

tural when there is nothing but leaves or snow on the ground. Tough enough to last the winter in an almost green state, the yucca will often sport the candelabra effect of pods through the most snowy of seasons.

It is getting a bit dark now but I think I will wander about a bit more if you don't mind. There is still

much to see in this season of change in the garden—the bracket fungi, the ornamental grasses that look like a bad hair day and the fading rudbeckia — each and every one uncommonly beautiful.

—Belinda Gallagher recently resigned from Royal Botanical Gardens and is embracing this

change in her new role of horticultural consultant. She is developing and instructing courses for the University of Guelph's new Sustainable Urban Horticulture program, teaching for Landscape Ontario, speaking and, of course, writing for her many fans in *Sideroads of Halton Hills* and other publications.



Bad hair grass



Bracket fungi



Black-eyed Susan



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