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Houseplants are HOT!

Houseplants were all the rage in the 1970s and have become popular again. With gardening as one of the most popular hobbies, it makes sense that people who enjoy growing plants would want that pleasure year-round. By bringing the outdoors in, using palms, ferns and bromeliads, it increases the aesthetic value of your home and office. In addition to aesthetics and calming benefits, plants clean the air and filter gases. They help the environment.

Houseplants 101

- Houseplants are easy to grow as long as you know what it needs
- A light-loving plant placed in low, indirect light may live, but won't thrive
- Overwatering is a plant's worst enemy
- Water thoroughly no more than once a week or less often
- With most plants, when leaves droop ever so slightly, that's the time to water
- Too much water suffocates the roots
- If replanting in a decorative container only move into a pot the same size or one size larger
- Use good potting soil such as Vital Earth Potting Soil
- Fertilize frequently with a water soluble fertilizer since nutrients are constantly being flushed out of the soil or use a time release fertilizer such as Osmocote
- For insect problems, dip cotton ball in alcohol and wipe leaves or spray with Ferti-lome Triple Action

Be aware of the light and water requirements for the specific plant you're growing.

This spring Garrison's is expanding its houseplant department to not only include familiar houseplants such as ***Spider Plants, Pothos, Ficus and Cacti, we will carry Echeveria, Anthurium, and Majestic Palms.***

When selecting bigger, more architectural potted plants for home or office décor, the trend is no-mess, low-maintenance plants. Here are a few suggestions: ***Sansaveria (Snake Plant), Ponytail Palms and Fiddle Leaf Figs.***



The Garden Mechanic

Moles and Gophers



Have you noticed holes, mounds or runs in your lawn? Over the last few years, customers have complained with an increase in Moles and Gophers invading their lawns.

To combat this problem, Garrison's recommends ***Ferti-lome Mole Go granules.*** This product will repel or rid moles, voles, gophers, armadillos, skunks and groundhogs. Apply in spring, summer and fall; safe around children and pets; biodegradable. ***Ferti-lome Mole Go*** will not harm lawns, gardens, flowerbeds or other desirable plants.

1lb Covers 500 sqft
10lbs Covers 5,000 sqft



Customer Profile 🌿 Julie Harris



Julie and her mother, Fran Nash

Garrison's Greenwood Gardens has been in business since 1959. We are blessed with having multi-generational loyal customers. **Julie Harris** is one of our special customers that has been coming to Garrison's since she was a small child. Her grandmother's and mother's love of plants brought her to us at a young age and now she continues the tradition with her own children. Garrison's is proud to call Julie an honorary member of the Garrison Crew and feature her in this customer profile.

What is the style of your home garden/landscape?

My home is cottage style and my flower gardens are "Beatrix Potter" type. I call them my sentimental gardens. They are decorated with things like my grandmother's bicycle, a bird bath with an old TV glass, (my grandfather was in TV electronics). They are lined with rocks from Arkansas; I grew up camping on Lake Greeson with my family. I have an arbor my husband welded for me and numerous flowers from my grandmother's.

What are a few of your favorite plants that you have in your garden/landscape?

I love them all! If I had to narrow them down it would be snapdragons, daylilies, hydrangeas and the dinner plate hibiscus.

How long have you been shopping at Garrison's?

I first went to Garrison's with my mom and nana as a little girl. My great grandmother was friends with Mrs. Garrison and our family lived across the street from the nursery. I would ride my bicycle to see Mr. Garrison and take him cookies and brownies. We would discuss Arkansas (his favorite place) and he always gave me petunias or begonias.

What is your Favorite Memory of Garrison's?

My favorite memories are walking around the nursery with Mr. Garrison talking about the plants. He was such a sweetheart.

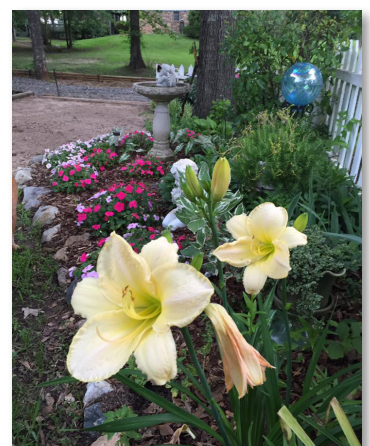
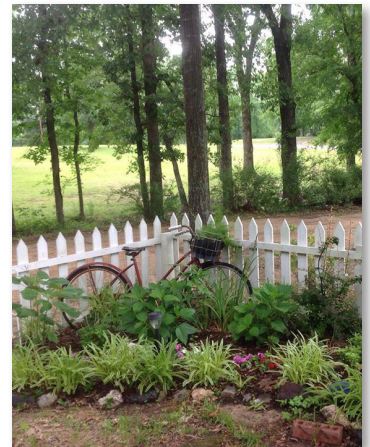
Comments or reflections on gardening...

My comments on gardening is to feed, water, just nourish them, they all thrive on something different: sun, shade and plant food (Like raising children – I have three).

