



The Shady Hill Gardening Tips Series

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The following are a few suggestions for sun-loving annuals. We are pleased to offer all of the varieties listed, as well as many others, so if you do not see what you are looking for, please feel free to come in and check out our great selection.



Allysum - Excellent for edging and walkways. Carpet of tiny flowers in white, purples, and pinks. Very cold tolerant, blooms April to October.



Ageratum - mounding growth habit with clusters of purple, blue, pink, or white flowers. Fairly drought tolerant, and easy to grow.



Angelonia - tall spikes of purple, pink, or white flowers. Heat and drought tolerant and makes a great, long-lasting cut flower.



Brachysome - small, daisy-like flowers in shades of purple and pink with a short, bushy growth habit. Great in full sun, very heat and drought tolerant.



Black Pearl Ornamental Pepper - All America Selections winner for 2006! Compact, upright plant with glossy purple/black foliage bearing black "pearls" of fruit, which turn red as the season progresses. Peppers are edible, but HOT !!



Bidens - mass of tiny, yellow flowers with a trailing growth habit. Great for use in mixed containers or window boxes. Snip passed blossoms for best display. Drought tolerant.



Calibrachoa - this plant produces a profusion of dime-size "mini petunias", with a spreading, trailing growth habit. Lots of colors - shades of pink, blue, purple, orange, yellow, and white. Keep well watered and fertilized. Easy maintenance - no deadheading. Just trim back to desired length!



Cosmos - upright, tall (24" - 36"), wispy plant with flowers in shades of pink and white. Great against a fence or wall. Does not like a lot of fertilizer, so only feed about once every two to three weeks. Makes a great cut flower.



Celosia - very easy to grow. Feathery plumes in shades of yellow, orange, red, and pink. Celosia "New Look" has lovely, redish purple foliage. Adds great color to any planting.



Dahlia - great annual for containers, window boxes, or as a bedding plant. Giant blooms in brilliant colors. Keep well watered and fertilized. Remove passed blossoms to promote new bud development.



Dianthus - Many colors and varieties in shades of pink, purple, and white. Corona Cherry Magic is an AAS Winner for 2003, and produces bi-color or straight color 2" blooms in shades ranging from cherry red to lavender. Dianthus is cold tolerant and will bloom from early spring throughout the fall.



Diascia - Delicate, wispy foliage and blooms in shades of pinks, reds, and corals. Compact plant best suited for use in mixed containers or baskets. Easy to grow with very little maintenance.



Gazania - Large blooms, up to 3", in colors ranging from bright yellow and orange, to dusky pinks. Low growing, about 6" to 8", very easy to grow, and blooms from late spring throughout fall. Gazania's in my mixed pots still looked great in early October!



Gerbera Daisy - lovely, large blooms in bright colors all season long. Best suited for containers, and can be brought in during the winter and kept as a potted plant. Also makes a great cut flower.



Geranium - one of the most popular annuals, Geraniums are available in a multitude of colors. Very drought tolerant and easy to grow. Deadhead passed blooms to promote new flower development.



Lantana - great sun loving and drought tolerant plant. Very attractive to butterflies. Wonderful color selections including yellows, oranges, and pinks. Some varieties are single colors while others are mix of all three.



Marigold - one of the most popular bedding plants available in various shades of yellows, oranges, and reds. African varieties are taller and have a large "pom pom" flower head, while the French varieties are shorter, and the flower is more decorative.



Nemesia - tiny, snapdragon-like flowers over compact, wispy foliage. Works well in container plantings or window boxes. Drought tolerant and comes in shades of pinks, purples, and white. White and pink varieties are very fragrant.



Osteospermum Daisy - cold tolerant annual, as well as drought tolerant during the summer. Available in many colors and very easy to maintain. Simply deadhead passed blossoms to keep flowering from early spring to late fall!



Pentas - drought tolerant and heat loving plants with clusters of pink, purple, red, or white flowers. Very easy to grow and maintain. Attractive to butterflies.



Petunia - sun-loving annual in just about every color you can imagine. Some varieties are more upright, while others have a trailing or spreading habit. Petunias like to be well watered and deadheaded frequently for best color display.



Portulaca - a low-growing, extremely drought tolerant, heat loving plant in a wide array of bright colors. Excellent choice along walkways or rocky areas, and prefers well-drained, sandy soil. Very easy to grow with little maintenance.



Sanvitalia - a creeping Zinnia with an abundant display of small, yellow flowers. Very heat and drought tolerant. Great addition to a mixed container planting or window box.



Scaevola - creeping, trailing growth habit with clusters of purple or white flowers. Very vigorous grower. Great in hanging baskets, mixed container plantings, or as a ground cover!



Snapdragon - cold tolerant annual with spikes of colorful blooms. Varieties range in height from short (8" to 10") to cut flower types (up to 36"). During the hottest months of summer, snaps require lots of water as they prefer cooler temperatures.



Supertunia - vigorous trailing/spreading habit with masses of flowers. Excellent choice for all applications including hanging baskets, mixed containers, window boxes, or as a groundcover. Supertunias like lots of water and should be deadheaded for best display of color.



Zinnia - heat loving plant with many varieties ranging in size from 8" to 36" with colorful single or double blooms. Tall Zinnias make an excellent cut flower. Easy to care for, just keep well watered and deadhead passed blossoms to promote new bud development.