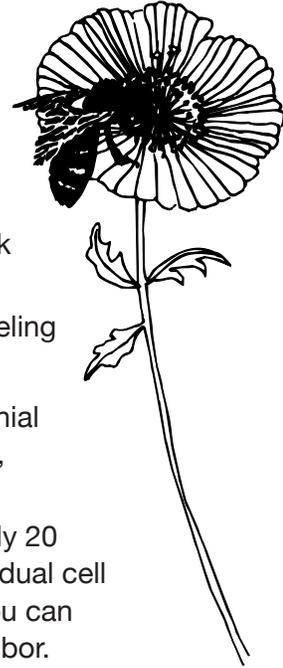


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Gardening made easy

Before you start designing your garden, try to have a vision of what you want your garden to look like. Read gardening magazines and books to put together a file of your favorite garden ideas.

List what appeals to you in terms of plant choices, landscape features and the kind of garden feeling you want to create.

Improve your soil before you plant

Most plants thrive in moist, but well drained soil. Sounds contradictory, right? But it simply means soil that retains moisture and doesn't stay too wet. Ideal garden soil has the texture of crumbly chocolate cake and is easy to dig.

The way to improve almost any kind of soil - from sticky clay to porous sandy soil - is actually the same. You add hummus (composted manure, compost or leaf mould, or a combination of them).

Buying plants

Good garden centers group plants according to their sun and shade requirements. Trees and shrubs also have light preferences, so read the plant tags and do some research before deciding what to plant.



Remember that most perennial flowers and roses do best in full sun. That means at least six hours of full sun. With only two to three hours of sunlight, sun-lovers will struggle, but plants that like part shade will do well.

Usually, shade and part-shade plants will do best where they

don't get hot afternoon sun.

Here are some plants to grow in lower light situations:

astilbe, hosta, cranesbill (hardy perennial geraniums), bleeding heart, foxgloves, columbine, heuchera.

Buy annuals by the flat. They're usually 20 percent cheaper than if you buy individual cell packs. If you don't need that many you can divvy-up the flat with a friend or neighbor.

A logical planting scheme to follow

A lot of folks see gardening primarily as getting color into their yards. But if you focus on colorful flowers first and foremost, it's a bit like arranging the lamps, accessories and pictures before your house has even been built.

John Brookes, author of John Brookes Garden Design, advises planning and planting in the following order:

- First, the "specials", usually large deciduous trees that serve as focal points;
- Next the "skeletons," evergreens or hedges for year-round structure.
- Then come the "decoratives", flowering shrubs or tall grasses.
- And, finally, you get to the "pretties" – spring and summer-blooming perennials and fillers such as bulbs, annuals or biennials.



Flower-Gardening-Made-Easy.com
Yvonne Cunnington

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Mary D. Bohn,
3323 Rainview Circle
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8102 Lacevine Road

Four Seasons Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2011 • 7 – 8 p.m.

Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church • 3400 Summerfield Drive

Did You Know!

- Your FSNA has negotiated with **Waste Management (WM)** to continue discounted rates for sanitation services. These rates are the same as in the past: **trash \$12.17/month, recycling \$5.25/month, yard waste \$5.25/month**, and no fuel adjustments. These rates are good until July 2013. **The only requirement by Waste Management is that you are a paid member of our association.** Make sure your dues are paid for 2011. (The WM prices quoted in the last newsletter was incorrectly stated as quarterly, it should have read monthly.)
- **Four Season's Neighborhood Association dues** are being increased to \$35 a year. This is the first increase since our inception in 2006. Please mail your dues to Judy LeClaire, 3405 Rainview Circle, Louisville, KY 40220.
- The Four Season's **Yard Sale** is scheduled for **June 4**. Yard sale sponsors and Realtors David Lynch and Glenn/Karen Bond will place an ad in the Courier-Journal. Tie a yellow balloon to your mailbox on June 4 if you are participating.
- Councilman **Kevin Kramer** is scheduled to attend the FSNA general meeting on **July 21**. Bring your questions. We will be discussing speed humps among other things.
- A neighbor on **Sunbury** reported obscene graffiti was spray painted on their white truck. Be vigilant and call the police.
- If you spot a neighbor cutting the grass or cutting bushes in common areas or picking up trash in the neighborhood, **say thanks!**

FSNA 2011 general meetings

Tell the FSNA Board what you would like to see happen in our neighborhood. Become involved!! Do you want a neighborhood picnic? Do you want safer streets? Do you want to find a walking partner? We want to know!

- May 19
- July 21
- September 15
- November 17

Make a note of the meetings for the rest of the year.

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- 1 pot roast that fits your slow-cooker
- 1 can of Coke
- 1 envelope of Lipton's Onion Soup Mix



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