

Late summer wildflowers



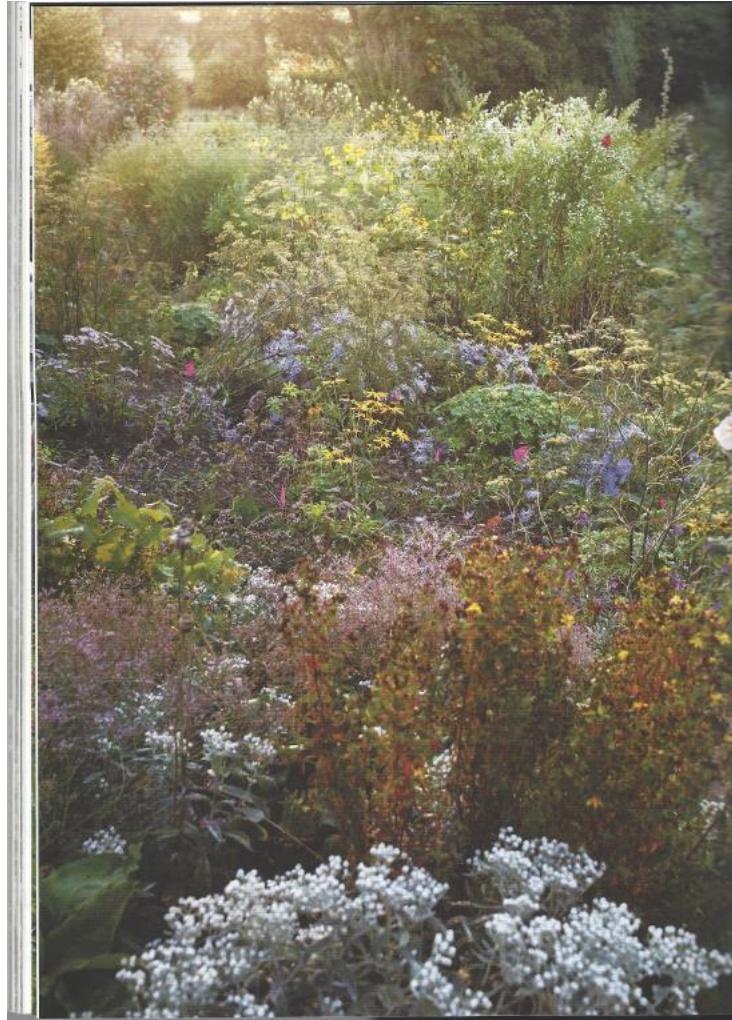
Fall-Winter



Wildflowers, grasses, tiny lawn!



Naturalized area



DEEP natural border (the way borders are supposed to be!)

