

In the Garden

Rearranging the Garden



Oh yes, I just lost 50% of the readers! You would be the ones who patiently and kindly assist those of us bent on “rearranging” anything! The trouble is that we gardeners are prone to taking a tasty beverage outside and critically assessing the state of the garden. You know who you are! You look at the tall things and say, damn, those asters should be in the back of the garden because they are blocking my view of the Balloon Flower. (Yes there really is a Balloon flower.) Once we have a few ideas about what should move then there is the dreaded sketch of the changes. And hey, when sketching why not include a few changes to bed size and locations? It’s just paper, right? Armed with a cunning plan I dashed out on a

calm day and ripped a bunch of perennials out of the garden and put them in to better places. Smug and self-satisfied I decide to move all 4 yards of dirt out of a vegetable bed. Thank god there is a physiotherapist at the Mill Bay Mall.

I decided to thwart the destruction of my carrots by filling the cold frames with soil and covering them with frost cloth. Worked like a hot damn except now I need my cold frames back for the succulents over winter. Oh poo. What to do... With the COVID around I have lots and lots of time to plan but I am losing my will to empty the cold frames, or move the stupid asters, or dig out the cannas, callas, dahlias, politicians,



old versions of the Coronavirus, missing spuds, and balloon flowers. Maybe I need a distraction. *No no*, I need to focus on the job at hand. So maybe a new bed in the middle of the garden. I could create garden rooms. Wow, that’s a great idea. But first I need to do the fall clean up. Where is that Veseys catalogue? Maybe I should pop up to the local garden center, *how about a nap?* Maybe make a run down to Cowichan Bay for pastry. Or maybe I’ll just put on my gloves and grubby clothes and go move the dirt out of the cold frames. Or maybe neighbour Liz wants to go for coffee? ***Happy fall gardening!***



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