

Garden Club Newsletter



Stepables- The plants that tolerate foot traffic.

If you haven't heard of them yet, then you soon will. They are easy to maintain, reduce weeds, fill in quick or slowly (depending on your needs) and give your landscape that special finishing touch. Most homeowners have at least one problem area in their yard that needs attention, and these plants can help!

These plants can be planted anywhere bark or mulch would normally be placed. Simply tuck these perennials in nooks and crannies and watch them grow. They are great under shrubs, in between stepping stones, good for rock garden use, pathways, pond use, and accent designing.

What makes these perennials especially unique, is that some of them actually want to be walked on. In a few of the varieties, it actually helps the plant to expand and mature when they receive foot traffic. For the plants listed as heavy traffic, that means they can handle foot traffic 3 or more times daily. For the plants listed as medium traffic, they can handle foot traffic 1-2 times daily. Finally the plants listed as light traffic, would only prefer traffic 1-2 times a week. As always you do need to take light requirements into consideration when choosing your plants.

Here are the ones we carry and their traffic tolerance:

Achillea tomentosa- Yellow yarrow, medium foot traffic

Dwarf yellow wallflower, light foot traffic

Georgia Blue Veronica, medium foot traffic

Sunshine Veronica, medium foot traffic

New Century Veronica, medium foot traffic

Turkish Veronica, light foot traffic

Tiny Rubies Dianthus, light foot traffic

Bluets, light foot traffic

Chocolate Chip Ajuga, medium foot traffic

Elfin Thyme, heavy foot traffic

Coccineus Thyme, medium foot traffic

Archer's Gold Thyme, medium foot traffic

Did you know....If you have pine trees on or near your lawn, make sure that you rake the needles regularly. Pine needles will kill anything underneath them. They pack so tight that light is unable to get through. This also makes them an excellent mulch and natural weed killer for under trees and shrubs.

Did you know....

If you sow radish seeds in cucumber and squash beds, you will have less problems with the striped cucumber beetle

GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - June

30% off to garden club members only

Shrub rose (limit one)

Garden flag (limit one)

Ardore candle (limit one)

Reduce your carbon footprint.....take out grass and plant Stepables!

Next garden club meeting is May 16th at 10:00 a.m. Please remember to call and R.S.V.P. Bring your divided perennial plants to the meeting, and we'll have a plant swap! I have lots of purple coneflower to share and lamb's ear. We could probably try a lot of new things this way, and help each other prosper!