

SPADE and TROWEL Newsletter

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SHRUBS AND VINES

Wisteria Vines

If they refuse to bloom, try root pruning in September till October, this may not prove successful, but is worth the try.

Lonicera Honeysuckle

A large group of (mostly) deciduous shrubs and vines, Sometimes incredibly fragrant!

Grows and spreads very quickly covering trellises and walls -----it also attracts butterflies.

Full sun—Humus Rich—well –drained

Up to 25' *L.Heckrottii*, fragrant and beautiful deep pink with yellow

Albellophyllum White Forsythia

Only one species a Korean genus, belongs to the olive family like the common Forsythia. *A. distichum*, graceful arching habit, with star-shaped flower clusters on bare branches, 2 weeks before the true Forsythia.

Blooms: Sweet almond Fragrance.

In late winter blooms may be forced indoors.

Soil: average well –drained full-Sun -best

Second crop of flowers greatly enhanced by removing 1/3 of old stems after blooming.

Clematis C.terniflora (C.paniculata)

Sweet Autumn Clematis. This Hardy climber that will reach 30' fragrant, white-flowers cover the plant in summer to Fall is from Belva who very generously gave it to me, she and brought it to the swap.

It truly covers itself with blooms. I planted in the box by the front door, so we could enjoy the fragrance on warm days with the door open. It is a brick planter box.

Sun-half shade Bloom Aug to Sep

Reasonable moisture, good soil, and shade at their roots.

*Ask God for as much as you like,
But keep a spade in your hand.*

Armeanian Proverb

PERENNIALS

Adenophora **Ladybell**

A member of the Campanula family, with 40 species whose blue flowers are hard to tell from Bellflowers.

**IF RED THE SUN BEGINS HIS RACE,
EXPECT THAT RAIN WILL
FLOW APACE.**

unless you are a botanist.

Adenophora confusa. By far the best, **Ladybell** is this old friend, a lovely plant whose 36-40' stems bear rows of large, purplish blue flowers in July and August. This is another excellent blue with no enemies on the color wheel.

It's an easy keeper in full sun or partial shade and evenly moist but well-drained soil.

**O HUSHED OCTOBER MORNING MILD,
THE LEAVES HAVE RIPNRD TO FALL;
TO-MORROW'S WIND, IF IT BE WILD,
SHOULD WASTE THEM ALL.**

Robert Frost (1874 to 1963)

This is my **Ladybell**! It reseeds almost anywhere it wants. I pull it out if I don't want it there. I do not know its species. Its a great flower for arrangements with



stiff stems

In June when we went to Conn. and White Flower Farm, I picked up a perennial Geranium to add to my collection, I have 2 different white ones and a reddish orchid one.

Long flowering, and drought tolerant.

Today while doing the research for this news letter I discovered my new member is the perennial of the year 2008! It is "Rozanne". Herons, cranes; or storks bill "It really does bloom up to and into October! And the deeply cut leaves remain lovely on the plants that spread but do not sprawl. June to Oct Height 18-20" Sp 12" Sun to Half Shade Soil with good drainage. Erodium(Geraniaceae)

Mid Oct start planting tulips bulbs, with lilies now!

All trees and shrubs especially evergreens should receive plenty of water before the ground freezes.