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Customer Profile ❁ Sis Theuerkauf and Phil Carpenter



The unique story of Garrison's lies within the beautiful stories of customer loyalty and service that we –and our customers - cherish. *Sis Theuerkauf and Phil Carpenter* have been shopping at Garrison's for what they say seems like "always," having lived near Cross Lake off Lakeshore for over 25 years. Their beautiful cottage landscape is populated with Garrison's own clematis and daylilies, which in the words of Sis, "provide great lasting beauty at different parts of the blooming season."

However, Sis and Phil have a much deeper connection to Garrison's than just their love of gardening. Sis says, "over the years, Garrison's has been my friend and partner in development of my gardens. Michelle has taught me so much. I always bring my "out of town" guests to

her for gardening advice and they usually take plants back to their homes." Michelle, our expert bedding plant manager, is one of our many employees who carries on the welcoming spirit of Mr. Garrison that so many – like Sis and Phil – remember.



Why do you choose to shop at Garrison's? "The wonderful knowledgeable sales people. Sometimes I just come to visit!"

Sis' Favorite Memory of Garrison's: "Mr. Garrison welcoming people in the nursery!" (One of our favorite memories, too.)



Sis Theuerkauf

The Garden Mechanic ❁ Tim White

Garrison's 4-Step Fertilizing Program

Do you have lawn envy? Do you drive past that perfect lawn and wonder how they do it? Do they have little lawn gnomes that care for each individual blade of grass? Probably not. Let Garrison's introduce you to our new 4-Step Fertilizing Program. If you follow these 4-Steps your lawn will be the one being envied. For more information on these products, please visit our website.



Step 1: Ferti-lome Weed & Feed with Dimension

- Apply February – March
- 20-0-04 with trace elements and slow release nitrogen
- Dimension provides pre-emergent control of broadleaf and grassy weeds.



Step 3: Ferti-lome Lawn Food Plus Iron

- Apply May – July
- 24-0-4 with trace elements
- A good all-around lawn food with iron; for all types of lawns.



Step 2: Ferti-lome St. Augustine Weed & Feed

- Apply April – Early May
- 15-0-4 with trace elements
- Atrazine pre and post emergence, controls weeds in St. Augustine, Centipede and Zoysia lawns.



Step 4: Ferti-lome Winterizer

- Apply September – November
- 10-0-14 with trace elements
- Builds winter hardiness, stem strength and disease resistance in lawns, trees and shrubs. Also available with Dimension weed preventer.

Go Crazy with Container Gardening!

Containers bursting with beautiful plants put the focus where you want it. Whether they dress up the front entry or back patio, serve as the centerpiece of an outdoor dining table, or lead you toward the end of a path, pots play an important part in the landscape. There is probably no other area where you can use your imagination or express your creativity more than with a mixed container. Much more forgiving than other forms of gardening, you can feel comfortable with *going crazy*. Below are a few rules and advice to make your mixed containers more successful, but you may want to *Go Crazy!*

Containers: Choose an ample size container to give the plants plenty of room for root system growth. This will allow for easier care in the hot, dry summer months, too. Garrison's carries a large selection of clay or terra cotta pots or planters, glazed ceramic pots and plastic pots and planters. We also carry concrete urns and planters along with plastic and wire baskets. Actually, anything that can hold soil may be used as a planter, as long as it has a hole for drainage.

Choosing the right plants: First decide where you are going to place the container in the garden; will it be in full sun, part-sun, or in shade? That will determine what type of plants you may want to use. Choose plants that have similar water, soil and light requirements. Avoid grouping plants that need full sun with shade loving plants. Remember texture and leaf shapes can be just as important as color, especially when annuals fizzle out in the summer heat.

Soil and Fertilizer: A good quality potting soil is very important. We recommend **Vital Earth Premium Potting Soil**. It is rich in organic material and has excellent drainage. You can also add **Ferti-lome Hydro Stretch** which will dramatically reduce watering needs. These specially formulated granules absorb and release water as needed. Don't forget to add a time release fertilizer. We recommend **Ferti-lome Garden Cote G**, with micro-nutrients or **Osmocote**.

If you place your container inside a garden bed as a focal point, you may want to elevate it with stepping stones or a pedestal. This will provide added height so your container gets noticed.

Grouping containers of various sizes in groups of three or five can produce a lovely vignette.



A Recipe for Container Gardening ❁ Michelle Williams



Here is a simple recipe for successful container gardening:

THRILLER (tall spikey plant), **FILLER** (medium plant), **SPILLER** (trailing plant)

These recommendations are based on using plants in 4 inch pots.

- 3 – 4 plants in 10 or 12 inch planters
- 4 – 6 plants in 14 to 16 inch planters
- 6 – 8 plants in 18 to 20 inch planters

Using plants with different sizes and shapes of flowers and/or foliage will create more contrast and really make your combination planter stand out.

