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the Country DOZEN

TWELVE REASONS CL READERS LOVE APRIL IN THE COUNTRY



Umbrella, \$40; ellaumbrella.com



Dogwood Tree, from \$44; seedsoflife.com



Trousers, \$78; lauraashleyusa.com



Cruiser, \$470; wayfair.com

WIN THIS BIKE!

See page 6 for details.



Joke Kit, \$12; broadwaypaper.com



TALK TO US!

What are you looking forward to about June in the country? Share your answers with us (countryliving.com/june16). Our 12 favorites will receive a copy of *500 Kitchen Ideas* and a chance to appear in our June 2016 issue! See page 102 for rules.

1.

"April showers for May's flowers!"

MARIAN LOWRY, BIRMINGHAM, AL

2.

"Planting a new tree in celebration of Earth Day."

TINA THOMAS, KOUTS, IN

3.

"Packing a picnic with ingredients I picked up at my local farmers' market."

MIRANDA ROBERSON, IRVING, TX

4.

"Ditching boring black for brighter hues."

KATHY BLAIR, WAYNESBURG, PA

5.

"The start of flea market and tag sale season!"

ELIZABETH DECANIO, WESTON, CT

6.

"The chirp of a red-winged black bird—a sure sign of spring."

CHERI KLUNICK, MOUNT HOREB, WI

7.

"Sunshine and long bike rides."

SUSIE CARTER, CHARLOTTE, NC

8.

"Spending quality time outdoors with my pets and family."

LARISSA CREIGHTON, FLORENCE, AL

9.

"Baseball!"

KAREN ALLANACH, FREDERICK, MD

10.

"Who doesn't enjoy playing a prank on April Fool's Day?"

LADONNA THOMPSON, RENWICK, IA

11.

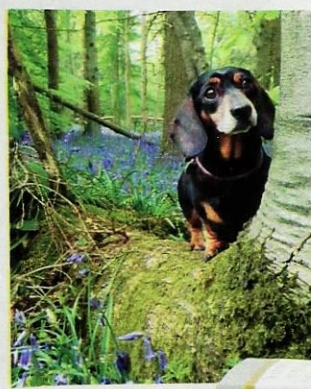
"My annual girlfriends' getaway."

BETH MARTIN, NEWBURGH, NY

12.

"Glorious spring flowers!"

C. HAYNES, KETTLE FALLS, WA



MEET OUR READER PET OF THE MONTH!

Reader Catherine Ryan's dachshund, Alfie, enjoys the sunshine and bluebells at his home in the town of Lingfield in Surrey, England.



Nature Guides, \$22 each; bestmadeco.com



Picnic Blanket, \$55; amara.com





Silhouette in Navy,
\$60/yard; caitlinwilson.com



Floribunda in Sorbet,
\$61/yard; decoratorsbest.com



Watercolor Magnolias in Carolina Blue, from \$18/yard;
spoonflower.com



Delphine in Raspberry,
\$57/yard; decoratorsbest.com

FLOURISH WITH
Fabric
Whether you re-cover every chair in sight or accent a single window with draperies, these timeless textiles should do the trick. (Bonus: The patterns are also available in wallpaper.)



Graceful Garden by Waverly,
\$55/yard; joann.com



Chickadee Floral by Schumacher,
\$90/yard; insidefabric.com



Bridge City Blooms in Grey,
\$70/yard; caitlinwilson.com



Sandford Seaspray, \$32/yard;
lauraashleyusa.com