



Growing INSPIRATIONS



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A Space for Entertaining Design it to meet your daily needs.



No matter what your budget may be, it pays to create an atmosphere that invites everyday lingering. A design that offers comfort and flexibility is the key.

An outdoor entertaining area is normally divided into: a place for dining, a place for conversation, and open lawn. These spaces should relate to one another through plants, design, and paving material, but they need not be connected. Strive to preserve your best views. As an example, place the seating area where furniture doesn't block the most important views.

The most common error is to make the area too big; size it for every day use, then add space for another family. Avoid the expense of a large paved patio area if your family is small and large parties are rare events.

Keep the design elements in the garden compatible with the home's architectural materials, and style. Coordinate garden color schemes with the home's interior to create a sense of flow and cohesion.

Dinning Area: 1- Consider placing the dining area where it has a special view or atmosphere, which may not always be outside the back door. 2- Consider a high point or where you have views in two directions. 3- Consider the benefit of separation and intimacy provided by shrubs and by the shade of a sheltering tree. 4- Consider space requirements. A table of 4 needs 8 sq ft. of floor space. A table of 8 requires 12. Plan to have extra space for container plantings and other accessories.

Conversation Areas: A space for relaxed conversation or contemplation. 1- Select a location that offers the best view of the garden. 2- Consider surrounding the space with plantings on 2 or 3 sides. The space will feel more intimate when a sense of enclosure is obtained. 3- Pick a slightly remote location for this outdoor living room, a place that is away from the busy household activities. 4- Consider low walls around part of the terrace to provide for overflow seating and the placement of snacks and beverages. 5- Design the conversation area to accommodate your family and two other couples. A space for 6-8 people should be 10 feet by 12 feet. 6- Allow space to getting around furniture. 7- Provide shade by using a cooling canopy, a tree or a vine covered arbor. 8- If you need advice, please ask. We would be most happy to help.

Open Lawn Areas: A lawn area provides overflow space when entertaining a larger group: 1- For easy entertaining the transition from the patio should be graceful and without barriers. 2- The Children's play area should allow for adult supervision, but be at a distance that reduces noise and discourages interruptions. When you create a haven for entertaining, you may find that you spend a lot more time enjoying it.

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**Your Invited to a
Garden Party with
Romance of the
Chinese Garden**

Garden tours begin at 6:30 pm, August 10th complemented with light refreshments. The featured presentation on the beauty and serenity of the Chinese Garden will begin at 7:30 pm. Our speaker is Jayne Keffer, Chautauqua lecturer, master gardener, and frequent China visitor. Please make reservations at 412-364-8662 or by email. Free to Reilly's Gardener's Incentive Program members.

All others \$5.00

No Rain? No Problem!



by Derek

Summer droughts are a common occurrence in our region, and increasingly unpredictable climatic conditions probably will not improve the situation. So what are our options? Can we avoid weekly watering, and in so doing keep water bills low? Yes we can. Depending on what plants are selected, it is possible to go on vacation without worrying that you will return to a barren landscape.



Gaillardia



Russian Sage



Yarrow



Pestemon Red
Rockets

A multitude of perennial plant species have adapted to dry conditions for centuries. Extensive root systems allow these plants to seek and often store water deep beneath the soil surface. Xeric (low-water) plants often have finely divided leaves that create less exposure to the drying rays of the sun. The leaves are often covered with tiny hairs that reflect solar rays. Plants with these adaptations simply perform better, require less maintenance, and look healthier in times of drought.

Here's the exciting part, you will not have to give up a garden full of flowers. Many xeric plants are incredibly showy, with long-lasting blooms. Consider the rose-pink and white blossoms of Penstemon 'Red Rocks', the lavender-blue spires of Russian Sage, the daisy yellows and oranges of Gaillardia and Coreopsis, pink or white coneflowers, or drought and clay tolerant yarrow in a wide range of color.

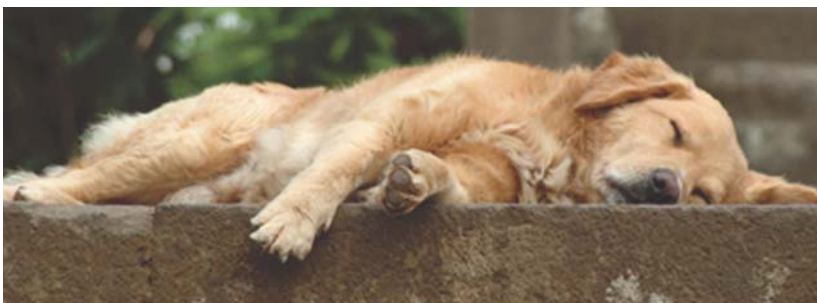
Consider creating a drought tolerant island in your landscape where your hose won't reach or where the thirsty lawn seems to suffer most. Take advantage of the adaptations of some of the colorful xeric plants. Derek and Murph will happily help with your selections. Roll up the hose, unplug the coffee pot and leave your worries at home while on your summer vacation.



Color Your Summer Without Lifting a Finger

It's summer and it's hot. You desire a beautiful garden, and it is of course the season for outdoor entertaining, but you dread the task of planting when there are so many other things to do. Michele, Andrea, Murph and the rest of the Reilly's crew are ready to come to the rescue by creating inviting garden and patio areas with large colorful annuals. Our larger instant Summer Color plants that have been planted just for the summer season can quickly and economically transform those spaces with a flood of color. Come in and select your desired colors and we quickly follow with the planting.

