

Garden Club Newsletter



How many plants does it take to.....?????

Multi-tasking is a favorable characteristic that I look for when choosing a plant. My yard at home is a small one, so one of my rules is that plants must serve more than one purpose.

For instance my hardy pampas grass is great to look at both summer and winter, and it also serves as a barrier between my yard and my neighbors.

(Plumes are also a summer sword for my six-year old)

Did you know....For every person on the earth there are at least 200 million insects

Did you know....The plant "fireweed" was the first plant to bloom in areas that were destroyed by the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens.

My spearmint plant covers a tool shed that needs to be painted, and also adds great flavor to strawberries and sun tea in the summer.

There are lots of plants that can even go a step further by not only enhancing the garden, but by offering something that can be used to improve our life-

styles as well. Strawberries are a great example. They can be used as a pretty groundcover under shrubs and in landscaping. They have a nice white flower, dark green foliage, and berries to be used in desserts and salads.

Here are some ideas for you to try. As you start thinking about it, you will come up with your own favorites!

Did you know....Potatoes are the most popular vegetable among Americans. Second and third place go to head lettuce and onions.

If you have children, or grandchildren, look on our website for fun activities for the summer. Sign them up early!

GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - May
30% off (garden club members only)
Outdoor potting mix- any size, limit one.
Home Décor item with butterfly on it- limit one.
Felco Pruner- limit one.

Garden Club Spring Luncheon- Saturday, April 10 at 11:00 P.M.
We will be having a seminar on edibles, and there will be give-aways and great food!
Call in your reservation today!

-Apple- Produces flowers in the spring and apples for pies in autumn. Columnar varieties are great for small spaces, and the dwarf varieties are super for small yards. Search for varieties that are self pollinating.

-Artemisia- Great gray foliage used for bridging contrasting colors in the garden. The aromatic leaves are great for repelling insects and when planted in drifts may also deter small animals.

-Catmint- A must for cat lovers, plus the gray-blue foliage is a must in the garden. Use it in the garden to keep away flea beetles, aphids, Japanese beetles, squash bugs, ants and weevils. A sachet of catmint in the house will keep away ants and cockroaches.

-Chives- Has a showy flower for an herb. Great for seasoning dips and baked potatoes. It is also easy to grow indoors on your windowsill.

-Dill- Great for recipes. In the garden it repels aphids and spider mites. It is also a favorite food of swallowtail butterfly caterpillars.

-Echinacea- Butterflies love the flowers. After the petals fall off, it is an interesting pod to use in floral designing. Echinacea tablets help boost the immune system.

-Four O'clocks- Wonderful for adding evening fragrance to your garden. It also serves as a trap for Japanese beetles. The beetles love to eat the foliage, and it is toxic to them.

-Lamb's Ear- Kids love the soft, fuzzy leaves of this plant. It is drought tolerant, and has a pretty silver color.

-Nasturtium- The spicy blooms and foliage are great in salads and cream cheese dips. It protects tomatoes from white flies and aphids.

-Roses- They are beautiful mixed in your landscape with perennials and other shrubs. They are a great cut flower, and the hips are a good food for birds. You can also use the hips in potpourri, and they are high in vitamin C.

-Thyme- Excellent ground cover. Can be used in space where there is foot traffic-like around stepping stones. It is also great used in stews and meats.

-Marigolds- Bright colored blooms that last until fall. They are also good for planting around tomatoes to deter insects.

-Vines- Most have attractive flowers, and some are scented. They are great to use as a camouflage for unattractive buildings or spots that are eye sores.

**Don't miss our 30th Anniversary Celebration and Mother's Day Open House
May 7th, 8th, and 9th!
There will be drawings, refreshments, and give-aways!**