

gar·den·ing (gärd'ning),
1. *n.* the art of killing weeds
and bugs to grow flowers and
crops for animals and
birds to eat.



How do you make a
little extra money in the
garden!

The Pot Business



Pots, Planters and
Containers-All Year Round

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Success in the Pot Business

- ❑ Requires a degree of expertise
- ❑ Best left to knowledgeable experts
- ❑ Years of experience
- ❑ Winning designs achieve success

Be creative





Why bother with garden pots?



Why bother with pots in the garden?

- ❑ Architecture
- ❑ Garden detail
- ❑ Seasonal highlights
- ❑ Portable landscape
- ❑ Value add

Architecture

- ❑ Can add several different materials of the same design period to the garden without becoming cluttered
- ❑ Carefully chosen and sited, add class instill refinement to a landscape
- ❑ Prefer materials that age (newer reproductions of aged materials are good)

Architecture



Garden Detail

- Use smaller pots to showcase collections
- Move pots when in bloom and then to perimeter of landscape when not the best
- Use an assortment of sizes, seasonal pots can be quite variable

Garden detail



Seasonal use

- ❑ Use imaginative planting combinations to reflect the seasons
- ❑ Capitalize on the four seasons, five with Christmas
- ❑ Use a majority of large planters for seasonal displays

Seasonal Use



Portable Gardens

- Move to change views
- Showcase plants in their prime
- Revolving themes

Portable Gardens



Portable Gardens



□ However????

The Pot Police



Select pots for year round use.

- ❑ Durable
- ❑ Potable if used seasonally
- ❑ Ability to age gracefully
- ❑ Withstand winter freezing conditions
- ❑ Homeowners do not want to drag heavy material into the garage
- ❑ Pots can add a quick sense of maturity to the garden

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Planter Preparation

Planter preparation-The Pot

- ❑ Use a quality pot
- ❑ Avoid imported (tropical) clay products
- ❑ Use glazed only after danger of frost has passed



Planter Preparation-The Mix

- Use a soiless mix



Planter Preparation-Wetting Agents

- Use a soil wetting agent



Planter Preparation-Planting

- ❑ Use many plants, for a full effect
- ❑ Or use one or two species
- ❑ Plant full combinations



Planter Preparation-Planting Care

- ❑ Do not install the planters until the plantings have settled



Planter Preparation-Fertilizing

- ❑ Fertilizer, liquid feed 20-20-20 every week
- ❑ 1 Tablespoon per gallon of water
- ❑ Water dry planters with clean water prior to applying fertilizer
- ❑ Let plants dry out to the point of wilt

Planter Preparation-Watering



Deadheading

- ❑ Perform as frequently as possible
- ❑ Weekly is advantageous
- ❑ Critical on large flowered summer bulbous plants such as Cannas

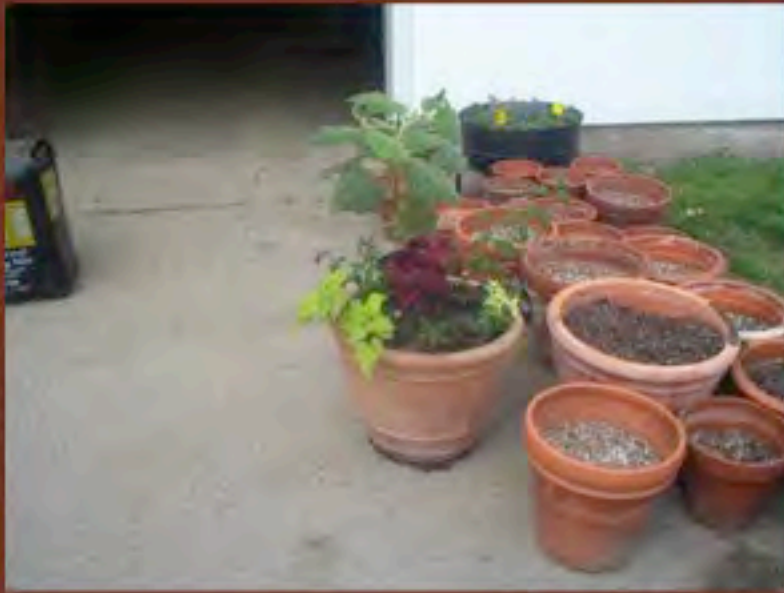
Success with pots requires substantial knowledge of the correct techniques



