

10 Ways **TO SPICE UP YOUR GARDEN WITH** *Summer-Blooming* *Bulbs*



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CANNA

- Hardy in Zone 8 or 9 and warmer
- Prefers full sun
- Well-drained soil
- Green, bronze, purple-black and striped foliage
- Pink, red, orange, yellow and white flowers
- **Many choices** of flower and foliage color combinations
 - **Tropicanna®**
 - Saffron, rose and green striped leaves
 - Bright orange flowers
 - 4-5' tall
 - **Tropicanna Black®**
 - Dark maroon leaves
 - Red-orange flowers
 - 4-6' tall
 - **Tropicanna Gold®**
 - Yellow and green striped leaves
 - Orange flowers
 - 4-5' tall
 - Tropicanna® Canna & *Ruellia brittoniana* 'Purple Showers'
 - Canna in bed of Petunias
 - Canna & Pennisetum
 - Canna & Coleus
 - *Colocasias* 'Black Magic', Orange Punch Canna, Autumn Blush Coreopsis, Sparkling Burgundy Heuchera and Aztec Gold Veronica
 - Canna, Hakone Grass (*Hakonechloa*) and Coral Bells (*Heuchera*)
 - **Growing Canna in Water Gardens**
 - Remove plant from soil
 - Rinse off soil
 - Line pot with burlap or weed barrier to keep soil in pot with drainage holes
 - Plant with crown of the plant below the rim
 - Fill pot to 2" below the rim with water garden soil mix
 - Top with gravel or small stone to keep soil in place
 - Lower pot slowly into water - leaving top few inches of pot above the water
 - Canna is a rhizome
 - Wait until danger of frost has passed to plant outdoors
 - Plant rhizome 3-4" deep
 - ♦ 18-24" apart

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Longfield Gardens provides high quality flower bulbs and perennials to home gardeners. We offer plants for every region and every season, from tulips and daffodils to dahlias, caladiums and amaryllis.

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DAHLIA

- Hardy in Zones 8-11
- Full sun to light shade
- Moist, well-drained soil
- 1-5' tall
- Flowers of white, pink, lavender, red, orange and yellow
- **Various sizes and shapes** of flowers and plants
 - Dahlias make excellent cut flowers
 - Pick dahlias at their prime, before the petals begin to soften. They do not continue to open once removed from the plant.
 - Use sharp scissors or hand pruner and cut back to main stem (same for deadheading)
 - Gallery Pablo
 - Border decorative
 - 3-4" coral-pink flowers
 - 16" tall
 - **Gallery Serenade and Gallery Monet**
 - **Crème de Cassis**
 - Decorative wine-red buds
 - 4-6" lavender-pink blossoms with red center
 - 3' tall
 - Mixes nicely with Echinacea, Verbena & Phlox
 - **David Howard**
 - Decorative 4-5" apricot flowers
 - Burgundy foliage
 - 30-40" tall
 - Ice Tea
 - Decorative 3" soft orange blooms
 - Green leaves
 - 40" tall
 - **HS Flame**
 - Single red flowers with yellow throat
 - Maroon foliage
 - 30-36" tall
 - Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
 - RHS Award of Merit



About Melinda

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening, the Midwest Gardener's Handbook, and Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" program airing on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed **Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series**, including the latest Food Gardening for Everyone DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine, writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column and a nationally-distributed gardening column. She appears regularly as a guest expert on national and local television and radio shows.

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- Smaller than normal tuberous roots
 - Does not affect performance
- **Fascination**
- Dahlia with Veronica
 - Peony-flowered 4-5" rose-pink flowers with twisted petals around burgundy center
 - Dark foliage
 - 30-36" tall
 - Peony-flowered varieties are most delicate and are seldom available for sale as cut flowers

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- Boom Boom with Tomato
 - Ball type, 3" round flowers
 - 30-36" tall
 - Ball dahlias are long-lasting cut flowers and easy to mix in bouquets
 - Produces smaller than normal tuberous roots
 - Does not affect performance
- **Boom Boom Yellow**
- Consider growing dahlias for cutting in your vegetable garden
 - Great soil
 - Many attract pollinators
 - Easy to harvest for a bouquet when harvesting your veggies
- **Karma Corona**
 - Cactus 5" blooms of pink and yellow
 - 3' tall
 - Pairs nicely with purple, pink or yellow flowers
- Jeanne d'Arc
 - Cactus 4-6" pink-orange flowers
 - 3-4' tall

