

Weaving Plant Collections Into Your Garden by Wanda Lunn April 22th



In the beginning there was a cornfield. Planting Iris in rows can be boring, so in 1990 to 1995 Wanda planted in an area 3 feet wide around her house, with the backside of the house 135 feet long. Daylilies were planted according to height, lilacs were added, and she began joining Garden Clubs and started trading Iris and Daylily plants while mixing new beds with Iris and Daylilies. The beds around the house widened to 10.5 feet wide as climbing roses were added along with more plants. In 2003 a tornado damaged trees and changed the shade to sun. Beds were created along fence lines and those beds got wider as her Iris collection grew to over 300 plants. Between 1996 and 2000 her garden included 400 Daylilies. A garden can grow and change over time. Peonies became contagious to Wanda and were added also. 30 Clematis were added which creep on house and fences.

One must thin out plants to make room for more plants.

1. Take inventory; identify/name garden areas; take photos; note where, size, color, names
2. Label cultivars to know when not in bloom
3. Remove awkward, over grown, diseased plants
4. Remove duplicates (similar looking)
5. Sort out your plants: Does this plant deserve to be in my garden; Maybe a friend will want them

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For perennial plants spacing is important to give them room to grow; can plant in clumps By mid-summer the area is all filled in with blooms. Planting spring bulbs brings color in April, while you will have other bloomers in July. Tall and Dwarf Bearded Iris need sun and air and can be planted in the front and side edges of beds. Allium was also added. The beds are never sleeping there is always something blooming. Lilacs can be planted for privacy as well. Clematis grows on fences, arbors, obelisks, trellis, and add to height to middle or rear of garden and privacy.

Plant plants for different textures and colors to add interest to the garden. Spring blooming peony bushes can be planted in the back rows of the garden area. True lilies are elegant and can be 6 feet tall. Different heights of plants can be located in different spots in the flower beds. Bleeding Hearts and Columbine add color in the spring. Take lots of photos of gardens to show color, combinations, beauty, and flaws. Don't be afraid to change your garden as your tastes change.

**“Every Plant Must Earn It’s Time In My Garden”
“Commune With Nature”**

Wanda’s garden is open to visitors at any time, please call ahead to check what is blooming.

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For more true lily information:

<http://www.iowaregionallilysociety.com/OurLilyGardens/OurLilyGardenshome.html>

Note CVIDS members Dave and Sue Kramer, Jackie Westhoff, Don Lovell and Nan Ripley are Iowa Regional Lily Society members and can provide information, display gardens and lilies too!

(As per the IRLS Website)

