

Spring Planting - Summer Blooms



It's time to get out and plant things! Plant now to have beautiful summer blooms and flowers

Summer Blooms - in the Sun

Zinnia - Typically planted in mid-to-late May, zinnias provide color all summer long. These annual flowers are great in mason jar arrangements.

Purple Coneflower - These herbaceous perennials are a perfect choice for a pollinator garden. Planted in mid-to-late spring, the native flowers bloom for several months in the summer.

Black-Eyed Susan - Rudbeckia are considered annuals because they bloom in the first year they are planted, but self-seed and return in following years.

Daylily - Can be found in nearly any color, and it will actually grow well in full sun. The soil must be well-drained because the roots cannot handle being too wet.

Blanket Flower - Late year blossoms are orange and yellow in color. This plant prefers to grow in full-sun conditions.

Hibiscus - It does not require much care, and with moderate water, full sun, and well-drained soil, this plant can quickly grow to be more than two feet tall when it is mature.

Cannas - This is a very colorful plant that has orange, yellow, pink, red, and white blooms and flashy veined foliage that is typically multi-colored as well. It prefers full sun to really thrive.

Summer Blooms - in the Shade

Hosta - Hosta should be planted in the spring, and they typically do well in cooler environments, such as in western North Carolina.

Appalachian False Goat's Beard - This feathery perennial is native to North Carolina mountains and should be planted in gardens in the spring. This flower attracts pollinators and is a good option in flower arrangements.

Bleeding Heart - This deciduous perennial should be planted with caution because it's poisonous when ingested in large quantities. It may be best suited in a yard with few pets or children.

Flame Azalea - Flame Azaleas attract birds and butterflies and need an acidic, well-drained and moist soil. You may need to protect it from frost and cold days in winter.

Snapdragon - Can tolerate a bit of sunlight at the expense of regular watering. In full shade you won't have to water as much, but keep in mind that overhead watering is not recommended.

Pot Marigold - Calendula is pretty easy to grow and thrives in bright indirect light. The bright yellow and orange blooms will instantly perk you right up and bring cheer to your day.

Irises - Are perennial plants that make great shade plants in NC and grow in dry climates. Colors appear above the foliage in spring and summer.

Summer Blooms - in a Container

Iris - These make great centerpieces in a planter, beautiful arrangements in a mason jar, or vibrant contrasts in a natural landscape. If you are installing these flowers into the landscape, plant bulbs in mid-to-late summer.

Begonias - They prefer partial to full shade, and they can be grown outside as well indoors as a houseplant. Begonias are resistant to drought and come in a variety of colors and sizes making them a great option for planters and landscapes.

Elephant's Ears - These plants prefer more shade, and should be taken in for North Carolina winters, making them the perfect fit for a planter. Their broad, heart-shaped leaves create beautiful foliage that often includes a colorful variegation depending on the breed.

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Azaleas and Golf



Azaleas are Augusta National's most famous plantings

When Masters patrons have visions of Augusta National Golf Club, golf often comes to mind second behind the course. More than 30 varieties of azaleas can be found around the course and are the most identifiable plant patrons come across. The 13th hole, aptly named Azalea, contains more than a thousand of the shrubs.

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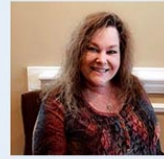
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