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Home Beautifying and Landscape Suggestions



Glads, Lilies and Phlox for August

August is a hard month for the perennial flower border. Therefore, Phlox is the old standby for a garden flower. While it is not a cutting flower it is very showy for the summer months when other flowers are not so plentiful. Veronica, Liatris and Coreopsis are good flowers to help out in this season.

Glads and Lilies are both bulbs and while Glads have to be lifted each Fall, they supply wonderful cutting material for the house, and when planted in intervals of about two weeks until July first one will have flowers until the frost catches them in the Fall. Glads work in beautifully as they can either be put in long rows or in clumps about the perennial border.

Glads should be planted from about four to six inches deep.

While Lilies are considered a hardy flower, they must have a well drained soil, do better in slight shade, and should be planted six to eight inches deep. The Rubrum, Auratum, Album and Regal Lilies can all be planted as late as this, and will flower during the latter part of August and September.

Plan Your Next Year's Tulip Garden Now

Where tulips are planted amongst shrubbery, those with the brightest colors should be used. One of the nicest ways to select varieties for

your particular needs is to note the various tulip effects as you are driving through the suburbs. You will note that both red and yellow are the predominating colors where a distant effect is required. Where you use tulips with Evergreens or in formal plantings the two toned varieties are without question the most effective. The dull colors should always be used in large masses and solid beds. Light lavenders show up very effectively and go well with the blacks or shades of pink.

Ground Covers for Abrupt Slopes

Ground covers may be used to cover any unsightly soil where grass is inconvenient for mowing or among Evergreens or even shrubs. A ground cover not only helps in protecting the soil from the sun and wind and prevents drying out but it actually adds to the landscape value of your grounds. Almost any of the so-called dwarf varieties of Perennials used in rock gardens may be used as a ground cover. However, the most extensively used plants are the pachysandra, Gypsophilia Repans, Tunica, Subulata Phlox, Forget-me-nots, Sedum Acre and Ramnunculus.

Transplanting of Plants During Hot Weather

The main thing in transplanting plants in hot weather, is to be sure that your soil is well filled with moisture and the roots either dipped in mud or a mush prepared at the bottom of each hole where a plant is to

be placed and the roots actually placed in the mush or mud and in all cases have the surface thoroughly raked over or cultivated so as to prevent the moisture from evaporating through your footprints where you have walked during the process of planting. This is very essential after transplanting.

even though your ground is only stirred or cultivated one half inch deep, this acts as a dust mulch in preventing the wind and sun from checking and drying out your soil before the roots have had a chance to stool out and establish themselves

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