- **Vassio Meggos**

- Dinner plate 8" pink flowers with hints of violet
- 3-4' tall

- **Dinner Plate Tips for Success**

- Dahlia, Papyrus, and Illumination Vinca in Container
- Dahlia - Creative Staking
 - Taller varieties need staking
 - Hide ties or make a statement like this gardener did
- Dahlia tuberous roots
 - Soil must be warm, 60°F or warmer
 - ✦ Or start indoors 4-6 weeks earlier
 - Plant 4" deep
 - ✦ 12-24" apart
 - Stake tall varieties at planting to avoid root damage

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GLADIOLUS

- Hardy in Zones 7 and warmer
- Full sun to light shade
- Well-drained soil
- Grows 1-5' tall
- 60-120 days from planting to flower
- **Flowers available in a wide range of colors**
 - Peach Gladiolus
 - Mixed Gladiolus Collection
 - Gladiolus with Liatris
 - Gladiolus with Matrona Sedum
 - Gladiolus with Salvia

- Harvesting Gladiolus for Cutting
- **Gladiolus Corms**
 - Plant corms 3-6" deep
 - ✦ 3-5" apart
 - Stagger plantings by 2 weeks or use various varieties for a long cutting period
- **Creative Staking**

PEACOCK LILY (*Acidanthera*)

- Hardy in Zones 7 and warmer
- Full sun
- Heat loving
- Grassy foliage
- 2-3' tall
- Also known as **peacock orchid**
 - Peacock Lily with Rudbeckia and Hydrangea
 - Peacock Lily with Silver Shield Plectranthus
 - Peacock Lily with Garden Phlox
 - Peacock Lily Bulb
 - Wait to plant until danger of frost has passed
 - ✦ Or start in 2-gallon nursery pots in spring until June
 - Plant corms 4-6" deep
 - ✦ Stagger planting to extend bloom time
 - ✦ Plant in groups of 10 for best display
 - ✦ May be a month before foliage is visible
 - ✦ Store dark, dry at 60°F
 - * Or leave in pot and let soil dry for winter storage

EUCOMIS – PINEAPPLE LILY

- Hardy in Zones 7-10
- Full sun (shade mid day in hotter regions)
- Well-drained soil
- Florets open from bottom to top
- In bloom in 6-8 weeks
- Flowers in white, pink and violet
- Leaves can be green or burgundy
- 18-24" tall



- Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
 - **Leia**
 - Burgundy maroon flower buds open to raspberry-pink flowers
 - Tolerates heat and humidity
 - 18" tall
 - **Eucomis autumnalis**
 - Creamy white flowers
 - 18" tall
 - Eucomis with *Miscanthus* 'Strictus', Sedum and Other Perennials
 - Eucomis with Silver Shield Plectranthus, Willow Amsonia and Pennisetum
 - Eucomis with Ornamental Grass, Coneflower and Heuchera
 - Eucomis Bulb
 - Wait for soil to reach 65°F
 - ◆ Or start in container
 - Plant 4" deep
 - ◆ 5" apart
 - 3-4 weeks for bulbs to break dormancy

ELEPHANT EARS (*Alocasia* & *Colocasia*)

- **Hardy in Zones 9-11**
- Sun (provide midday shade) or shade
- Consistent moisture a must for full-size growth
- Benefits from regular fertilization
- **Variety of colors and sizes**
- **Colocasia vs. Alocasia vs. Xanthosoma**

Colocasia and *Alocasia* are native to Tropical Asia, Malaysia, New Guinea, parts of Australia and the Pacific Islands. The similar looking *Xanthosoma* is native to tropical America. *Alocasia* foliage tends to point upwards like an arrowhead while *Colocasia* tend to point downward to form the shape of a heart. *Xanthosoma* leaf tips tend to point downward with a vein running all around and just inside the edge of the leaf.

