

Finally, Spring is here

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Spring at last. A few days more like July, but now we're back to what's more normal for this time of year. The tulips, narcissus and grape hyacinths have rebounded and are waving in the breeze again. The apricot has already shed its blossoms and now the dwarf pear has put on its lacy dress of blooms...(pictured above). This pear tree is amazing in the amount of fruit it puts out in our small urban yard. The pears are like bartlett pears, sweet and smooth.

It's still a little cool out and the residents of the coldframe that lived out all winter are doing fine. Plenty of beets, some arugula. The strawberries, lavender and columbine were transplanted to large pots and are progressing nicely. The deer netting is to keep the neighborhood cats, etc. out until it is fully planted and wood dividers put in. There are tomato, greens and herb plants waiting in the wings for slightly warmer weather. I've always advocated the growing of salad veggies in a small space even in an urban area like Jersey City or NYC. You can do it entirely in pots on stairs, fence boxes or window boxes too. Space is always hard to find in cities but it doesn't mean you can't grow things.

