



In the Garden

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Great Plants for Pots

Colorful containers add a touch of pizzazz to an entry or patio, but choosing plants can be a daunting task. Here are a few suggestions for putting together a great composition:

Tip #1- Combine plants with a spiky or upright form, a mounding form and a trailing form to make a pleasing group.

Tip # 2- Contrasting foliage color and texture contributes as much to a composition as flowers.

Tip #3- Plants that look impressive at the nursery in spring don't necessarily perform well in summer, like pansies for instance.



While the array of good choices is endless, I have a few favorites that have proven to be outstanding performers over the years.

For a container in dappled shade or morning sun:

Fuchsia- bloom all summer and fall
Coleus- outrageous foliage colors and textures

Carex- great grass-like texture for mounding over the edge of a pot

Cuphea- bright flowers all summer, C. 'Tiny Mice' flowers look just like neon colored mouse faces, really!

Torenia- lots of flowers, no deadheading

Nicotiana alata- fragrant and long blooming, needs deadheading

For all day or afternoon sun-

Callibrachoa- flowers look like small petunia blossoms, but look good all summer unlike most petunias

Magilla perilla- great burgundy leaves

Bacopa- tiny trailing flowers all summer

Dwarf ornamental grasses

Phormium- spiky dramatic leaves

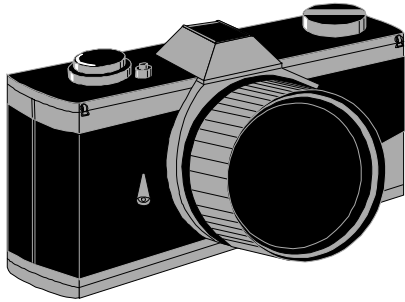
Ipomoea batatas or Sweet Potato

Vine- great large leafed trailer

Sanvitalia- small daisies all summer

Find more tips for planting containers on my website:

<http://www.edenlandscapedesign.com/gardeningtips.htm>



Garden Photography

I am in the process of updating my portfolio, so would greatly appreciate the opportunity of photographing gardens I've designed, as they mature. Garden photos turn out better when taken on slightly overcast days especially right after a rain shower, in early morning or just after sunset, but *anytime convenient for you is best!*

I may be contacting you to request a photo appointment, or please feel free to call or email me. You don't necessarily have to be home when I come but if you are, it would be fun to chat about how your garden is developing. Feel free to ask me any questions you might have about maintenance or finishing touches.

Remember that I love getting updates on gardens I've designed, so keep in touch!

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To do list for June:

- Take out 1/3 of old tired soil from containers and add new soil before re-planting pots.
- Add a slow-release fertilizer to newly planted pots.
- Train **vine** tendrils onto structures and trellises while they are putting on rapid new growth, then they will look good all summer.
- Cut out flowering stems of **Euphorbias** at the base before they set seed. New stems will already be forming. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves because their sap can cause skin irritation.
- Pinching back the tips of some perennials will keep them from flopping later; see *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* by Tracy DiSabato-Aust for details.
- Spread 1" to 2" layer of compost
- Remove weeds before they set seed.
- Lay out soaker hoses now in preparation for summer heat.
- Prune & shape hedges and spring flowering shrubs, if necessary

For a more complete, personalized "to-do" list, clients may refer to their Design Information booklet.



Enjoy your garden!