

The Village Garden Center's August 2009 Garden Club Newsletter



White Flowers in the Garden

Choosing to grow white and grey toned foliage and flowering plants in your garden is a matter of taste. If your taste is for enjoying your garden both day and night, planting some white flowers in your beds is a must. The stunning, delicate beauty of a moon or night time garden is unique and timeless. Here are a few elements to make a moonlight garden a success.

Did you know...Dragonflies can fly up to 20 miles per hour. They can also hover and fly backwards.

Use flowers that open at night to create visual interest. These are easy to grow flowers that open at night: Angel's Trumpet, Moonflower, and Four-o'clocks. It is beneficial to include fragrant plants with scented flowers or aromatic foliage. This allows you to enjoy the scents even when you are unable to view the flowers in broad daylight. Some examples would be: Roses, carnations, hyacinth, lilacs, viburnum, and hyssop. The foliage of rosemary, basil, lavender and thyme are also good choices.

Grey colored foliage plants will reflect the moonlight better. Variegated foliage with white or cream accents serve the same purpose allowing the white streaks and stripes to pick up and reflect any light in the night.

Did you know....Some plants bloom at night to attract night-flying pollinators

Light colored flowers in white, cream, pale pink or purple reflect the moonlight better than dark colored flowers. Some white flowers annuals would include: Periwinkle, Nicotiana, Cosmos, Nemesis, Alyssum, and Petunias. Some perennial plants would be: Foxglove, alba coneflower, Becky Shasta, Daisy, Alba Jupiter's Beard, and Delphinium.

GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - September
30% off to garden club members only
All purpose fertilizer (limit 1-any size)
Sedum (Limit 2- gallon size)
Harvest Garden Flag (limit 1)

Even if you don't choose to do a moonlight garden, it is a good idea to have at least a couple of white plants in your garden space. They add brightness and have a great contrast to the darker plants in your garden.



Garden Club Meeting- August 15th, 10:00 A.M.

Hope to see everyone there!

Kathy DeLara will be the guest speaker Her topic for discussion will be Backyard birds.

Please remember to call and reserve your space for breakfast, and give-aways. Thanks.