

# Horticulture Hints

June 2010

## Fragrant Shrubs for the Memories

We have a tendency to think of only the color of the flowers a shrub produces, and forget the nice fragrance it will have. Smell is the sense most closely related to memory, and a landscape scattered with fragrant shrubs is a landscape to be remembered. There are some very nice fragrant shrubs that can be quite attractive as a standalone or as a grouping. Here are some suggestions for a sweet-smelling yard.

**Miniature Snowflake Mockorange** - A compact growing shrubs that blooms with extremely fragrant, double, white flowers in early summer. The foliage is dark green with a yellow fall color. It only grows 2 to 3 feet high and about the same width. Plant your mockorange along a pathway to enjoy the fragrance as you walk by.

**Snow Sensation Mockorange** - This new variety of mockorange is a repeat bloomer; it blooms in the spring and again in the summer. The dark green foliage makes the pure white, very fragrant flowers stand out. Snow Sensation will mature to 5 feet tall by 6 feet wide.

**Juddi Viburnum** - This rounded shrub has pink flower buds opening to fragrant white clusters of blossoms in the spring. Grows 5 to 6 feet tall. Plant under your bedroom window so the aroma floats into your window in the morning.

**'Little Henry' Sweetspire** - A nice shrub with lightly scented white candle-like flowers. It prefers moist soils and will tolerate wet conditions, grows in full sun to full shade and requires little pruning or other maintenance. The green summer foliage changes to a brilliant multitude of oranges and reds in the fall. It will reach a mature height of 3 feet.

**Dwarf Korean Lilac** - Blooming in May with beautiful lilac-colored blooms that are very fragrant, this lilac will grow to 5 to 6 feet tall and makes a great foundation planting. It is a very hardy lilac that stays compact, giving it a nice appearance in a landscape.

**Butterfly Bush** - There are numerous butterfly bush varieties to choose from with different

heights and bloom colors. They are rich in nectar and fragrance which makes them very attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. Cut these shrubs back to 12" high in the early spring.

There are numerous annuals and perennials you could plant in combination that would give fragrance to your yard almost all year long. Ask for additional ideas to add to your landscaping to make more good memories. 🌸



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Thursday, June 17  
6:00 - 7:30pm  
Free seminars and food  
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### What to do in June

- Plant trees, shrubs, grasses, perennials and annuals
- Fertilize and spray roses
- Add fountains, birdbaths and ponds to your landscape
- Apply fungicides to turf, perennials, shrubs, etc.
- Inspect plants for insects and disease
- Fertilize fescue and bluegrass lawns with Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker slow-release nitrogen
- Apply weed and grass preventer to flower and shrub beds
- Remember Father's Day on June 20!



## Nancy's Notebook

Summer is fast approaching and temperatures have already soared. The heat, in combination with our Kansas wind, causes plant material to dry out quickly.

Water evaporation on the leaf surface helps cool plants during very hot weather (the same way perspiration keeps us cool), so the hotter it is, the more water a plant needs to keep cool. Water newly planted material almost daily, and taper off as it gets more mature. Check the temperature of the water; in the heat, water in a hose can be scalding and damage foliage.

Water container plants on a daily basis, even twice a day on extremely hot and windy days. Slowly water until it runs out the bottom to ensure water has soaked through the entire container. Use a water breaker at the end of the hose to help disperse the water stream, so you don't blast the plants or the soil.

If possible, set the container in a saucer. Allow water to run through the container and leave it for at least 30 minutes, giving soil

time to soak up water from the bottom, then dump the excess. I always leave a full watering can on my deck to prevent excuses for not watering my containers.

Raised beds also need extra attention in the summer, as the soil is generally amended with products to lighten and dry out much more quickly. Daily watering may be required. Use 1 - 2 inches of moisture once or twice a week; again, depending on temperatures and winds.

As always, the best way to check for moisture is just reach into the soil with your finger or a steel rod. You want the moisture to reach a depth of 6 to 8 inches on most things for a good watering depth. Be careful not to overwater! Let plants dry out between watering; more mature plants rarely need extra attention, but always be aware of extra dry weather.

June 17th is our Girls Night Out, and we are so excited to once again have all you ladies come to enjoy an evening at Blueville. We will have two seminars; container gardening, and pruning and tools. There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks and prizes for everyone, and special store savings will be available at the end of the evening. Call today to sign up, and I look forward to seeing everyone! ❁

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