- **Odora**
 - Upright elephant ears allow space for lower profile neighbors
 - Big, paddle-shaped leaves
 - 5' tall
- **Colocasia esculenta** with Caladium and Red Border Dahlias
 - Velvety green leaves
 - 3-6' tall



- The straight species of *Colocasia esculenta* is **invasive along parts of the Gulf Coast**
- Elephant Ears with Petunia
- Colocasia with Caladium
- Elephant Ears with Annuals in Garden Bed
- Colocasia with Colchester White Centaurea & Verbena
- Elephant Ears with Lantana and Canna
- Colocasia, Bronze Fennel, Cora Lavender Vinca, Sweet Alyssum & Tricolor Sage
- **Diamond Head** Elephant Ears with Sweet Potato Vine
 - Broad blue-black leaves up to 2' wide
 - 3-4' plants
- *Colocasia* 'Coal Miner', Lucky Yellow Lantana, Bicolor Sweet Potato Vine and Phantom Petunia
- *Colocasia* 'Gigantea' with Yellow Profusion Zinnias
 - Large green leaves 2-4' long
 - 6-10' tall and wide plants
- Elephant Ears Bulb
 - Not all form tubers
 - ✦ Smaller varieties tend to form fibrous root
 - ✦ Overwinter these as a houseplant in colder regions
 - **Plant after danger of frost has passed** and soil has warmed to 65°F
 - ✦ Pointed side up
 - ✦ 1" below soil surface
 - Slow to sprout - up to a month

CALADIUM

Caladiums Brighten Shade Gardens All Season

Landscaping Made Easy with Caladiums

Caladium Plant Profile

Growing Caladiums Indoors

Growing Caladiums in Zones 5-7

- Hardy in Zone 10
- Part to full shade - some are more sun tolerant
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Lance leaved - narrower the leaves, more sun tolerant
- **Fancy leaves - colorful**
- 12-24" tall

- **Red Flash**
 - Fancy
 - Sun or shade
 - 20" tall
 - Thrives in heat and humidity
 - Tuber
- **Aaron Caladium** with Gallery Art Nouveau Dahlia
 - Fancy
 - 20" tall
 - Upright
 - Tolerates sun in most locations
 - ◆ Prefers shade
- **Carolyn Whorton** Caladium and Pink Magic Canna
 - Fancy
 - 20" tall
 - Tolerates full sun
- Fancy White and Green Caladium Under a Shade Tree
- Red and Green Caladium Add Color to Shady Corner of the Garden
- **Candidum Caladium** with Morning Light Miscanthus and White Dahlias
 - Fancy
 - 20" tall
 - Best in full to partial shade (this was a Wisconsin garden)
- **Miss Muffet** Caladium with New Guinea Impatiens and Fuchsia
- **Florida Cardinal** and Other Caladiums
 - Thrives in shade to full sun
 - 20" tall
- Caladium Tuber
 - **Plant 2" deep**
 - ◆ 6" apart
 - Need warm soil, 65°F or warmer
 - Sprouts in 4-5 days in warm soil
 - ◆ Later in cold soil



CALLA LILY

- **Hardy in Zones 8-10**
- Sun to shade (best in full sun in the north)
- Moist soil
- 1-2' tall
- Flowers early in the season
- **Foliage plain green or speckled** and looks good all season long
- Heat and drought tolerant
- Good cut flowers
 - **Gold Crown**
 - Sun to shade
 - Yellow flowers
 - White speckled foliage
 - **Grape Velvet and Garnet Glow**
 - 20" tall
 - Heat and drought tolerant
 - **California Red**
 - 16-20" tall
 - Sun to shade
 - Calla Lilies with Dusty Miller and Artemisia
 - Calla Lily Foliage Brightens Shade and Echos White Hydrangea Blooms
 - Calla Lilies Growing in California
 - Calla Lily Tuber
 - Wait for danger of frost to pass before planting
 - Warm soil, 65°F
 - ◆ Or start in nursery pot
 - Plant 3-4" deep, with eyes facing up
 - ◆ 4" apart for best display
 - Water sparingly until new growth begins, then more generously
 - Two or more weeks to sprout



