

# Breaking the Habit: Confessions of a Former Annual Color Grower.

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More sustainable color choices:

- \* Agapanthus 'Indigo Frost' (SWG 3) - Large white with blue flower heads, to 3' tall. Moderate water for best blooming. Semi deciduous, USDA zones 7-10.
- \* Agapanthus 'Little Blue Fountain' (SGGC 4) pictured with *Verbena bonariensis*, *Nepeta racemosa*. 18- 30" tall blooms, smaller, more compact foliage. Heavy rebloomer, cut flower, hummingbird feeder. USDA zones 8b-10.
- \* Agastache 'Violet Vision' - licorice scented, 18" tall, blooms June to September. Moderate water, attracts hummingbirds and pollinators. Moderate to low water. USDA zones 5-10.
- \* Azalea Encore Autumn Fire - 2-3' tall, reblooming fall to spring. Moderate water. USDA zones 6-10.
- \* *Corydalis flexuosa* 'Porcelain Blue' - 12-14" tall, reblooming spring to fall. USDA zones 5-9.
- \* *Digiplexis* Illumination Apricot (SWG 15) - most popular with the bees and hummingbirds in my garden. Moderate to low water. USDA zones 8b-9.
- \* *Gaillardia* 'Celebration' - 16" x 14" - exceptionally long blooming, although tend to bloom itself to eventual death. Low water, attracts pollinators. (Sunset Orange SWGC 18). USDA zones 5-9.
- \* *Gerbera* 'Garvinea' - garden gerberas. 16-18" stems, excellent cut flowers. Moderate water. USDA zones 7-10.
- \* *Helleborus* 'Pink Frost' - 14" tall, blooms face up. Deer resistant, low water, shade. USDA zones 5-9.
- \* *Hydrangea paniculata* 'White Wedding' - 4-6' extra sturdy stems. Pure white. USDA zones 4-9.
- \* *Lagerstroemia* Early Bird Purple Crape myrtle- 4-6' bush form. USDA zones 7-10.
- \* *Leucanthemum* 'Real Charmer' and 'Real Glory' - 16-24" Shasta Daisy, early to bloom, and reblooms. Moderate water, deer "resistant", attracts pollinators. USDA zones 5-9.
- \* *Salvia* 'Amistad' (SWG 38) moderate water. Long blooming, attracts pollinators. USDA zones 8b-10.
- \* *Salvia* 'Little Kiss' (SWG 41) moderate to low water, attracts pollinators. USDA zones 7-10.

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