

FLOWERS THAT WILL BLUME IN YOUR GARDEN

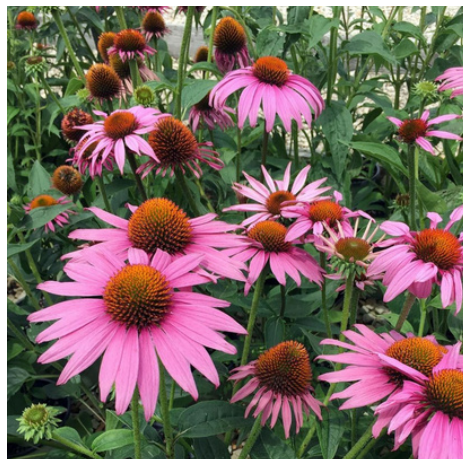
Moving to a new habitat can leave many of us wondering how to care for our gardens. Finally I've hired Three Little Birds Arborist and I am hoping hoping you can benefit from thier service as well.



Great Parenials:

Moonshine Yarrow – Achillea Millefolium 'Moonshine'

2' tall & wide - A profusion of bright yellow flower clusters throughout the entire summer. Good cut flower. Showy silvery foliage. Drought tolerant once established. Easy to grow and maintain. Attracts butterflies.



Prairie Splendor Coneflower – Echinacea 'Prairie 'Splendor'

36" tall x 24" wide and compact coneflower. Flowers bloom from late spring (two weeks earlier than most echinaceas) through fall.



PowWow White Coneflower – Echinacea purpurea 'PowWow White'. Pure white, 24" tall & wide 3-4" flowers with a golden yellow cone have wide, reflexed petals. This series is known to be more floriferous, faster to flower and more compact than other varieties.

Cushion spurge – Euphorbia polychroma

15" tall x 24" wide
A mounding perennial resembling a pin cushion with dark green leaves that turn purple in fall. Bright chartreuse flowers bloom above the foliage in late spring.

SEASONAL GARDENING TIPS

1. If you have garden rocks with **landscape fabric** underneath, consider pulling back the fabric to create a 2–4 inch gap around the base of your plants. This will give them space to grow and access essential nutrients.

2. Apply a one-inch layer of compost or worm castings to your vegetable and flower gardens for a **nutrient boost**. (not over rock mulch.) For an organic fertilizer option, consider RAGE Plus from Evolve Dirt N' Grow — a more natural choice than many others. You can order directly from the company or find their products at Windmill Garden Center or Blondies.

When cutting perennial bushes, ensure the ends are clean and not snapped or torn. It's also important to keep the center clear, allowing nutrients and water to reach the roots effectively



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If anyone would like to be added to the contact list or help set up a time and place for our passionate gardeners to meet, please let me know by email through this website or by text.



Aaren Russel from Phase One is all about healthy living! She has been a passionate grower of **microgreens**, which are packed with nutrients. Microgreens are a fantastic addition to salads, sandwiches, and smoothies, offering a boost of flavor and health benefits.



As we know, **elevated garden boxes** are an efficient way to grow vegetables while minimizing the strain of bending over. We're also fortunate to have such a variety of wildlife around us, but it's important to protect our crops from them. Dan Davis from Phase 2 has been a passionate gardener for years and knows how to safeguard his plants from wildlife, all while enjoying watching them. Dan is very knowledgeable when it comes to soil nutrients, wildlife protection, and selecting plants that thrive in our unique environment.

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Many of us know local farmers and have access to natural manure. One of the benefits of having a Blume Garden Club would be the opportunity to share resources and coordinate logistics

Natural manure is a great source of organic matter, enriching the soil with essential nutrients and improving its structure. It enhances soil fertility, promotes healthy plant growth, and helps retain moisture, reducing the need for frequent watering

If you have **strawberries** use straw under your strawberry plants to keep them off the soil and reduce soil splash fungi. You can buy a bale of compressed straw (pet/animal bedding) at Peavey Mart.



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