The Plants

- Annuals
- Tropicals
- Grass
- Perennials

Annuals



before

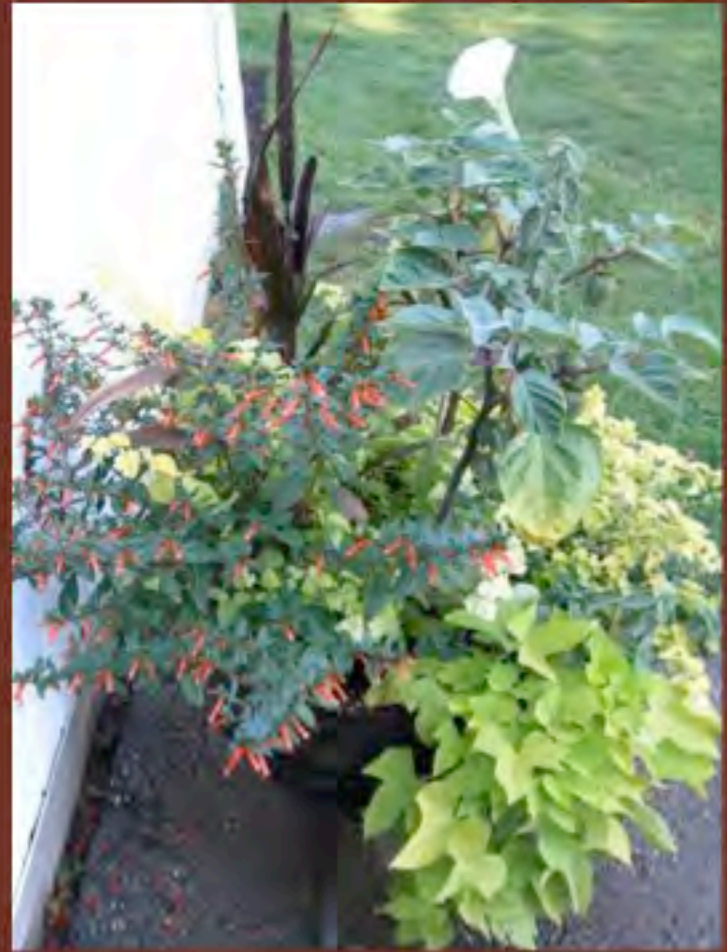


after

Annuals



Coleus



Cuphea

Annuals

Cotinus



Datura

Abultion



Annuals



Fuchsia



Nicotiana



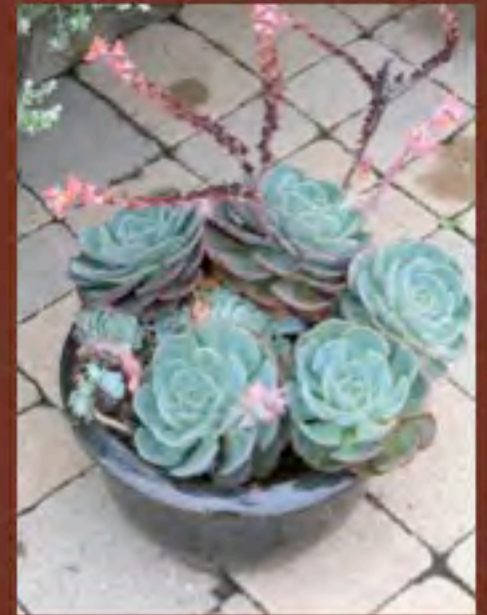
Cuphea 'Tiny Mouse'

Tropicals



Aspidistra

Agave



Echeveria

Tropicals



Aeonium

Hibiscus



Dracena

Grass-almost all species work well in planters



winter interest

Perennials



Sedum

Veronica



Heuchera



Perennials



Euphorbia



Ferns

Bulbs

- Use individual small pots for seasonal groupings
- Experiment with exotic tropical bulbs
- Cluster pots

