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Lysimachia

'Aurea'

Golden Creeping Jenny is much more restrained in habit than the more common green type. Plants form a low mat of butter-yellow leaves, bearing bright golden-yellow flowers from late spring into the summer. Excellent in pots and tubs, or cascading over walls. Outstanding when used as a foliage accent. Consider combining this with any of the bronze or purple leaved Coral Bells. Since the stems root into the ground wherever they touch, this plant is easily increased by simply moving new plantlets in spring or fall. Semi-evergreen in mild winter regions.

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Sun Exposure
 Partial Shade or
 Full Shade
 Soil Type
 Normal or
 Sandy or
 Clay
 Soil pH
 Neutral or
 Alkaline or
 Acid
 Soil Moisture
 Average or
 Moist or
 Wet
 Care Level
 Easy

Phlox

'Phlox divaricata 'Chattahoochee'

Detailed Plant Information Plant Type:

Perennial

USDA Hardiness Zone: 4a to 9a

Height: 8.0" to 12.0" Spread: 12.0" to 24.0"

Light Exposure: Full Shade to Full Sun Bloom

Color: Blue, Purple

Bloom Time: Early Summer, Late Spring, Mid Spring

Leaf Color: Green



PHLOX 'DAVID'

Winner of the 2002 Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year award! P. 'David' displays enormous heads of fragrant, white flowers from mid to late summer. The bright green foliage and sturdy constitution make this plant beautiful even when it's not in bloom. Trials have shown this variety to be one of the most powdery mildew resistant to date.

A trouble-free delight! 42" high.

Phlox paniculata Lilac Flame™

This outstanding dwarf selection is one of the shortest yet introduced. It forms a bushy mound, perfect for near the front of a sunny border or in mixed container plantings. The large clusters of fragrant flowers have magenta-mauve petals with a tiny white eye, starting in midsummer. Remove faded flowers to encourage more buds. Attractive to butterflies. Reported to have good resistance to powdery mildew.



Pink Flame



Purple Flame



White Flame

Paeonia

Care advice:

'Red Charm'

Peonies will grow in most soils as long as they are not wet, including clay soils. They require a sunny or partially shaded site. Herbaceous peonies need to be planted with the eye (the dormant pink buds) no more than 2.5cm below the surface of the soil. Do not mix manure in the soil before planting as this may rot the eyes.



Peony 'Red Charm'

Gorgeous double glossy red that opens into a domed ball surrounded by large guard petals. Each flower blooms for ages. Stiff stems. Early season.



Paeonia lactiflora 'Do Tell'

Vivid contrast of feathery rose, pink, and white centers against the smooth, orchid-pink outer petals

Plants in the genus *Paeonia* are clump-forming perennials and deciduous shrubs or subshrubs grown for their large, colorful, and sometimes fragrant flowers. Blooms are usually upright and solitary, sometimes several to a stem. Use in mixed, herbaceous, or shrub borders. Herbaceous cultivars bloom in late spring and early summer. Tree peonies bloom in mid-spring and late spring. Noteworthy characteristics: Peonies have a wide distribution in meadows, scrub, and rocky places of East Asia to Europe, and in western North America. They sometimes have showy, red- or black-seeded pod-like fruits. Flowers are saucer-, cup-, or bowl-shaped, varying widely in color and size (from 2 and up to 12 inches across), and can be single, semi-double, double, and Japanese. All parts are toxic.

From the garden of Eva

Greek Macaroni Salad Recipe

Ingredients :

- 1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
- 4 medium plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans or chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can (6 ounces) pitted ripe olives
- 1 package (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice



Directions

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine the macaroni, tomatoes, beans, onion, olives, feta cheese, salt, pepper and garlic.
2. In a small bowl, whisk oil and lemon juice. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Stir before serving.

Yield: 8 servings.



Raspberry Lemonade

Ingredients:

- 1 12 oz. bag frozen raspberries
- 1/2 gallon lemonade

Preparation

Defrost a 12 oz. bag frozen raspberries in a strainer over a bowl. Puree berries and liquid in a blender; strain. Stir into 1/2 gallon lemonade. Garnish with mint leaves and lemon wedges, if desired.

Serves 8.



