

A Cutting Garden

Master Gardeners of Rutherford County

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Annuals

- Zinnia
- Marigold
- Nigella
- Cosmos
- Gomphrena globose
- Amaranth
- Salvia
- Sunflowers
- Larkspur

Larkspur

- Annual plant which reseeds itself
- Colors are purple/blue, white, pink
- Full sun
- Tall spikes which flowers from the bottom up
- Gives a good line to arrangements

Zinnia

- Many colors
- Full sun
- Average soil
- Seed or plant
- Needs good air circulation to prevent mildew

Marigold

- Full sun
- Different varieties, including some quite tall varieties
- Distinctive scent
- Chemical released by root systems repels nematodes in the soil which adversely affect tomato health
- Hot colors only
- Seed or plants

Nigella Damascena, *Love in a Mist, Devil in a Bush*

- Annual, sow seed

- Blue, blue purple, pink, white
- Fine foliage, fern-like
- Real value in arrangements is in the dried seed head

Snapdragon

- Full range of colors
- Great line material
- Flowers from the bottom up
- Actually a biennial
- Best purchased a plant

Liatris

- Grown from a corm
- Mostly purples and whites
- Native plant, great pollinator plant
- Line material

Allium

- Bulb
- Summer flowering plant
- Primarily purples and whites, some pinks
- Makes great dried presentation, dried flower heads can be painted

Salvia

- Annual
- Comes in reds and purples and shades in between
- Started from seed
- Great pollinator

Delphinium

- Perennial plant, perennial form of larkspur
- Seed or plant, probably will take a little while to flower from seed
- Great flower spikes to provide line material
- Flowers from the bottom up
- Likes a cold period, zones 4-7
- Can grow to six foot tall, there are shorter, dwarf varieties
- Blue, white, light blue

Lily

- Many different varieties, oriental, Asiatic, gloriosa, rubrum, tiger
- Easily grown
- Daylilies bloom for only one day per bloom, not a good choice for arranging

- All colors and color combinations imaginable
- Plant in the spring

Tuberose

- Grown from a rhizome
- Wonderfully perfumed, grown for perfume industry in Mexico
- Soft pastel colors, mostly whites
- Grows in zone 7 but may have be lifted and stored in a warmer spot for the winter

Tulips

- Grown from a bulb
- Planted in the fall, spring blooming
- Edible and very attractive to wildlife
- Full range of colors
- Require a cooling period

Narcissus

- Bulb
- Plant in the fall, blooms in the spring
- Mostly colors of yellow, orange, white, salmon or a acombination of two or more colors
- Toxic to wildlife, though squirrels will continue to try and eat them because that is how squirrels are.

Dahlia

- Can be grown anywhere you can grow tomatoes
- Need to be staked
- Great for a formal arrangement, usually very symmetrical
- Great for specimen showings
- Grown from tubers
- Planted in the spring
- Can be overwintered in the ground

Hyacinths

- Grown from a bulb
- Planted in the fall blooms in the spring
- Heavenly fragrance
- Multitude of colors, mostly pastels

Roses

- Many types of roses, grandifloras, hybrid teas, climers, miniatures are just a few
- A shrub, will need to be fertilized, pruned and treated for diseases
- Properly maintained the rose

- Will provide ample blooms for cutting gardens
- Full range of colors
- Plant in the spring

Hydrangea

- Needs full sun, afternoon shade is fine
- Lots and lots of water
- Pruned according to what type of bush it is. Some plants bloom on last year's growth
- Pink, blue, white, red, green
- Many types and sizes of bushes

Butterfly Weed

- Full sun
- Neutral ph
- Slow to start, plant in early spring
- Orange only
- Incredible pollen and nectar plant, pollinators love it

Peony

- Herbaceous perennial, incredible colors, large blossoms, some fragrance
- Dies back to ground every year
- Plant woody root sections just 2 inches below the surface of the soil
- Does not like to be transplanted
- Plant in the fall if bare rooted, plant pots of peonies any time
- Blooms in late spring

Echinacea, purple coneflower

- The native form is the Tennessee state flower
- Lovely purple daisy like flower
- Grows well in all soils
- Full sun

Mums

- Many of the florist flowers are actually from the chrysanthemum family
- There are garden mums and florist mums
- Plant garden mums in full sun, rich soil
- Plant in early spring or fall, before danger of frost
- Perennial
- Many different colors

Magnolia

- Tree with large glossy leaves, leaves typically bronze in the reverse side

- Leaves used as filler in arrangements, particularly at Christmas
- Flowers are too large to be used in small arrangements but can be used in very large displays or as individual decorations

Camellia

- Beautiful southern shrub, glossy leaves are used as greenery
- Flowers are on wood part of plant, do not hold up well in vased arrangements, beautiful when placed in bowl or plate as a single bloom
- Plant in late fall through early spring
- Peach, pink, white, yellow red colors

Aucuba

- Greenery only
- Flowers insignificant

Holly

- Parts of plant used are glossy leaves and berries, flower insignificant
- Pick a cultivar that has few thorns for a painless experience, one of these is “Golden King” variety
- Plant in full sun, well-drained soil
- Must plant a male plant and a female plant in order to produce berries

Beautyberry bush

- Deciduous shrub with beautiful purple berries that surround the stem
- Beautiful in arrangements
- Berries don't stay on stems forever
- Grows in full sun in average soil

Harry Lauder walking stick

- Great material to add interest to an arrangement
- Woody convoluted growth habit
- Full, sun well-drained soil
- Shrub or small tree

Curly Willow

- Tree or small shrub
- Loves moisture
- Floral interest is in the line material which draws the eye

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