Bulbs

- ❑ Consider full season use of bulbs
- ❑ Move pots into the garden to add seasonal splashes of colour
- ❑ If planned correctly you can have almost year round use of bulbs in pots

Bulbs



Cannas



Dahlia



Bulbs

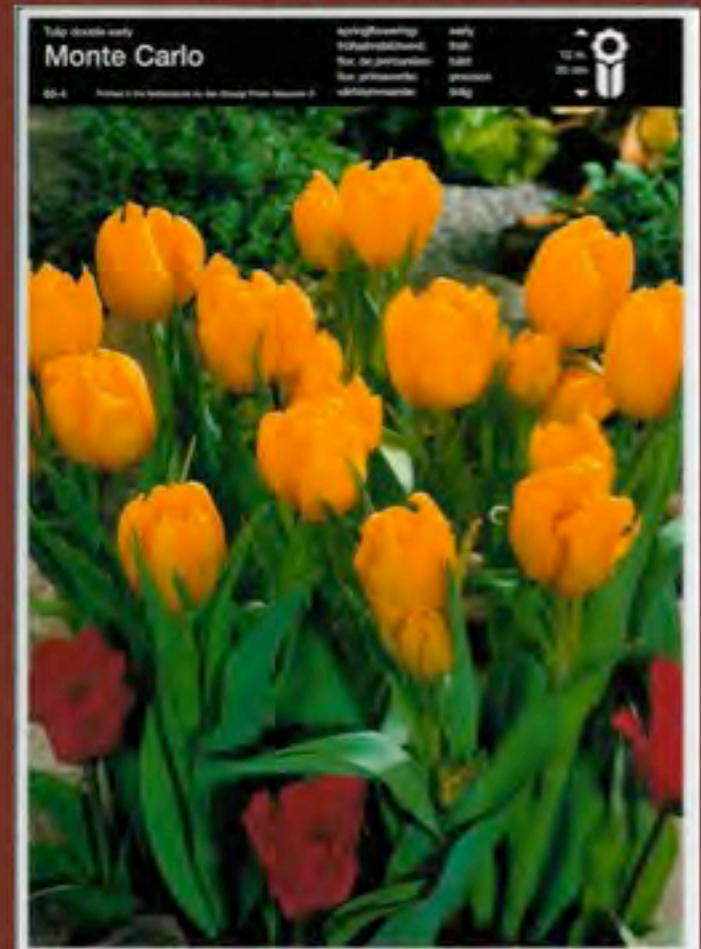
Spring bulbs



Galtonia



Agapanthus



Hangers

- ❑ Use large baskets, either wire lined with sphagnum or fiber (do not use plastic)
- ❑ Use of a wetting agent is critical to success
- ❑ Regular watering is paramount, in almost all cases at the height of the season daily

