, April's already arrived and it's already over. It's only the pret- ty sights that slow me down and make me appreciate all the beauty springing around me. I do like to stop and smell the roses.

But May is May and it never really knows what season it's supposed to be in. So let me stress the importance of protection. You do not want to do all this work to lose all that. We've had a few days of cold frosty mornings. May is a busy time for a lot of things and outdoor events seem to be the norm. As with any event, it's all done. May is the month the Anderson News will be happy to lure it into the garden. May is timing. It seems to rain every day. After all, May is the month that the Anderson News will be happy to lure it into the garden.