



Growing Matters

Greetings

Every year my husband, Doug, loses a little more ground to my “growing” addiction. This spring it was an area on the edge of our property that butts up against our neighbor’s wood pile.

He puts up a good fight. When I ask in passing, “wouldn’t it be nice to plant a few more berry producing shrubs for the birds?” he firmly says “NO”. But like any good addict, I know how to overcome obstacles to getting what I want. Over time, I build my argument for the new garden... it would hide the tattered tarp that covers the wood pile in the winter, he wouldn’t have to mow around the big evergreen that I would incorporate into the garden, we could use the sod that would need to be stripped to repair other areas of the lawn destroyed by a recent home improvement project, etc. He eventually realizes he isn’t going to win the round and concedes with one stipulation:

Garden Inspiration

The use of Latin names when talking about plants intimidates some people, but the use of Latin names is really quite helpful. It is a lot easier to locate or obtain a plant if you know its Latin name.

Although common names are often much easier to remember, the same name can be used to refer to more than one plant which can lead to confusion. Also, knowing the Latin name can tell you a lot about a plant. Plants are classified by family, genus, and species.

A family is a grouping of plants that share certain recognizable characteristics. Families are further split into genera. A genus (singular of genera) is a smaller grouping of plants with very similar characteristics. Genera are further divided

the garden will need to be edged. “No problem,” I say.

The garden has now been installed and round two has begun. The black and gold elderberries have been planted along with nice patches of Lenten rose, creeping phlox, lungwort, foam flower, anemone, daylilies and hosta. Doug considers the job complete. I wonder out loud as we are observing the garden from a distance, “It looks a little sparse, do you think we should add a few more plants until these have a chance to grow in a little more?” He firmly says “NO”.

I asked Doug if it would be okay if I wrote about him in my newsletter. He said only if it was to say how wonderful he is. I tell him I can do that. My husband is wonderful. After all, who do you think edged the garden?

-Vicky Hilleges

into groups of genetically very similar plants that are distinct and interbreed called species. Often minor variations within a species are identified, such as flower color, that are referred to as cultivars.

For example, the purple coneflower belongs to the Compositae (Daisy) Family. The Latin name (genus and species) is *Echinacea purpurea*. The purple coneflower was crossed with *Echinacea paradoxa* to develop the new cultivar of yellow coneflower, ‘Sunrise,’ highlighted in Pippi’s Plant Spotlight at right.

Using a plant’s Latin name may not seem easier at first, but it will make it more likely that you and the person you are communicating with will be talking about the same plant.

Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Echinacea 'Sunrise'
(eck-in-AY-see-uh)
aka: Coneflower

This exciting new citron yellow coneflower is a result of crosses between *E. purpurea* and *E. paradoxa*. The blooms are 4 1/2" to 5" wide with a central cone that starts out green and turns gold as it ages. It has a delightful rose-like fragrance that butterflies can't resist.

- ❖ Full sun
- ❖ 30" – 36" tall
- ❖ Prefers average, well drained soil
- ❖ Good cut flower
- ❖ Attracts butterflies
- ❖ Deer resistant
- ❖ Drought tolerant once established
- ❖ Zones 4-9

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Give me odorous at sunrise a garden of beautiful flowers where I can walk undisturbed. ~Walt Whitman

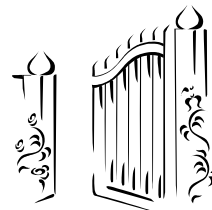
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In addition to waterplants for growing in your pond, Pippi's has a growing selection of moisture loving plants that make great companions for water gardens or naturally moist locations in your yard. These plants thrive in consistently moist locations (some are adaptable and will also tolerate average moisture) and range in light needs from sun to full shade.

Growing plants around your pond will help to soften the edges and tie the pond to the rest of the landscape. In addition, plants help to attract and protect birds and other wildlife. At right is a list of moisture loving plants available at Pippi's. Whatever your needs, there is a plant for you.

Garden Gate Chat

Why didn't my peonies bloom? The American Peony Society indicates the following reasons for lack of blooms: plants are too small, buds are more than 1"-2" deep, clump is too crowded, buds were killed by winter cold, buds were killed by disease or insects, plants need fertilizer, the soil is too dry, or the plants aren't getting enough sun.



- ❖ Astilbe
- ❖ Brunnera
- ❖ Chelone
- ❖ Cimicifuga
- ❖ Eupatorium
- ❖ Ferns
- ❖ Grasses (some)
- ❖ Hemerocallis
- ❖ Hibiscus
- ❖ Hosta
- ❖ Lobelia
- ❖ Lysimachia
- ❖ Monarda
- ❖ Solidago
- ❖ Tradescantia

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