HARDY LILY (*Lilium*)

All About Lilies

Types of Lilies

Eight Tips for Growing Better Lilies

Plant Lilies for a Summer Garden of Elegant and Fragrant Blooms

- Hardy in Zones 4-9
- Best in full sun, will tolerate some shade
 - **Stargazer** Oriental Lily
 - ▶ Fragrant
 - ▶ Long lasting cut flower
 - ▶ 30-40" tall
 - LA Hybrids
 - ▶ Cross between Longiflorum and Asiatic
 - **Yellow Diamond**
 - ▶ Sweet fragrance
 - ▶ 30-40" tall
 - Species Lilies
 - Turk's Cap Lilies - Martagon
 - Trumpet Lily
 - ▶ **Easter Lily**
 - **Regale**
 - ▶ 4-6' tall
 - ▶ 6-8" intensely fragrant flowers
 - Oriental Asiatic Lily
 - Tiger Lilies
 - Oriental Lilies - Stargazer
 - **Casa Blanca**
 - ▶ 10" fragrant flowers
 - ▶ Full sun
 - ▶ 40-60" tall plants
 - Oriental Trumpet Lily
 - ▶ 5-6' tall
 - ▶ Fragrant flowers
 - **Roselily Aisha & Roselily Tatsjana**
 - ▶ Double Oriental
 - ▶ Lightly fragrant, pollen-free, long lasting flowers
 - ▶ 26" tall

- Lilies with Coneflowers
- Tall Lilies with Jerry Nelson
- **Bulbils on Lily Stems**
- **Forced Lilies**
- Lily Bulb
 - ▶ Scaly bulb
 - ▶ Plant chilled bulbs in spring
 - ▶ Plant bulbs in fall
 - ▶ Buy plants
 - ▶ Plant bulbs 6" deep
 - ▶ Groups of 3 or more for best display (6-8" apart)
- **Red / Scarlet Lily Leaf Beetle**
 - ▶ **How to Control Red Lily Leaf Beetles**

LIATRIS

All About Liatris

- Hardy in Zones 3-9
- Full sun
- Moist, well-drained soil
- 2-3' or more tall
- 2' wide
- Long lasting cut flower
- Excellent pollinator and bird plant
- **Drought tolerant once established**
 - **Liatris** with Butterfly
 - White and Shorter Varieties Available
 - Liatris Foliage Prior to Bloom
 - Liatris in Winter
 - Liatris with Dahlia
 - Liatris with Bee Balm
 - Liatris with Garden Phlox
 - *Liatris* 'Floristan Violet' with Coneflower, Daylily & Rudbeckia
 - Planting Liatris
 - ▶ Plant corms 3" deep with smooth side down and sprouts facing up
 - ◆ Space 5" apart
 - ▶ Spring planting likely to have flowers in 70-90 days

PLANTING TIPS

- Starting Cannas, Dahlias, Caladiums and Other Non-Hardy Bulbs Indoors
- Indoor Start for Earlier Bloom
- Dahlia Tuberous Root
 - Plant 4" deep
 - 12-24" apart
 - Stake tall varieties at planting to avoid root damage
 - Soil must be warm, 60°F or warmer
 - Takes 2 weeks for shoots to appear - so be patient
 - Once sprouted, will start growing fast
- Canna Rhizome
 - Wait until danger of frost has passed to plant outdoors
 - Plant rhizome 3" deep
 - 18-24" apart
- Alocasia and Colocasia Tubers
 - Plant after danger of frost has passed and soil has warmed to 65°F
 - Pointy side up and 1" below the soil surface
 - Slow to sprout - up to a month
- Planting Gladiolus
 - Plant corms 3-6" deep
 - 3-5" apart
 - Stagger plantings by 2 weeks or use various varieties for a long cutting period

WINTER CARE IN COLDER REGIONS

Digging and Storing Tender Bulbs

Storing Gladiolus Corms

Overwintering Elephant Ears



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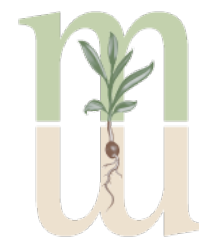
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