Gardening & Landscaping Tips

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Creating a Bed of Flowering Perennials

Today let's start thinking. Then making a plan. Let's discuss building the new planting bed you want. Where should you put it? Just pick a spot you'd like. Then, choices of design, plants, and decoration can follow.

Now that you have a spot selected, and some idea of the overall "look" you want in a new flower garden, let's draw a plan up.

You need not be an artist or an architect. Just borrow a sheet of graph paper, or, plain white paper will do, and sketch out your idea. Draw some plant outlines of various sizes on your plot. Then color the plants with crayons or markers in colors you find pleasing. (A color wheel can help — choose adjoining colors, or colors from the exact opposite side of the wheel) yellow and purple are examples of opposites that contrast. Green and yellow, or green and blue are examples of color combinations.

Gardens formed from a single color are also great ideas. Believe it or not, you can even create a great looking "green" garden — by using contrasting foliage.

Red, orange, and yellow are passionate warm colors. Green, blue, violet all calm and soothe — these are cool colors. But a mix of colors can be fine, the idea being let's just go for that new garden bed you've been dreaming of!

Make a list of plants next. Keep in mind the colors you want. Then be aware of the growing conditions. Is your new bed in the sun, or mostly shady? Is the soil rich or poor — or will you buy some good soil or soil amendments? And will the area be damp, or will it be a place where you must select drought tolerant plants unless you plan to water often? Put plants on your list that are suited to your conditions and that fit in your color scheme.

Then work on the planting site. Three suggestions to pick from: Will you spade up the grass along with an inch or so of the soil and remove it? Will you use weed killer on the grass and put down a weed cloth to keep grass and weeds from growing back? Maybe you'd like to lay down some newspapers, being careful to lap them so no grass can come up through a crack, and then buy sterilized potting soil that has no live week or grass seed in it? You spread this good soil over the papers (which eventually decomposes and adds to the organic matter in your garden).

When your bed is ready to plant, take up your list and have a plant shopping experience.

You may go to a large garden center and pay high prices but get about everything on your list. Larger towns or cities will have more than one such garden center. Also, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Lowe's, Home Depot carry a lot of plants these days. But shop carefully for quality, for sometimes quality is missing. And try to stick with your list and not buy too many other "cute" plants!

If you have the time and interest, a lot of out-of-the-way local greenhouses may grow some great plants. But you probably won't be able to find all the plants on your list at just one place.

Mailorder or on-line shopping might be the solution for obtaining that item you just "gotta have." But bare-root plants often disappoint, and postage is high when plants in pots are shipped to you.

With your treasures, get your spades, shears, trowels and let's go plant! Are we having fun now or what?

Some info: mulch, and a good soaking with the water hose will pretty much finish our project.

Plan carefully in advance and you will have a better planting experience. Let's get started!

Note: Author welcomes your suggestions on topics for future articles.

Lucas Bruce Shelton celebrated his first birthday Wednesday, February 28th. Lucas celebrated with a racing party on Friday with lots of friends and relatives at his home. He would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts he received. Luca — the son of Kevin and Tammy Snelton of Copper Creek, and the grandson of Danny Simpson and Jean Simpson of Copper Creek and Kay Shelton of Crab Orchard and Homer Shelton, Jr. of Lexington and the great grandson of Homer and Christine Shelton of Crab Orchard and Louise Pospisil of St. Cloud, Florida.

Christopher and Jenny Hall would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Madison Hall. Emily was born at Central Baptist Hospital on March 1, 2001. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. Emily was welcomed home by her sister, Holly Brooke Cromer. Emily's maternal grandparents are Mike and Sharon Lovell, Gail Reynolds and Jerry Reynolds. Maternal great grandparents are Harold and Virgie Kelley, Dortlly Lovell, Nell Reynolds and the late Ed "Jr" Reynolds. Emily's great great grandmother is Bertie Kelley of Livingston. Paternal grandparents are James W. and Nadine Hall of Lexington. Emily's great great grandmothers are Dorothy Angel of Lexington and Gertrude Bauer of Covington.

Matthew Logan Gustin
Feb. 2, 2001 7 Lbs. 6.5 Oz.

Vince and Dola Gustin would like to announce the birth of their son Mathew Logan Gustin. Mathew was born on February 2, 2001 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. He weighed 7 lbs. 6.5 ozs. and was 20 inches long. His proud grandparents are Lloyd and Kathleen Gustin of Morrow, Ohio and Kolley and Geraldine Richards of Mt. Vernon. Their families and friends would like to congratulate them and let them know we are here if they need us and we love them all.

