



# SHADE GARDENING

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Beautiful Plants for your Shady Areas







**My backyard garden faces North/East and the first half receives 1-2 hrs sun at sunrise. From then on, the Garden is all Shade. In the late afternoon, filtered sun flows through the trees until sunset.**





**All Plants and Shrubs  
listed are the ones  
that I have had great  
success within a  
Shade Garden.**

**Even some sun  
perennials and  
annuals will do nicely  
on the edge of the  
Shade Garden**





# HOSTAS

- Grown for Attractive Foliage
- Queen of the Shade Garden
- Hardy in Colder Zones
- Years of Reliable Color
- Attract Hummingbirds







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**The Hosta can vary from a few hours of sun to no sun at all. They are planted according to their light needs front to back in the Garden.**



# HOSTAS

## Tips for growing Hostas

- **Lighter foliage needs brighter sun**
- **Darker retains color best in moderate shade**
- **Variegated need more sunlight to maintain white and gold stripes.**





# HOSTAS

## HOW TO GROW BIGGER HOSTAS USING EPSOM SALTS

The magnesium in Epsom salts increases water retention, helps plants to better intake nutrients, and also helps in the creation of chlorophyll.

**Mix 2 Tbs Epsom Salts in one Gallon of water.**

**Spray foliage 1 time per month.**

**Hosta mature in 4 - 8 years**





# BEST HOSTAS

**Touch of Class (dk bl/gr yel centers)**



**Paradigm Hosta  
(chartreuse/dk gr edges)**





# BEST HOSTAS

**Stained Glass Hosta (guacamole)**



**Magic Island  
Hosta  
(bl/gr edges  
yellow center)**



**Cool as a Cucumber Hosta  
(dk gr white center)**



# MINI HOSTA (2 1/2 - 6")





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This planter contains 5 miniature hostas, a dwarf chamaecyparis shrub (center), five creeping sedums, selaginella moss, baby's tears, and spiky blue-eyed grass, top right corner.





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Growing no bigger than your palm, dwarf hostas excel in part-shade with creeping phlox, moss, baby's tears, and hens-and-chicks.





# MINI HOSTA

Country Mouse Hosta

Blue Mouse Ears Hosta

Cheatin Heart Hosta







# Sun / Shade Perennials

The Flowering plants are scattered within the front half of the Garden.



# Sun / Shade Perennials

Bee Balm

Echinacea

Penstemon





# Sun / Shade Perennials

**Viola**



**Lilies**



**Delphiniums**







**Columbine**



**Rudbeckia**



**Shasta Daisies**

# **Sun / Shade Perennials**





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**Bleeding Heart**

**Liatrus**

**Heuchera (Coral  
Bells)**



**Sun / Shade  
Perennials**

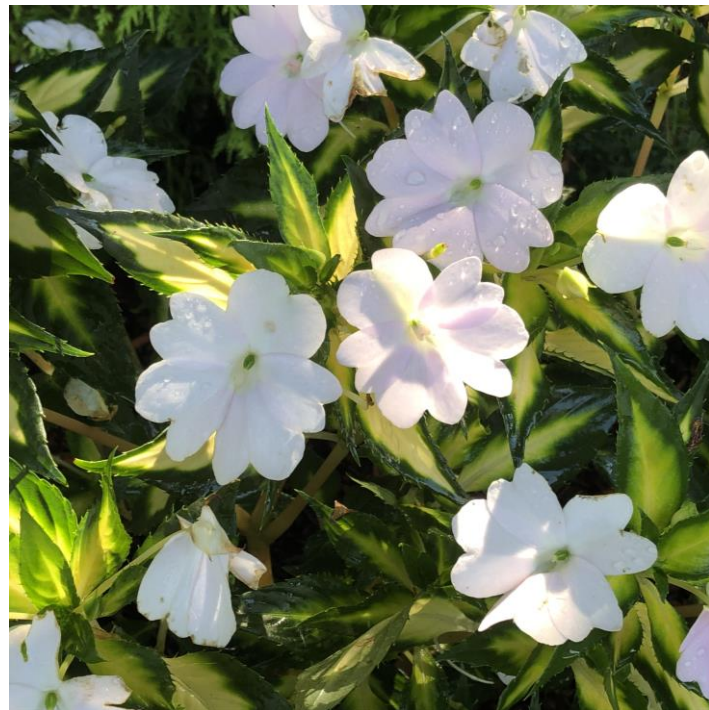
**Hydrangea**





# Sun/Shade Annuals

## Sun Impatiens



## Zinnias

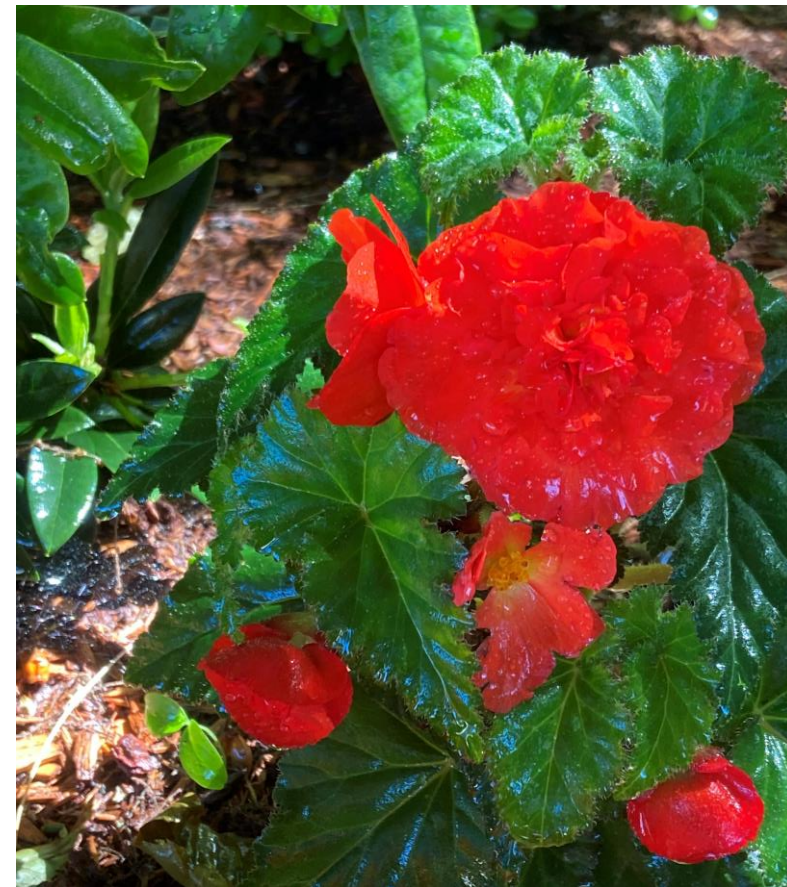


# Sun/Shade Annuals

Marigolds  
Coleus







# **Sun/Shade Annuals**

## **Begonias**





**Shrubs for Shade**

**Azaleas**



**Boxwood**



**Rhododendron**



# **Shrubs for Shade**

**Golden Cypress**







# Ferns



# FERNS





# BEWARE







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FORECAST:**

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WITH NO CHANCE OF  
HOUSE CLEANING OR COOKING**

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**QUESTIONS?**