

Medary Acres

Staff Favorites

Vikki S:

"I like phlox because they come in a variety of colors and have a nice fragrance. They are a very reliable perennial and are great for cutting. They love sun and are good for the back of a flower bed as they grow 2-3 feet tall."

- Phlox paniculata (garden phlox)
- Plant type- perennial
- The name is derived from the Greek word phlox meaning flame in reference to the intense flower colors of some varieties

Linda:

"This is a favorite early spring blooming flower. It is extremely hardy with multiple colors. This semi shade loving plant has incredible blooms."

- Helleborus- Lenten Rose
- Plant type- perennial
- Helleborus consists of approximately 20 species of herbaceous or evergreen perennial flowering plants

Allison:

"I like this easy to care for, showy plant in a hanging basket."

- Angel Wing Begonia- (also known as dragon wing begonia)
- Plant Type: Annual
- Vigorous and heat tolerant with abundant flowers all summer; great plant to fill open shady spaces, growing 14-18 inches tall.
- Heat Tolerant
- Deadheading Not Necessary

Vicky C:

"These plants have frequent, large, blooms and are sun and wind tolerant. They come in a variety of colors and grow 5-8 feet tall."

- Tropical Hibiscus
- Plant type- perennial in tropical weather (annual in South Dakota)
- Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, known colloquially as Chinese hibiscus, China rose, Hawaiian hibiscus, rose mallow and shoeblack plant, is a species of tropical hibiscus, a flowering plant in the Hibisceae tribe of the family Malvaceae.

Beth:

"I love to grow tomatoes because I can use them in so many ways- fresh from the vine or cooked in a variety of ways."

- Tomato
- Plant type- annual
- The tomato is the edible berry of the plant *Solanum lycopersicum*, commonly known as the tomato plant. The species originated in western South America, Mexico, and Central America. Tomatoes love full sun and being watered from their base.

Brandie:

"I enjoy growing strawberries in a tall barrel, to keep the rabbits from eating them. They can also be grown in hanging baskets. My children enjoy checking the plants everyday so they can pick and eat the ripe ones. They are delicious diced with cinnamon!"

- Strawberries
- Plant type- perennial
- The fruit is widely appreciated for its characteristic aroma, bright red color, juicy texture, and sweetness.
- The strawberry fruit was mentioned in ancient Roman literature in reference to its medicinal use. The French began taking the strawberry from the forest to their gardens for harvest in the 14th century.

Lori:

"I love pansies for their sweet look and multiple colors. They are one of the earliest plants I can put in the ground as they like cool weather. They look great in containers too."

- Pansy
- Plant type- annual
- Pansies are vigorous, fast-growing, colorful flowers that are a great choice for early and late-season containers or garden beds. Plant in a sunny spot in rich, well-drained soil. The plants can tolerate some dryness, but prefer to be just slightly moist at all times.

Sarah:

"I love geraniums for their classic beauty in extreme conditions. They come in so many colors and tolerate full sun to partial shade."

- Geranium
- Plant type- annual
- Geraniums are a longtime favorite of gardeners. With colorful flowers and lovely scents, they grow easily in garden beds, containers, or hanging baskets during the warmer months.

Rea:

"I like to eat them raw from the vine, in salads or as an appetizer. Try roasting them in a black skillet with oregano, salt and pepper, spread over a slightly melted cheese, like brie or spiced cream cheese."

- Cherry Tomato-
- Plant type -annual
- Cherry tomatoes range in size from a thumbtip up to the size of a golf ball, and can range from spherical to slightly oblong in shape.

Emily:

"Zinnias have special meaning to me because they were my mother's favorite. There are varieties that are short and tall. They are very sturdy and grow in many colors in full sun. They last a long time as cut flowers. Zinnias attracting butterflies, and bees."

- Zinnia
- Plant type- annual
- They are fast-growing, warm-season flowers that bloom with abandon, requiring only minimal care. Zinnias come in bold, hot-palette colors, with new ones introduced yearly.

Donna:

"I like to put this in the center of a large pot and surround it with petunias and ivy geraniums. They bloom all summer and will tolerate full sun or partial shade. Check out Provenwinners.com for ideas on creating interesting mixed pots."

- Gompherna (Globe Amaranth, Globe Flower)
- Plant type- annual
- Gompherna is a cheery clover lookalike that for centuries has graced cutting gardens with pleasing bachelor button flowers. This is a great annual for summer color. It thrives in full sunlight, is drought tolerant and easy to grow. Flowers are often dried at the end of the summer and used in dried arrangements because the flowers retain their good color.

Gail:

"Impatiens can be grown in the ground, hanging baskets or window boxes. They are drought tolerant and attract hummingbird moths. They like a light fertilizer every other week."

- Impatiens
- Plant type- annual
- Impatiens flowers are bright and cheerful annuals that can light up any dark and shady part of your yard. Growing impatiens is quite easy. These flowers are native of to eastern Africa to Mozambique.