

Thanks for joining me for the
Containers for Sun and Shade webinar
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I promised to do a bit of research on the availability of a comprehensive plant list. The challenge is finding a list that works for all plants, all situations, and in every part of North America. I use a variety of resources to help me research plants, but here are a few suggestions:

Your local library and librarians are a great source of information. Besides books, many have programs offered by experts on a variety of interesting and useful topics. Take advantage of this local resource as you plan your gardens.

Contact your state's [University Extension service](#). Many have publications on their state's website with useful information on gardening in your state. I know there have been lots of changes in the Canadian Extension service, so my Canadian gardening friends may need to depend on the following sources.

I also recommend you check out some of my [past webinar recordings](#) that are still available on my website. You will find a variety of topics that may be helpful as you plan, plant, and tend your containers and gardens. Just scroll through to the one you want to watch. The handouts are also available to download.

[Milwaukee Public Library's YouTube Channel](#) has [past recordings](#) of many of their webinars, including those on rain gardens, managing water where it falls, landscape care, and more.

Answers and resources to other questions can be found after the Plant Finders listing.

Plant Finders

Contact the [Botanic Gardens and Arboretums](#) near you. Many of them research and publish information, provide resources, and host educational opportunities about plants suited to your growing conditions. Nature centers are also a valuable resource.

Missouri Botanical Garden has a plant finder on [its website](#). Keep in mind this is a Missouri-based botanic garden, but they do provide information related to the plant's needs and attributes for you to review and decide if the plant is suited to your growing conditions.

[The University of North Carolina](#) also has a [plant finder](#) on their website. This has a focus on North Carolina, but I find their detailed plant descriptions very helpful no matter where you live.

All-America Selections Winning Plants

[All-America Selections](#) is a non-profit organization. They list winners by categories, and each plant profile contains information on how to grow the plant and why it was selected as a winner. Here is a bit more about them: “All-America Selections National and Regional Winners have been tested for garden performance by a panel of expert judges. Varieties that perform best over all of North America become AAS National Winners. Entries that performed particularly well in certain regions are named AAS Regional Winners. The AAS Winners offer gardeners reliable new varieties that have proven their superior garden performance in Trial Grounds across North America, thus, our tagline of “Tested Nationally and Proven Locally®”.” For a downloadable Excel file of all AAS Winners from 1932 to present, [click here](#).

[Proven Winners Plant Finder](#) - Keep in mind that this will direct you to their brands, but you can gather some information on various plants suited to your growing conditions and decide whether to purchase one of their brands or just a similar variety being described.

Monrovia also has a [plant finder](#). Like Proven Winners, they will be promoting their brands, but you may find the information useful.

[Prairie Nursery](#), a native plant nursery, also has a plant finder. They do sell directly to gardeners, but once again, you can gather useful information and decide where to purchase plants and seeds for your gardens.

Several insect pest questions were asked during the webinar. Here are a few resources you may find useful:

[Holes in Sweet Potato Vine](#)

[Managing Earwigs](#)

The organic Japanese Beetle Control mentioned as *Bacillus thuringiensis galleriae* sold as Bettle Gone! And BeetleJUS!

I also mentioned the [University of Maryland's tips](#) for managing jumping worms in mulch and compost.

View the recording and [download the handout](#) of my webinar Organic Insect Pest Management for Vegetable and Flower Gardens. [Click here](#) and **ENTER**
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I know finding the right plants for your gardens and keeping them healthy can be overwhelming. As you gain more experience, you will discover we all have lost plants along the way. I find I learn as much, if not more, from my failures as I do from my successes.

So, keep planting!

Melinda