

Sharing a devotion to plants with the community

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Introduction: Hello, my name is Tom Cavan and welcome to my garden. The philosophy of the Town Gardener is to show how wonderful plants are by walking you through the garden, not leading you down the garden path. For some reason most people I meet do not understand how easy it is to grow and enjoy plants. I suppose a lot of this could be blamed by the classification and naming of plants. Through my education at univer-

sity I was taught the basic understanding of nomenclature and I also realize that most of you really don't care that the proper name of our native Red Maple is *Acer rubrum*. Well do you worry about that when you buy a pet? no not really. The majority of problems stem from bad advice or no advice when buying or receiving plants, not by improper common names. There is still a fair amount of out dated gardening objective is to provide to all levels of gardening sound ethical advice without conflict of my

retail status, that has always been a main concern of mine and longevity of my dignity in this community. To sum it up I will try to furnish these thoughts:
-educational and entertaining marketplace
-on location, real life situation
-your garden is your degree
-environmental conscience, alternatives
-how plants grow, disclose wives tales and rumors
-how to buy a good plant
-how to maintain your plants
-heat, light and water

-how to water!
Attributes of Plants
-Plants and their popularity
-Longevity and their location
-How to buy a plant, don't judge a book by it's cover
-Low light vs. high light, maintenance adjustments
-Plant growth cycles, this is so important to understand
-Soils, containers, and transplanting
-How, why and when to water
-Talk about related plants

-Solve problems and learn from mistakes
-Recommending and introducing proper plants.

I have been working with plants all my life and I would like to share my devotion of plants with you. Plants bring color, fragrance and life to any situation. I will exhibit the ways in which you can take care of your plants safely for I am very conscious of the environment, plants should be placed in your home to enrich your life not to harm it!



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