# **Garden Mastery Tips**

from Clark County Master Gardeners

### Websites for Gardeners

There are so many websites available for today's gardener. Specialty websites for individual plants, tools to make gardening easier, hard-to-find items and plants, pots, garden tips, greenhouses, almanacs, calendars...You name it, there's a website for it.

When browsing for something in particular on the web, it seems like we always go to the same few sites or google what we want. Here are a few sites that you may not have visited yet, but once you do you'll probably return to them again and again for the interesting content or for just plain enjoyment.

### CYNDI'S CATALOG OF GARDEN CATALOGS

### Mail-Order Gardening Resources

### cyndi'sgardenlist

When looking for gardening information, did you ever wish there was a comprehensive index for whatever you're looking for on the web?

If you haven't checked out "Cyndi's Catalog of Garden Catalogs", you will be amazed at what this woman has done on this web-site. She has reviewed and listed over 2000 mail order and web catalogs and conveniently put them all together in one website. If it exists, it's in there. You can find specialty catalogs from aqua plants to wildflowers, along with links to advice and Plant societies. The catalogs are listed by categories and alphabetically. Each link has an opinion rating for quality of plants, price, service, and selection. Check out her list before ordering from new companies.

### gardenguides.com



This is one of the best gardening resources for expert information on gardening. Includes gardening how-to videos by top garden writers, plant fact sheets and guide sheets, seasonal tips and garden techniques and design by category, garden recipes, and a whole lot more. It has lists of nurseries from all over the United States, lots of videos and articles, forums and posts. This is a great

resource for all types of gardeners from the novice to the expert.

### douggreensgarden.com

# douggreensgarden.com YOU JUST NEVER KNOW...

This site has lots of information from award winning Canadian author Doug Green. Sign up for his newsletters and get access to on-line garden courses and e-books.

You can even submit a photo of an insect and he'll identify it for you. The site includes

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instructional videos, a great blog, book reviews, plant and product reviews and lots of useful greenhouse information. Share tips with other gardeners or just sit back and read some of his well-written garden stories.



### gardenerguy

For fans of the HGTV show "Gardening by the Yard, with Paul James", you'll be glad to know that even though the network

canceled his show, he has launched his own web-based television network. At this website you'll find links to past episodes of his show and new information videos done the way only Paul James could do them. His famous Q & A section can provide answers to all kinds of gardening questions.



#### **finegardening**

This is one of the best gardening websites, loaded with information, a great plant index and reference, a how-to section, videos on techniques, care and maintenance, design, garden projects and forums for

getting help with a problem, or sharing garden ideas. What I like best about it is it not only gives information about specific plants, but also includes reviews from other gardeners and great photos. There is also a pronunciation guide that not only gives you the Latin spelling, but also lets you hear the work pronounced properly.



seedsofitaly

Looking at this website is like taking a short trip to Italy. It will provide you with a complete Italian growing experience. Browse the many seeds for sale and explore the detailed instructions and tips on how to grow them. Lots of recipes are provided on how to cook them the Italian way. The recipes are authentic Italian so you'll need to convert some of the measurements. Click on links towards the bottom of the menu and it will connect you to the US site if you want to order.



### portlandnursery

This is a local website packed with lots of information pertaining to our area. There is a special section for native

plants with links to printable guides, rare plant guides, and FAQ tailored to our region. They'll even give you discount coupons if you sign up for their newsletter.

## The Quote Garden!

### quotegarden

This is a fun website full of funny, thought-provoking and motivational gardening quotes and sayings. The quotes are free to use as long as you don't copy the whole site. Find good ideas for inspiration, newsletters, greeting cards, craft projects or just something clever to say or think

about.

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