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The Planter Garden

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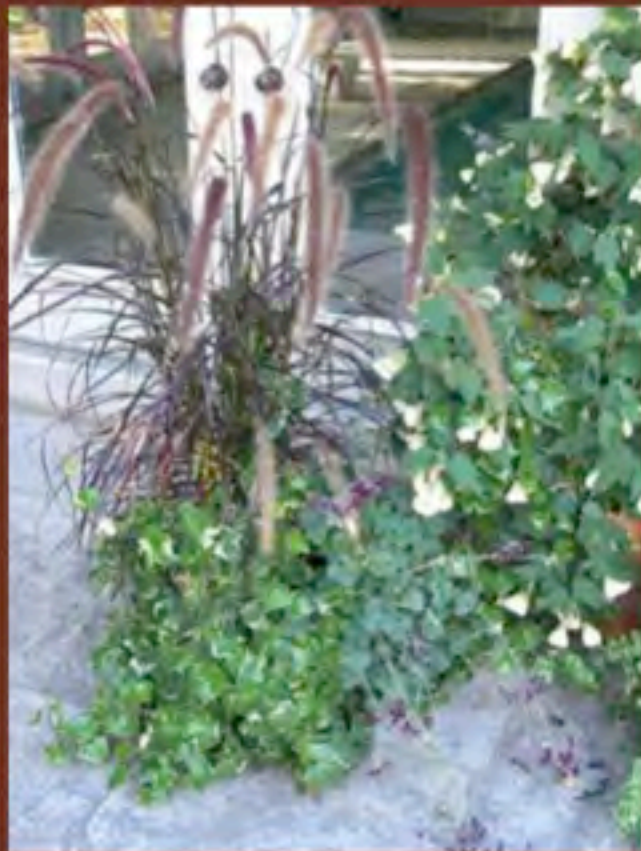
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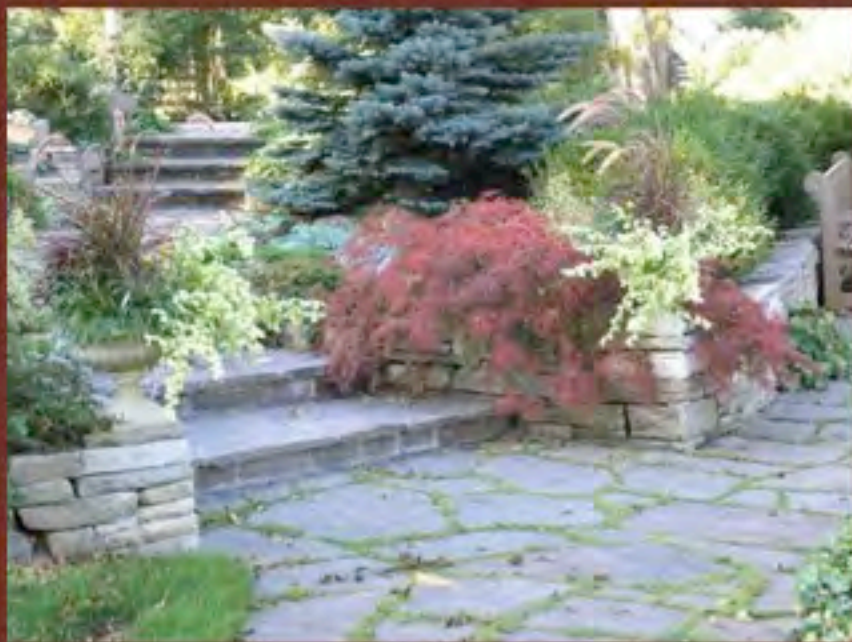
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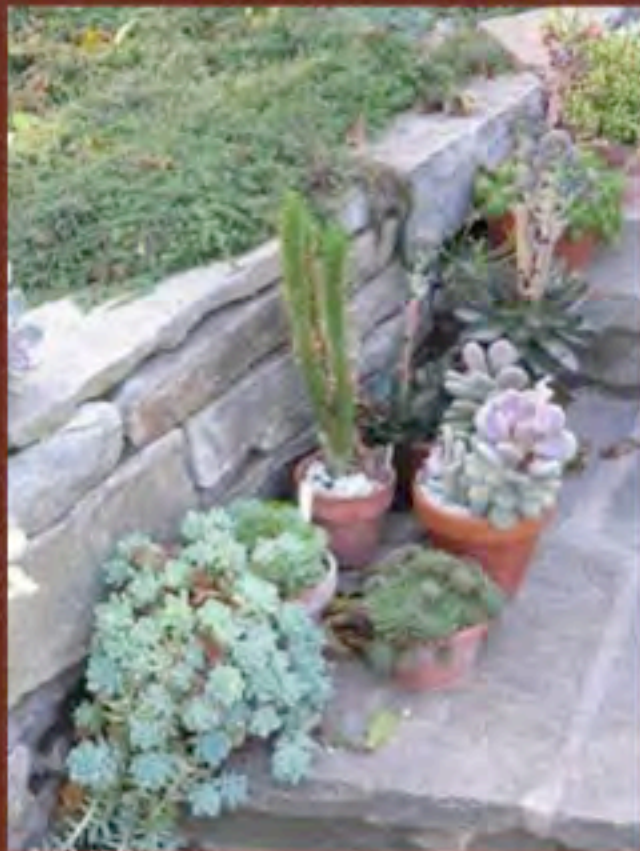
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