

GARDENING BY THE MOON

PERENNIALS PROVIDE BEAUTY AND INTEREST TO THE LANDSCAPE

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If you are looking to add beauty and interest to your landscape that you do not have to replant every year, add perennials to your landscape beds. I have the following perennials planted in my yard and they are great performers!

May Night Salvia

One of my favorite perennials in my yard is May Night Salvia. This is a very dependable plant that can tolerate heat and extreme cold weather. The deep purple spike flowers will bloom from early spring until fall. This plant thrives in full sun. I suggest you plant quarts (6-inch pots), 18 inches apart for the best results.



UpTick Coreopsis

Coreopsis comes in many varieties but my new favorite is UpTick Coreopsis. You can buy this plant in Gold and Bronze or Yellow and Bronze. This plant is a heat lover and a very dependable flowering plant from early spring through the fall. Butterflies love this plant. This plant thrives in full sun. I suggest you plant quarts (6-inch pots), 14 inches apart for the best results.



Walker's Low Catmint

Walker's Low Catmint is another outstanding perennial. This plant blooms from spring through summer with blue spike flowers on fragrant grey green foliage. It grows 18 to 24" in height and should be planted 18" apart. Butterflies love this plant.



Hosta Lily

In areas where you have shade, consider planting one of the many varieties of Hosta Lily. You can purchase these mounding plants in every size from dwarf varieties to giant and many color combinations. Hostas bloom in the summer but the foliage gives the most interest throughout the summer.



When perennials go dormant in the winter and leaves turn brown, cut the plant back to the ground, mulch over the top and then watch them charge back in early spring. Once established, they have few to no insects and diseases. These are tried and proven plants so go for one or try them all!