White Chocolate-Raspberry Cheesecake Bars

Raspberry preserves meets white chocolate for a duo made in cheesecake heaven. An Oreo Cookie crust only makes these bars more divine

What You Need

12 OREO Cookies, finely crushed (about 1 cup)

2 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

3 oz. BAKER'S White Chocolate, divided

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened

½ cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

2 eggs

¼ cup red raspberry preserves

Make It

HEAT oven to 350°F.

MIX cookie crumbs and butter; press onto bottom of 8- or 9-inch square pan. Melt 2 oz. chocolate as directed on package.

BEAT cream cheese, sugar and vanilla in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Add melted chocolate; mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust.

BAKE 25 to 28 min. or until center is almost set. Cool 5 min.; spread with preserves. Melt remaining chocolate; drizzle over cheesecake.

Cool cheesecake completely.



Verbena

Verbena 'Babylon White'

- Verbena love it hot and dry, whether in the ground or in a container
- In the ground, they spread out; in a container, they drape over
- Trim off dried up blooms to encourage more flowers
- Butterfly magnet

Height: 5-9 Inches

Spread: 12-18 Inches



Verbena bonariensis 'Lollipop'

Butterfly Verbena

Verbena 'Lollipop' is a naturally dwarf form of the species and offers a short, mounding habit. Small clusters of lavender flowers produce an excellent flower canopy throughout the summer. Lollipop's short stature makes it suitable for the front of a border or in a container.

'Lollipop' is low maintenance, makes a good cut flower and attracts butterflies.

Broad heads of rich purple flowers are carried well above an 18in mound of glossy green foliage that is the perfect complement to the flowers. It has a light fragrance and blooms steadily all summer. Ideal for planters and hanging baskets.



Verbena 'Homestead Purple'

Vinca

Vinca Cora 'Punch'

Periwinkle

Vinca Cora has a patented resistance to Aerial Phytophthora, which is a common disease that affects other non-resistant Vinca. Simply put, the Cora series will thrive and grow strong in areas where other Vinca series will die! Cora Vinca is great for beds, borders and mass planting or containers. They can provide



the landscape with huge flowers on glossy green foliage. They are robust plants that have a uniform flowering habit. They produce bouquets or carpets of flat blooms with great foliage.

Height 14-16 Inches Spread 22-25 Inches

Homeowner Growing & Maintenance Tips

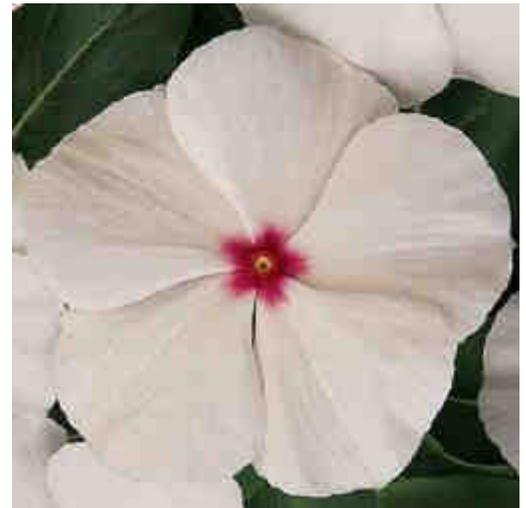
Cora Vinca prefers full sun and average, well draining soil to promote root vigor.

Do not overwater!

Coras thrive in heat and humidity of summer climates in full sun. Mix and match several complimentary Coras together for a great looking bed!

Interesting Notes

- Has a patented resistance to Aerial Phytophthora
- Some have “eyes” and some don’t
- Plant with Dusty Miller, Salvia or grasses
- Pinch back for fuller appearance



Titan Polka Dot Vinca



Thyme in the Garden



In the Garden

- Plant summer annuals. With our typical "June gloom days, it's still a good time to plant colorful summer annuals and perennials.
- Plant tropical shrubs and vines like Bougainvillea, Hibiscus and Mandevilla.
- Deadhead roses to ensure repeat bloom. Feed with organic E.B. Stone Rose and Flower Food.
- Big and Bigger. Feed blooming shrubs and flowering plants with a water-soluble fertilizer like Grow More Super Bloomer to promote bigger blooms.
- Mulch, Mulch, Mulch. Mulch to keep weeds down and increase water retention in the garden. Visit a store to see our collection of bark, mulches, and composts.
- A Beautiful Garden with Less Water. During dry weather, be sure to keep the garden adequately watered. A weekly deep, thorough soaking is more beneficial than a daily light sprinkling. Water between 6-10 am to avoid evaporation.

