The Cutting Garden

A cutting garden can be a landscaped bed or container garden placed in the sun or shade where you can grow a bountiful selection of **long stemmed** annuals, perennials, and shrubs. Ideal cutting garden plants have long lasting flowers, repeat bloom cycles, and can provide **foliage, filler, berries and flowering** interest in a vase or out in the garden. Also try some cutting plants that are excellent in dried arrangements or are heavily perfumed to freshen any room. As you start cutting, keep these tips in mind:

- Use clean, sharp garden shears to not tear or rip stems on the plants
- Cut stems in the coolest part of the day, usually early morning
- Cut stems at a diagonal to increase water absorption
- Immediately submerge the cut stems in a bucket of lukewarm water; re-cut when you are ready to arrange
- Replace water daily to keep the stems lasting longer
- Enjoy growing the following plants in your cutting garden:

### Perennials/Bulbs
- Achillea (Yarrow)
- Aconitum (Monkshood)
- Agastache (Fragrant Hyssop)
- Alcea (Hollyhock)
- Alchemilla (Lady’s Mantle)
- Allium (Ornamental Onion)
- Aquilegia (Columbine)
- Armeria (Sea Thrift)
- Asters
- Astilbe
- Baptisia (False Indigo)
- Boltonia
- Catanche (Cupid’s Dart)
- Centaurea (Bachelor’s Buttons)
- Chrysanthemum
- Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
- Coreopsis
- Crocosmia
- Delphinium
- Dianthus (Carnation)
- Digitalis (Foxglove)
- Echinacea ( Coneflower )
- Erigeron ( Fleabane )
- Eupatorium ( Joe Pye Weed )
- Ferns
- Gaillardia ( Blanket Flower )
- Geum
- Grasses
- Gysophila ( Baby’s Breath )
- Helium ( Helen’s Flower )
- Heliotropis ( Ox-Eye Daisy )
- Heuchera ( Coral Bells )
- Hosta
- Hyacinth
- Iberis ( Candy Tuft )
- Iris
- Lavandula ( Lavender )
- Leucanthemum ( Shasta Daisy )
- Liatris ( Gayfeather )
- Lilium ( Oriental and Asiatic )
- Limonium ( Statice )
- Lobelia ( Cardinal Flower )
- Lunaria ( Moneyplant )
- Lupine
- Malva ( Mallow )
- Monarda ( Bee Balm )
- Narcissus ( Daffodils )
- Nepeta ( Cat Mint )
- Paeconia ( Peony )
- Papaver ( Poppy )
- Penstemon ( Beardtongue )
- Perovskia ( Russian Sage )
- Phlox ( Tall/Garden )
- Physostegia ( Obedient Plant )
- Platycodon ( Balloon Flower )
- Pyrethrum ( Painted Daisy )
- Rudbeckia ( Black Eyed Susan )
- Salvia ( Meadow Sage )
- Scabiosa ( Pincushion Flower )
- Sedum spectabile ( Stonecrop )
- Stokesia ( Stokes’ Aster )
- Tanacetum ( Tansy )
- Thalictrum ( Meadow Rue )
- Trollius ( Globeflower )
- Veronica ( Speedwell )

### Shrubs
- Buddleia ( Butterfly Bush )
- Callicarpa ( Beauty Berry )
- Clethra ( Summersweet )
- Cornus ( Dogwood )
- Forsythia
- Hydrangea
- Hypericum ( St. John’s Wort )
- Ilex ( Holly )
- Syringa ( Lilacs )
- Magnolia
- Mock-Orange
- Roses
- Salix ( Willow )
- Viburnum

### Annuals/Bulbs
- Calla Lily
- Celosia
- Cleome
- Cosmos
- Dahlia
- Gerbera Daisy
- Gladiolus
- Gomphrena
- Grasses
- Heliotrope
- Marigold
- Nicotiana ( Tobacco Flower )
- Osteospermum ( Blue-eyed Daisy )
- Salvia
- Snapdragon
- Statice
- Strawflower
- Sunflower
- Tulip
- Zinnias