To whet your color pallet, some of the choices available are petunias in blue, pink, red, white and sangria splash; mixed zinnias; marigolds, celosia and gazanias in yellow and orange; red salvia, as well as, white vinca. These large plants in 8 & 10 inch bowls are priced at a low \$8.99 each when 5 or more are purchased.



Oh The Dog Days of Summer

Sure, the days get hot and body gets tired, but let's not make excuses. Come to our Dog Days Celebration Aug. 4th, and by all means bring your furry friends (we aren't talking about unshaved male acquaintances). Your dogs will have the run of the place this weekend and the whole family will enjoy a day at our farm.

SALE AUG 1-5 SATURDAY EVENTS, AUG. 4TH 11AM- 1PM

- Animal Friends will bring some prospective pets on Sat. the 4th between 11am & 1pm.
- Hot Dogs or Slushy free with coupon.
- PHOTO of you and your pet. (email address required)
- Dog Pound, where all plants with bark are 50-100% off. Some are less than perfect and needing a good home

Lace Bug

Does this leaf damage look familiar?

Check your broad leaf evergreens today for this tell tale damage

caused by the under leaf sucking of Lace Bug. Place a piece of white paper under the leaves and shake. Insects falling on the paper will be easily seen. Spray every 7 to 10 days if they are found.



Teddy Bear Picnic

Come give your Teddy Bear the special day he deserves. August 11th, 10:30am till noon. Gather at Reilly's Farm under the spreading Linden trees with teddy bears and picnic lunch in hand for a morning of games, stories, and hayride. Milk a cow, feed the farm animals, and meet other bear friends while sharing a special time with your children or grandchildren.

Please call for reservations- 412-364-8662. Fee \$4.00 per person.



Ready for Picking

August 17th

All Red Raspberry season should extend into early Oct. U-Pick

\$3.99 a pint.



Perennial Color that Endures

by Murf Meider

Many feel that only annuals give long-lasting color, and conversely their belief is that all perennials have a very short bloom time. Well, this belief just doesn't apply to ALL perennials. Sure, peonies, iris and all spring bulbs bloom for a matter of just weeks. On the other hand, many perennials bloom throughout the summer and many continue until hard frost.

I know, it's just midsummer and I'm going to talk about perennials that bloom well into fall! Please bear with me. I refer to common plants that are popular. Anise hyssop (agastache), beebalm, coneflower, penstemon, black-eyed Susan, gaura and scabiosa are all "prairie plants" that have evolved to endure heat, drought and winter's nastiness. They crave sunny areas and love nothing more than to enchant you with their continual show of color. They attract butterflies and hummingbirds. What more can you ask for?

If you are fortunate and have mature trees to provide shady breezes, you can have shade-loving perennials that bloom later in the summer, all of which have marvelous leaf shapes, colors and textures. Bugbane (now who came up with THAT name??) or cimicifuga has a fern-like leaf structure with late summer sprays of tiny VERY fragrant long-lasting white flowers. The flower stalks, with its arching flowers, can reach 6 feet; it's quite impressive. Both green and almost black leaf forms are available. Autumn anemones look spectacular with cimicifuga. Coral bells, which have scalloped round leaves in dozens of colors from pale green to almost black, can be massed in front for a wondrous display of color, texture and drama. Coral bells bloom for six weeks. Just as ferns go well with hostas, so does bugbane. And if you like a dramatic bright yellow bloom to brighten a shady spot, ligularia is the answer. It is a very thirsty critter, so it works well near streams.

Annuals do have their place in the garden, but so do perennials... almost anywhere! Happy gardening.

Reilly's Rewards Day August 13-19

You have been saving Reilly Rewards Dollars for the past year and now is the time to cash them in for some great bargains. They spend like real money when matched with an equal amount of U.S. dollars. This is the best time to purchase that special plant, fountain or piece of glazed pottery that may have been beyond the budget and seems never to go on sale.



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or more with this coupon
(Does not apply to special orders)

Valid through August 12, 2007.

Limit 1 per customer. Coupon may not be
combine with any other offer.

Dog Days of Summer Coupon

August 4th

11am - 1pm

**Good for 1 FREE hot dog
or slushy**

Limit 1 per customer.



My Monet, *Weigelia, Make an Impression*

Pink flowers in spring and colorful variegated foliage that lasts all summer into fall, will really impress. Only a foot tall and wide so it's perfect for small gardens and little spaces. Fits perfectly in tight corners, along walks, and even container gardens. The best new shrub for 2007.

August Special Events

HOURS CHANGE

Mon- Sat, 9am to 6pm
Sunday hours 10am to 4pm.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Dog Day activities August 4th, sale Aug.1-5

AN EVENING IN THE GARDEN

August 10th. Refreshments and garden tours
6:30pm featured presentation at 7:30pm.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Saturday, August 11th, 10:30 through
lunch time. \$4.00 per person.

REILLY REWARDS DAYS

August 13 to 19. Bring in your Reilly Rewards
Certificates for redemption; it's like a half off sale.

RED RASPBERRY PICKING

season is expected to began on August 17th and will
continue through early October. \$3.99 a pint, U-Pick.
Call 412-364-8662 for picking conditions.