Great Annuals for summer SUN:

Thrillers: Purple Fountaingrass, Bi-Color Iris, Canna, Copperplant, Esperanza, Perilla Magilla, Perilla Vanilla

Fillers: Angelonia, Begonia, Coleus (sun varieties), Cosmos, Croton, Euphorbia, Melapodium, Ornamental Peppers, Pentas, Periwinkles/Vinca, Zinnias

Spillers: Blue Daze, Creeping Jenny, Lantana, Moss Rose or Portulaca, Purslane, Sedum, Sweet Potato Vine, Verbena

Great Annuals for SHADE:

Thrillers: Caladiums, Dracena Spike, Golden Shrimp Plant, Persian Shield

Fillers: Begonias, Coleus (shade varieties), Dragonwing Begonias, Impatiens, Spider Plant (filler/spiller), Wandering Jew

Spillers: Asparagus Fern (filler/spiller), Creeping Jenny, Lamium, Summer Wave Torenia, Swedish Ivy, Sweet Potato Vine, Wandering Jew

Other Thriller suggestions are shrubs such as Pyramid Boxwood, Poodle Ligustrum and Sky Pencil Holly.

And of course, Herbs are one of the original mixed containers or Kitchen Gardens. Create one using only your favorite herbs or insert one in a flower container to add interest.

Rick "The Shrub Man"

ROSES ROSES ROSES

If your husband ever promised you a rose garden, now is the time for him to pay up.

Garrison's has been selling Weeks Roses for 40 plus years. Weeks began growing roses in the 1930s. From old reliables to new introductions, we carry a large variety of Weeks Roses. Weeks newer introductions have been bred to have superior disease resistance and more blossoms.

Bulls Eye and **Yabba Dadda Doo** are new shrub roses that are very low maintenance.

Diamond Eyes and **Whimsy** are two award winning miniatures.

Love Song, Oh My! and **Sparkle & Shine** are new Floribundas.

Twilight Zone is a new dark purple Grandiflora with intense color and fragrance.

In our hot, humid Louisiana summer climate, non-shrub roses have two primary blooming seasons; spring and fall. Like most people I know, Hybrid Tea roses tend to slow down blooming in July and August. The foliage of these roses are usually damaged by disease this time of year. To rejuvenate them, simply cut them back and feed them with **Ferti-lome Rose Food**. The plant should re-foliage in approximately 3-4 weeks.

In addition to the **Home Run** and **Knock-Out** families of roses, we recommend these disease resistant varieties: **About Face, Cinco de Mayo, Easy Does It, Easy Going, Hot Cocoa, Julia Child,** and **Living Easy.**

Happy Rose Gardening!

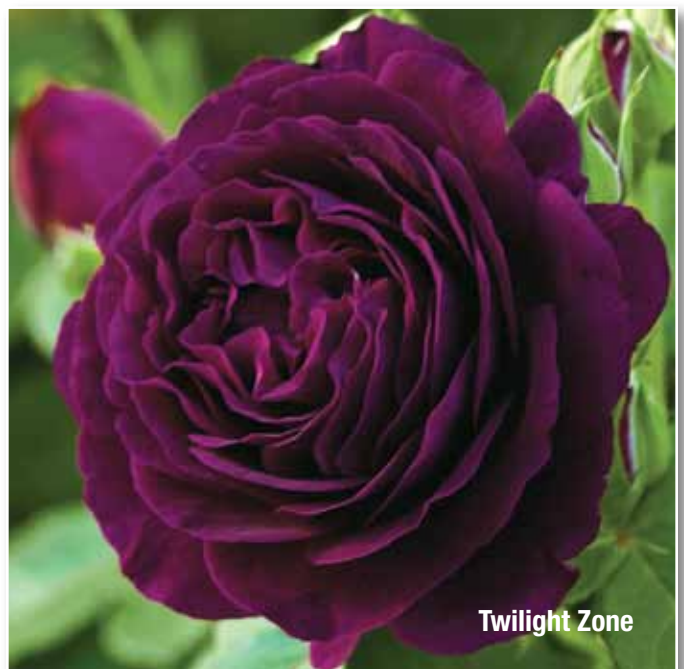
A copy of our Rose Brochure may be downloaded on our website, www.garrisonsnursery.com.



Double Knock-Out Roses



Sparkle and Shine



Twilight Zone

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Seminars

Perennials with Brenda Reneè

Saturday, March 16, 2013 • 2:00 pm

Brenda Reneè, formerly of Butterfly Haven Nursery, will present the Wonderful World of Perennials. Learn about perennials that stand out in shady Louisiana summer gardens. Special featured plants include ajuga, coral bells, hosta, helleborus, and ligularia. Not to be left out, Brenda will also discuss other perennials and herbs.

Shade Garden Design with Bob Byers

Saturday, March 23, 2013 • 2:00 pm

Bob Byers received his Master of Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University and currently serves as the Associate Executive Director of Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs, AR. Bob worked professionally as a landscape architect and visiting instructor at the University of Arkansas before coming to Hot Springs in 1994 as curator of the Gardens. We are delighted Bob will share with us 'What's Happening at Garvan Woodland Gardens' and designing borders for shade.

Events

Shreveport Green Fundraiser

Saturday, April 6, 2013 • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Shreveport Green, a nonprofit organization, will be visiting Garrisons to raise awareness of the Great American Cleanup program going on now through May. Please stop by and visit with Donna Curtis and other board members and find out how you or your organization can volunteer in the community. You may even want to sign-up to participate during their citywide cleanup day on Saturday, April 13! A percentage of sales will be donated to Shreveport Green.

Northwest Louisiana Master Gardener Fundraiser

Saturday, April 27, 2013 • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer homeowner gardening questions and explain the benefits and requirements of membership. Information will also be given on their exciting new grant program and upcoming garden tours. A percentage of sales will be donated to the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners.