

	How to Combine Perennials, Shrubs & Small Trees for Garden Color throughout the Year
#	10/18/25
1	Title background: Rhododendron 'Bow Bells' and Pinus mugo 'Slowmound' (Mugo Pine)
2	Winter snowfall in Cleo's back garden: Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet' (Henry's Garnet' Virginia sweetspire) and Magnolia grandiflora 'Southern Charm' (Teddy Bear Magnolia)
3	May garden at sunset: Kolkwitzia amabilis (Beauty bush)
4	June garden: Thalictrum flavum 'Tukker Princess' (Meadow Rue) and Iris ensata (Japanese Iris)
5	August garden: Helenium autumnale 'zimbelstern' (Sneezeweed)
6	October garden: Enkianthus campanulatus (Redvein Enkianthus) and Symphyotrichum novae-angliae 'Purple Dome' (Aster)
7	November: Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Curly Tops' (Sawara Cypress Curly Tops), Calluna vulgaris 'Spring Cream' (Summer Heather) and Hylotelephium 'Herbstfreude' (Autumn Joy Sedum)
8	December: Pieris japonica 'Variegata' (lily-of-the-valley shrub)
9	Mixed Shrub Border Type: A mixed shrub border is a type of garden bed that incorporates a variety of evergreen and deciduous shrubs with other plants like perennials, bulbs, grasses and small trees to create year-round interest, color and structure
10	Cleo's Garden Continuum
11	When Selecting Plants, Think about: Time, Shape, Texture, Color, Size, Season. Plants: Daphne transatlantica 'Eternal Fragrance', Veronicastrum virginicum 'fascination' (Culver's Root)
12	Time: 1989. Acer palmatum var. dissectum atropurpureum 'Ever Red' (laceleaf maple)
13	Time: 1996
14	Time: 2010
15	Time: 2019
16	Time: 2025
17	Texture, Shape: Stewartia monadelphica (Tall or Orangebark Stewartia), Mahonia x media 'Charity'. Fuchsia 'Army Nurse', Polygonatum biflorum (Solomon's Seal 'David's harp'), Kirengeshoma palmata.
18	Color: Helianthus angustifolius (swamp sunflower), Amsonia hubrichtii (Hubricht's Blue Star) and Symphyotrichum novae-angliae 'Purple Dome' (Aster)
19	Size, Season: Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snowflake', Blue Rhododendron 'Crater Lake', red Acer palmatum 'Shindeshojo', Berberis thunbergii 'Bailerin' (Limoncello barberry)
20	Size, Season: Alchemilla mollis, Stachys officinalis, Agapanthus, Berberis thunbergii 'Bailerin' (Limoncello), Hosta aureo marginata, Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snowflake', Philadelphus 'Minature Snowflake', Rhododendron 'Crater Lake', purple Stachys officinalis
21	Size, Season: Acer palmatum var. dissectum atropurpureum 'Ever Red' (laceleaf maple), Hydrangea quercifolia 'snowflake', Philadelphus 'Minature Snowflake', Blue Rhododendron 'Crater Lake', Rhododendron mucronulatum, Berberis thunbergii 'Bailerin' (Limoncello barberry)
22	Size, Season: Karl Rosenfield peony below Oakleaf Hydrangea 'snowflake' with variegated rock rose and Golden Delicious Salvia
23	Key Garden Design Concepts for Combining Perennials, Shrubs & Trees: Right Plant, Right Place; Learn Garden Design Rules (but it is OK to break them); Borrowed Landscape; Containers; Connecting Your Garden Together; Focal Points; Succession Planting