My grandmother always said to mix leaf mold and sand in with your soil and just a little manure. "Don't forget to talk to your flowers."

Why do you garden?

Gardening is my favorite hobby. My therapy "dirt therapy" is very relaxing and then when something grows and blooms, it's rewarding. When I go outside in the morning and see the dew on the flowers and listen to the birds singing, it's like God is saying "Good Morning".



"You won't believe my neighbor's _____ and I need to block it out quick. What you got?" If you work at a nursery, this is one of the most common questions you get, well maybe not as much as "Where are the tomato plants?", but it happens more than you think.

It's hard to believe that someone would paint their storage room pink but apparently it happens!

Let's take a look at some of your choices for privacy hedges.

FAST GROWING

Wax Leaf Ligustrum – the ubiquitous ligustrum is easy to grow and takes pruning well. It can be pruned into topiaries, pom poms, pyramids and tree form; sun to part shade.

Viburnum (Awabuki Macrophyllum) – large coarse textured plant with lush dark green foliage; tolerates a wide variety of growing conditions; sun to part shade.

Russian Olive – distinctive fine textured, silver gray foliage and is wicked fast growing; tolerates a wide variety of growing conditions; sun to part shade.

Lorapetalum - grows rapidly and can achieve good height; burgundy foliage with a spring pink bloom; sun to part shade

Oleander – plant with loads of summer color; tolerates dry soils; sun loving. Caution: poisonous.

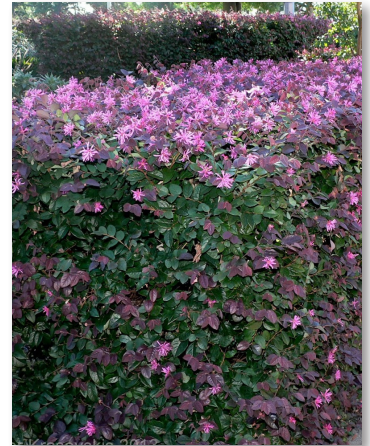
SLOWER GROWING

Tree Holly - most commonly known for its tree or pyramid form; grows tall and is very adaptive to pruning and a wide variety of growing conditions; the tree holly is effective in screening taller structures at a distance; sun to part shade

Sasanquas – exquisite fall color; tolerates a wide variety of growing conditions including droughts; available in a wide range of colors; sun to part shade

Cleyera Japonica – maroon winter foliage and coppery new growth; creates controlled privacy; sun to part shade

Remember the **Red Tip Photinia**? We no longer recommend this plant due to chronic fungus problem. We carry them sparingly for replacements.



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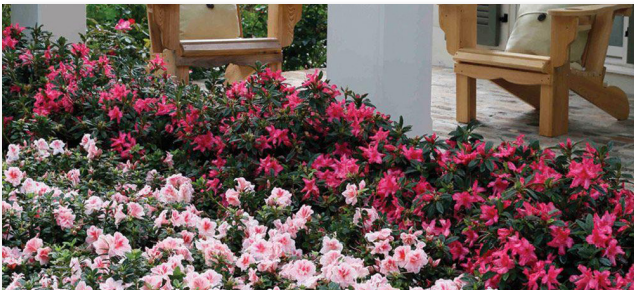
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Pruning and Feeding Trees and Shrubs

Correct pruning is essential maintenance practices for trees and shrubs in the home landscape. Pruning is not difficult if you understand the basics - learn why, when, and how to prune. Trees and shrubs should be examined annually for pruning requirements. Too often, pruning is ignored for several years. Then some trees and most shrubs become overgrown and often weak, making drastic pruning a necessity to bring the plant back to usefulness. Regular pruning will help keep the plant in bounds and keep its growth vigorous. To prune successfully, you must **1) know why you are pruning, 2) be correct in your timing, and 3) follow proper techniques using proper tools: why, when, and how.**

Trees and shrubs use a lot of energy in the spring, pushing out flowers, fruit, leaves and seeds, so they benefit most from plant food during this active period. **Feeding** your flowering shrubs after they've bloomed will encourage more blooms next year. Your trees and shrubs will tell you if they need to be fed if you know what signs to look for. If your trees and shrubs are displaying lots of new shoot growth and leaves, they do not require any feeding. But, if they are only producing a little new growth and the leaves are pale or yellowing, it's a sign that it's time to feed.

Visit our website www.garrisonsnursery.com for in depth information on pruning and feeding trees and shrubs.



SPRING FLOWERING SHRUBS

Prune and feed after blooming

Azaleas, Camellias, Flowering Quince, Forsythia, Indian Hawthorne, and Spirea

*Ferti-lome Azalea, Camellia, Rhododendron or Azalea/Evergreen with Systemic fertilizer is recommended.**



FRUIT TREES

Prune late winter; feed early spring

*Ferti-lome Fruit, Citrus and Pecan fertilizer is recommended.**

ROSES

Prune and feed mid-February; prune lightly in mid-August

*Ferti-lome Rose or Rose and Flower with Systemic fertilizer is recommended.**



BROADLEAF EVERGREENS

Prune and feed mid-February; prune lightly throughout season as needed

Boxwood, Dwarf Yaupon, Hollies, Ligustrum, etc.

