HERBACEOUS LANDSCAPE PLANTS
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A little background

(That’s me.)
HERBACEOUS PLANTS IN THE LANDSCAPE

• Perennials
• Biennials
• Annuals
• Uses
• Species
PERENNIALS

- Definition
- Bloom time
- Life Span
BIENNIALS

- Biennials march to their own music. Flowering in their second year from seed, they’re too tardy for inclusion with annuals. But because typical biennial plants die after flowering, they lack the year-after-year staying power of perennials.
BIENNIALS
ANNUALS

- Complete life cycle in one year
- Long bloom period
- May reseed or behave as perennials when protected.
Uses for Herbaceous Plants
– What do you want it to do?

- Borders
- Flowerbeds
- Containers
Fun Foliage
Flowers
CLIMATE & TEMPERATURE ZONES

- USDA vs. Sunset
PLANT SELECTION

Purpose
- Aesthetics: container gardens, curb appeal
- Structural: forming flower beds, backdrops
- Wildlife: attracting birds, butterflies, bees
- Edible: grown for beauty and bounty

Requirements
- Group together based on light requirements, water, bloom time.
CONTAINER GARDENS

- Creative container choices
- Design choices
- Zone considerations
- Maintenance
CONTAINER GARDENS
HERB GARDEN
HARDY VS. ANNUAL
SUB SHRUBS – LAVENDER, ROSEMARY
EDIBLE

- Form AND Function
CUTTING GARDEN

- Plant selection
BUTTERFLY GARDEN

- Attracting Butterflies
- Water source
- Flower Choice
BIRD-FRIENDLY GARDEN

- Water source
- Plant Choices
- Hummingbirds, songbirds, etc.
GROUNDCOVERS

- Stepables
- Erosion Control
- Lawn Replacement
- Texture
- Weed Control
BULBS

- Planting Time
- Bloom Time
- Storage of tender bulbs – dahlias, glads, cannas
- Tools
PEONIES
Proper pronunciation?
Say it how your Grandma used to.

- Location
- Transplanting
- Rootweevils
- Ant Myth
- Itohs
NATIVE PLANTS

- Not always tidy, but effective for wildlife
- Waterwise
- Sources: Plants of the Wild in Tekoa, WA
- Thorn Creek Native Seed in Genesee, ID
MAINTENANCE

- Dormancy
- Pinching
MULCHING

- Timing
- Options
- Water
- What to avoid
WATER

- “Established Plants”
- Requirements & Factors
- Winter Care
- Mulching
- Soil Types
- Stress
FERTILIZING

- Soil Tests
- Timing
- Feeding Soil or Feeding Plants
- Options
  - Slow vs. Quick Release
GROOMING

- Understand how they grow
- Bloom time/Prune time
- Grasses
Using what you prune
STAKING

- Options
- Benefits
PROBLEMS

- Disease
- Insects
- Deer
Powdery Mildew

- White or gray powder coating on leaves and buds.
- Spray or use systemic fungicides, give plants room to breathe.
Slugs, Snails, Earwigs & Friends

- Destructive leaf chewers.
- Feed mostly at night.
- Hand picking, baiting & other tips
APHIDS

- Soft bodied leaf suckers.
- Appear on the undersides of leaves, stems and flower buds.
- Spray, systemic, beneficial insects
Beneficial Insects

- Lacewings
- Dragonflies
- Ladybugs
- Praying Mantis
Deer

- Deer Resistant Plants
- Sprays and repellants
The End

“There are two types of gardeners: disciplinarians and referees.”
– Bill Hall