24	Right Plant, Right Place: <i>Acer palmatum</i> 'Sazanami' (Japanese Maple), <i>Tricyrtis formosana</i> 'Samurai' (Toad Lily), <i>Diervilla</i> (Kodiak Red Bush Honeysuckle), <i>Distylium</i> (Coppertone Distylium), <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Nigra' (Black-stemmed Hydrangea)
25	Design Rules: kinetic flamingoes
26	Borrowed Landscape: <i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i> (Beauty bush), <i>Acer palmatum</i> 'Sazanami' (Japanese
27	Borrowed Landscape: Japanese Maples
28	Borrowed Landscape: <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> 'Tuscarora' (Crepe Myrtle) , <i>Stewartia monadelph</i> (Orangebark Stewartia) and <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> (Mophead Hydrangea)
29	Containers: <i>Agastache</i> 'Cotton Candy', <i>Sedum</i> 'Double Martini', <i>Sedum</i> 'Mojave Jewels Sapphire' and <i>Sedum</i> 'Boogie Woogie' Rock-n-Low in front of <i>Abelia grandiflora</i> 'chinensis x uniflora' and <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (Great Blue Lobelia) to side
30	Connecting Your Garden Together: blue pots
31	Focal Point: <i>Primula bulleesiana</i> (Candelabra Primrose), <i>Gunnera monoica</i>
32	Focal Point: <i>Viburnum plicatum tomentosum</i> 'Shasta' (Double-file Viburnum), <i>Geranium</i> 'Gerwat' (<i>Geranium</i> 'Rozanne')
33	Focal Point: Double-file Viburnum in autumn color
34	Focal Point: 2022 <i>Viburnum plicatum tomentosum</i> 'Mariesii', <i>Viburnum plicatum tomentosum</i> 'PIIVIB-II' (Opening Day Double File Viburnum), <i>Fatsia japonica</i> (Japanese Aralia)
35	Focal Point: September 2025 Double-File Viburnums
36	Succession Planting-January
37	Succession Planting-May
38	Succession Planting-July <i>Verbena hastata</i> (Swamp Verbena), <i>Dasiphora fruticosa</i> 'goldfinger' (Potentilla)
39	Succession Planting-September <i>Verbena bonariensis</i> (Tall Verbena), <i>Verbena rigida</i>
40	Succession Planting-October <i>Symphotrichum</i> 'Cape Cod' (Aster), <i>Lobelia fulgens</i> 'Queen Victoria' (cardinal flower)
41	Succession Planting-November late Autumn color
42	Deep Dive-January <i>Erica carnea</i> 'Saskia' (winter heather)
43	Deep Dive-May <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i> (Jerusalem sage), <i>Digitalis x mertonensis</i> (Strawberry Foxglove), <i>Cistus</i> 'Mickie' (rock rose), <i>Linum perenne</i> (Flax), <i>Paeonia</i> 'Karl Rosenfield' (Peony)
44	Deep Dive-July <i>Stachys officinalis</i> (Betony), <i>Rosa</i> 'Bonica' (shrub rose)
45	Deep Dive-September <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> 'Little Miss' (Maiden Grass)
46	Deep Dive-Plants: Apricot-cream <i>Kniphofia</i> 'Shining Scepter' (Red hot poker) and K. 'Pineapple Popcycle', light yellow <i>Coreopsis</i> 'Moonbeam', cream <i>Yucca</i> 'Golden Sword', Blue <i>Adenophora polyantha</i>
47	Cleo's Favorite Books, Websites, Gardens:
	- Fine Gardening Magazine & All Access website. https://www.finegardening.com/
	- Great Dixter House & Gardens. Online lectures by Fergus Garrett, Head Gardener & CEO.
	- Hinkley, Dan. Windcliff & Heronswood gardens.
	- Lloyd, Christopher. "Succession Planting for Year-Round Pleasure"
	- Northwest Perennial Alliance Open Gardens Program. https://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Open-Gardens
	- Oudolf, Piet & Drake, Rick. "Gardens of the Highline—Elevating the Nature of Modern Landscapes"

	- Ogden, Scott & Ogden, Lauren Springer. "Plant-Driven Design—Creating gardens that honor plants, place, & spirit"
	- Thomas, R. William. "The Art of Gardening—Design Inspiration & Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer"
	- Verey, Rosemary. "The Art of Planting", "Rosemary Verey's Making of a Garden"