*Ferti-lome Tree and Shrub fertilizer is recommended.**

SHADE TREES

Prune late winter to early spring; feed mid-September to early spring unless ground is frozen

*Ferti-lome Tree and Shrub fertilizer is recommended.**



CONIFERS - JUNIPERS

Prune lightly – as needed – in late winter

*Ferti-lome Tree and Shrub fertilizer is recommended.**

**Organic products available too.*



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Perennial All Stars

Garrison's has a rich history of providing rare and unusual plant varieties. Mr. Garrison loved to introduce and sell the unusual and we carry on that tradition. In the area of perennials, our bedding plant manager, Michelle Williams has developed quite a following with an impressive group of perennials.

Several years ago when customers requested **Helleborous (Lenton Rose)**, we started producing it ourselves after being unable to locate a source. This evergreen perennial has distinct blooms and will shine in a woodland setting.

Another customer inquired about the impressive **Shasta Daisy** growing in front of the Uptown Shopping Center on Line Avenue. We began to produce the 'Becky' Shasta Daisy along with 'Banana Cream'. New for Spring 2017 is the **Daisy May®**, a compact variety, from the **AMAZING DAISIES™** series. **Shasta Daisies** are all-time favorites. They are prized for their durability in our hot, humid summers.

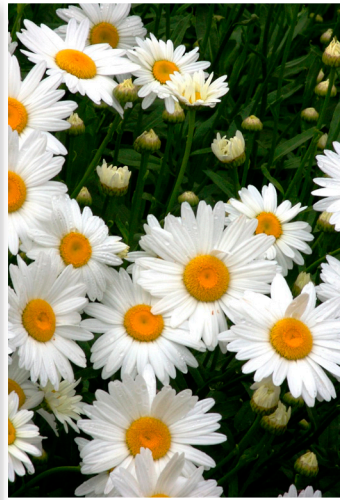
A Master Gardener requested we carry **Farfugium Japonica** which has been a very popular plant. Garrison's was told this was called **Ligularia** but while attending a meeting at the American Rose Center with Allen Owens we were corrected. This plant likes shade to part-shade with impressive, large-round leaves.

Baptisia (False Indigo) is our last All Star. We produce new and improved varieties that perform admirably in area gardens. They are deer resistant, drought tolerant and a thriller in any landscape or container.

If you haven't visited our perennial section lately, stop by and check out these All Star Perennials and more. Garrison's will continue to listen to our customers and carry forth the tradition of bringing in new and improved plant productions into the Ark-la-tex.



Helleborous



Shasta Daisy



Farfugium



Baptisia



Welcome Back Charlie!

Garrison's is happy to have Charlie Huffman back with us this spring! Charlie has rejoined the Garrison crew and we are grateful for his expertise and knowledge as a salesperson in the shrub and tree section of the nursery.



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Garrison's Home & Garden Showplace Seminars and Events

Spring Garden Party

Saturday, March 25 @ 11:00am



Join us for a Spring Garden Party featuring plants from Southern Living Plant Collection & Encore® Azalea. **Carmen Johnston**, Garden Lifestyle Expert, will demonstrate simple tips for container

gardening and selecting new plants that solve landscape challenges.

Carmen is the owner of Nectar and Company and serves as a garden lifestyle expert for Southern Living Magazine and Southern Living Plant Collection.

Free Admission

Door Prizes

Refreshments

Herbs & Perennial Gardening

Saturday, April 1 @ 11:00am



Garrison's is very excited **Dorothy Long**, licensed horticulturalist and Master Gardener, will present a seminar on herb and perennial gardening. Her talk will feature growing, clipping and cooking with herbs that grow locally year round, along with care and maintenance of perennials.

Dorothy's vast knowledge comes from having owned a perennial bed maintenance company since 1998 and having studied herbs with Madelene Hill and Gwen Barclay of Hilltop Herb Gardens. She has attended the Southern Garden Symposium in St. Francisville for 17 years and toured India with the Culinary Institute of America. Dorothy has also taken cooking classes in Thailand, China, Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, as well as, New Orleans and Lafayette. Herb recipes and food samples will be shared at this seminar!

Spring Open House

Friday and Saturday, April 14-15

**Great
door
prizes!**

Enjoy "Special Savings" in each department! Hotdogs, popcorn and good old-fashioned bottled drinks will be served. Door Prizes will be given away too!

American Rose Center Fundraiser

Saturday, April 29 @ 11:00am

This day will be about celebrating our National Floral Emblem – the ROSE! Jon Corkern, National Director of Membership and Development will share ***It's Easy to Grow Roses! Ten Tips to Get Started.*** The American Rose Society will give away 4-month trial memberships to all customers purchasing a rose on this day and will include two issues of the American Rose magazine for free. A portion of sales on this day will be donated for care of the plants at the American Rose Center.