At 20 or at 85, You're still looking mighty fine! - Happy birthday Joe! With love, the Family

Rockcastle County Community Health Council help to reduce health problems

The Rockcastle County Community Health Council was formed in 1998 as an advisory board to assist the Rockcastle County Health Department and Rockcastle Hospital in assessing the health needs of Rockcastle County. It is a priority of the Council to promote and support interventions and strategies to reduce health problems in Rockcastle County. The Council also serves as a networking and resource group for health-related services within the county.

The Council has representatives from city and county government, education, human services, agencies, medical community; business community and other community organization. Meetings are held monthly at the Rockcastle Home Health conference room.

Contact Lynnett Fortney, at the Rockcastle County Health Center at 256-2242 if interested in becoming involved in the health of the population of Rockcastle County.

Current Projects or Goals

- Offer-in-service for key members in the community for disaster preparedness, and to prepare a disaster preparedness resource guide.
- Support health initiatives implemented by the health department, hospital, schools and other agencies.
- Establish a School Wellness Council at Rockcastle Middle School.
- Work toward establishing a Wellness Center for Rockcastle County.
- Participate in health fairs.
- Establish and maintain a Community Calendar of Events
- Establish a Drug Abuse Coalition.

Happy 16th Birthday
Blake Lovell

Happy Belated Birthday Zippity-Do on March 28th this Foxy Granny turned 52. This is her youngest grandchild.
Love - Your Sis Jean

Happy Birthday to our favorite "April Foal," Eddie Callahan turned 25 on April 1st.
We love you,
Your boys Chris, Brandon & Drake (in photos)
Your wife Chelle and your mother and father-in-law Eddie & Sherry Decker

Absolute Estate Auction

of the late Mr. Massie Blair's

157 1/2 Acres in Four Tracts

House - Buildings - Tobacco Allotment

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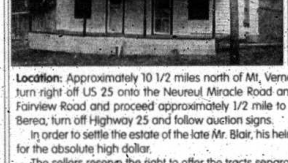
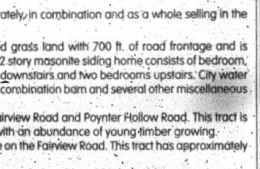


Fairview Community of Rockcastle County, KY



Location: Approximately 10 1/2 miles north of Mt. Vernon and 4 miles south of Berea. From Mt. Vernon, turn right off US 25 onto the Neureul Miracle Road and proceed 1/4 miles to the junction. Turn left on Fairview Road and proceed approximately 1/2 mile to the auction site. Approximately 3 miles south of Berea, turn off Highway 25 and follow auction signs.

In order to settle the estate of the late Mr. Blair, his heirs have authorized our firm to market this property for the absolute high dollar.

The sellers reserve the right to offer the tracts separately, in combination and as a whole selling in the manner which reflects the best returns for the estate.

Tract 1: Contains 13.637 acres which is mostly cleared grass land with 700 ft. of road frontage and is improved with the above pictured older house. This 1 1/2 story masonite siding home consists of bedroom, living room, kitchen/dining combination and one bath downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. City water is in the house. This tract is also improved with a 56x40 combination barn and several other miscellaneous buildings.

Tract 2: Contains 115.021 acres with frontage on the Fairview Road and Poynter Hollow Road. This tract is mostly timberland and has some marketable timber with an abundance of young timber growing.

Tract 3: Contains 19.854 acres with 900 feet or frontage on the Fairview Road. This tract has approximately 5 acres cleared with a balance in timber.

Tract 4: Contains 9.049 acres which is practically all wooded and has 500 feet of frontage along the Fairview Road.

When combined there is a total of 157.56 acres by survey with approximately 20 acres cleared and a balance in timber. This farm has over 2,400 feet of road frontage and two ponds for stock water. There is some marketable timber and a lot of young timber on the property. City water is on Tract 1.

TOBACCO ALLOTMENT: The basic tobacco allotment of 843 lbs. will be selling separately and will not be offered with the farm.

Note: The purchaser of a single family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead base paint. The period for inspection begins March 28th through April 6th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

Auctioneer's Note:
If you're looking for a home, a small tract or a larger tract of land, then be sure to mark your calendar to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, April 7th at 2 p.m.

Terms: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the selling agents.

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