For the Birds

- Bath Time. Keep birdbaths clean and full, especially this time of year.
- Food Please. While the garden provides a good amount of food for the birds, supplement their meals by keeping feeders full.

It's a bug eat bug world

Water Strider (True Bug)

My Home: I primarily am found on freshwater ponds, streams, lakes. I am able to slide along the surface of the water by distributing my weight evenly on my long legs.

What I eat: As a nymph or adult water strider, I am carnivorous and use my piercing mouth parts to suck the juices primarily from other insects or spiders, alive or dead.

I find food by using my front legs to detect movement or ripples in the water and also use my front legs to grab my prey. I am considered a beneficial insect because I eat other insects including mosquito larvae.

What I look like: My body is thin, elongated, dark brown in color and about $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. I have two antenna and six long thin legs. My front legs are shorter than my back legs.

Some water strider species have wings.

How I am born: I go through three stages of development or incomplete metamorphosis: egg, nymph and adult. My egg is laid on aquatic plants or rocks.

I hatch into a nymph and will molt many times to reach my adult form.

It takes me around 8 weeks to go from egg to adult. As an adult, I usually live until a freeze, but in warmer areas I can overwinter and live up to a year.



Birth Month Flower of June-The Rose



The rose has symbolic root in many legends and poems throughout time. In one Roman legend, an angered goddess transforms a beautiful woman into a rose. Rodanthe, the beautiful woman, was chased by many men who wanted to win her love and hand in marriage. The men were actually so overcome by her beauty and her indecisiveness that they broke down the door to her home in pursuit of her. Diane, a goddess was angered by their actions to the point where she transformed Rodanthe into a rose and her suitors into the rose's thorns. Like this legend, many poems have been written to represent love as a rose and the roses thorns as obstacles overcome, or to be overcome, in Love.

Rose petals have strong, aromatic scents. Using rose petals has made some of the most romantic perfumes. Roses also make excellent potpourri. Its scent can liven any room.

More important uses of roses are representing love to someone special. Roses are a traditional gift for Valentine's Day, Anniversaries and first dates. Roses characterize love eternally, and roses of different colors can take on extra romantic meanings.

Living with Nature

Basic Facts About North American River Otters

The North American River Otter is the only river otter found north of Mexico. Its luscious pelt, which is waterproof and allows the river otter to regulate its temperature, was also a staple of the French fur trade in the 1700-1800s, has drawn hunters for hundreds of years. The color of its fur ranges from grey and white to brown and black.

Did You Know?

River otters can stay underwater for up to eight minutes and can close their ears and nostrils to keep water out. They can also dive to a depth of 60 feet!

Diet:

River otters primarily eat fish. They are also known to eat whatever is easiest to find, like crustaceans, mollusks, insects, birds, oysters, shellfish, crabs, crayfish, frogs, rodents, turtles and aquatic invertebrates.

Behavior:

River otters live in all types of habitats. The only consistency with these habitats is accessible high quality water and an abundant food supply

A river otter will only settle in a location with sufficient coverage, usually vegetation or physical structures, such as rock piles.

River otters are very playful animals and can very often be seen playing games. Social groups are typically made up of adult females and their pups. However, there are also groups of individual males. River otters are most active at night.



Colocasia esculenta
Black Magic



Black Magic makes an incredible clump of big elephant ears that turn almost midnight black when they have plenty of sun. The color is much lighter and the leaves not as large if the plant doesn't get enough sun. The clump in a garden gets to about 3 to 5 feet with leaves 3 feet long. Plenty of water and regular fertilizing, along with plenty of sun will give you big, black elephant ears. This will stand out in any garden because of both the size and color. Just beautiful.



Care: Elephant's ears are generally not hardy anywhere colder than Zone 9, so treat them like other summer-blooming bulbs. Let frost kill the top growth, then dig up the bulbs and dry them in open shade. Soon they look shriveled, and any clinging soil dries up and falls off with the roots. Hang them in well-ventilated sacks in a dry, cool (about 50°F) place.

When spring arrives, plant the bulbs in 1- or 2-gallon pots and put them in a greenhouse to give them an early start. Position them so that any remnants of last year's stem rise above soil level. Since the bulbs have no roots at this point, water them once, and don't douse them again until leaves emerge. Grow in a warm greenhouse or outdoors at a pool margin, in a moist border, or in large aquatic containers.

Propagation: Divide in winter or early spring.

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