



strongly colored clematis love sun









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beauty in
partial sun





partial sun, flowering
well …expect some plants to take longer to establish
if sun is less than ideal

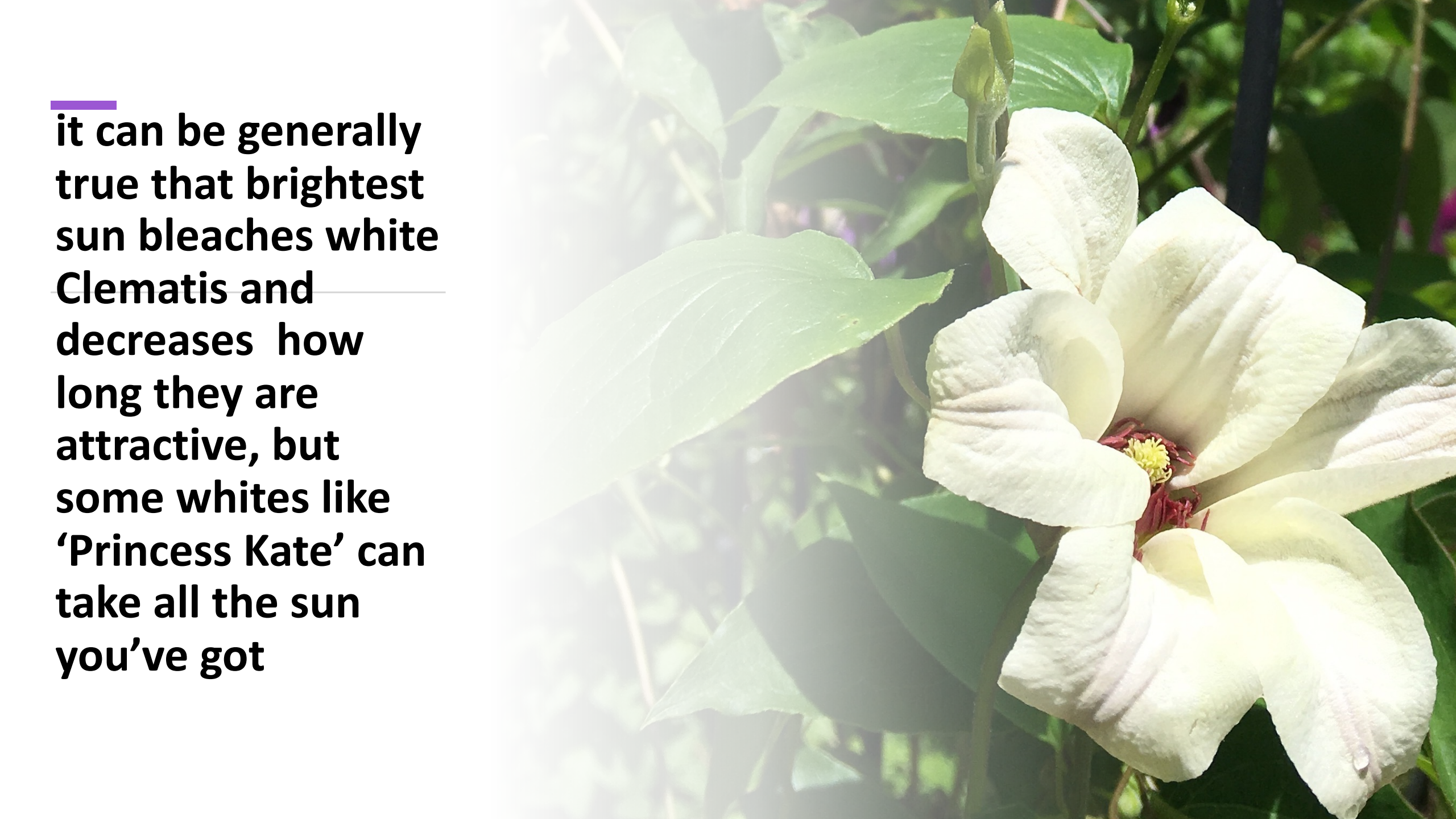
stronger sun for stronger colors







it can be generally true that brightest sun bleaches white Clematis and decreases how long they are attractive, but some whites like ‘Princess Kate’ can take all the sun you’ve got



pruning best practice

- NOT TRUE they can be killed by pruning at the wrong time of year
- TRUE prune Clematis after they flower or when they lool bad
- the earlier it blooms, go easy
- the later it blooms, go hard



type 1, 2, 3 or A,B,C can be confusing …

- **I invented the stop light guide which we have had amazing feedback on…we made it easier**
- **red …stop do not prune, tidy unsightly or keep size in check immediately after earliest bloom period**
- **yellow …caution think before cutting to boost pursuant flowerings**
- **green… go for it**

unburden yourself of old tired fake news…

- **treat your Clematis plants like the perennials they are**
- **plant them right the first time, or replant them if needed if you can do it better**
- **don’t plant out plants with poor roots…hospital pot and rehab them**
- **if they look bad chop them down, or defoliate the stems…ruined leaves will not repair**
- **adequate hydration and nutrients through the summer to extend the flowering season...**



fertilizer for Clematis

no fertilizer can take the place of good soil and drainage

nutrient rich soil or planting medium is the basis for growing good clematis

fertilize in early spring, and right after the plant blooms and you cut it back with 10 30 20

shy to flower try humic acid or additional K potassium

avoid high nitrogen fertilizers which can boost foliage at the expense of blooms…and realize companion plants are not that friendly

top dress the area around your clematis with organic nutrients, at least twice a year is optimum



planting tips...

dig a hole about 15 to 18 inches deep and 12 to inches wide

fill the hole with water and watch it drain

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the fleshier the root the deeper to plant them and spread the roots out

plant all vining clematis on an angle so some roots are horizontal to the ground, gently compact the medium as you plant

water deeply and not so frequently, use your MM



fake news bye bye

wilt

planting depth made easy

the tried and true are not the easiest

WRH and excavate

how long to establish

one size fits all

the well rooted gallon

feet in the shade

moving Clematis

special soil (pH)

short bloom span

partial sun

pruning can kill





‘Lavender Twirl ‘

not vining glory from the UK

stuff I have to have with me at all times…

- moisture meter
- soil thermometer
- lovely compost
- smart phone for info look up and photos
- plant tags, bury 1 please
- large daisy orchid clips, velcro strips
- fertilizers: 10 30 20 , humic acid, tomato formula
- slug bait
- assorted nippers and pruners
- animal off spray

stuff I have to have in my shed… grit rules

- rice hulls: top dressing, perlite alternative
- turface: moisture absorbant , some in USA use ‘OIL DRY’
- crushed oyster shells: amendment or top dressing
- crushed granite: amendment or top dressing
- horticultural charcoal: use in planting mix for hospital pots
- deep tree pots for growing clems out or rehabbing dig ups
- pine needles for light mulch for instance on non vining Clematis
- alpine mix includes well composted pine fines and expanded slate

- get creative with finding buckets of grit ….

so much stuff…

don’t forget…

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sense of humor

patience

the value of procrastination



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