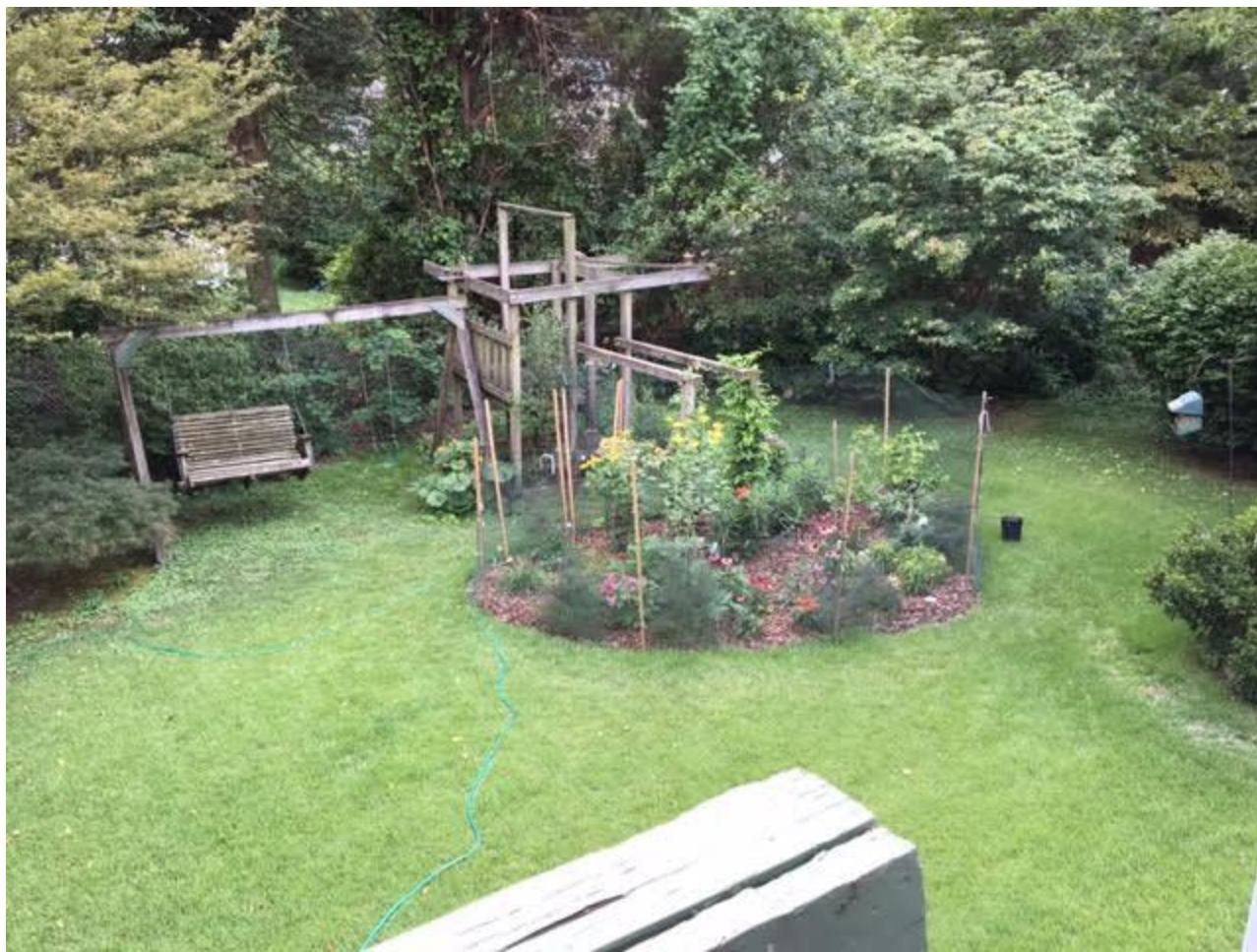


Hudson River Valley has some of the most beautiful natural places



Flowers in my butterfly-bee-bird garden, first year





Some reasons to plant native gardens

- 1. Maintenance – save time and \$\$\$
- 2. Conserve water
- 3. Prevent water and air pollution
- 4. Control pests without chemicals
- 5. Save pollinators from pesticides
- 6. Save water animals from pesticides and fertilizers.
- 7. Reduce noise pollution
- 8. Attract wildlife and give it food, shelter, nesting habitat
- 9. Reduce habitat loss
- 10. Refuel your innate connection with Nature
- 11. Other?

Monarch on Milkweed (*Asclepias*), where it lays its eggs



Swallowtail butterfly (mature)



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Native tree - Sassafras leaves (mittens)



Spicebush drupes



Spicebush flowers



Spicebush

(*Lindera benzoin*)



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Spicebush (mature)

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Swallowtail butterfly larvae (feeds only on Spicebush and Sassafras)



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A standoff: who's scaring whom?



‘Wild’life that can live in the garden



Some excellent native plants

- **(SHRUBS)**
- Spicebush
- *Clethra alnifolia*
- *Solidago* (goldenrod)
- *Asclepias* (for monarchs)
- Joe Pye Weed
- *Aralia spinosa* (attracts bluebirds)
- Winterberry
- Late bottlebrush buckeye
- Oakleaf hydrangea
- (continued)

Some excellent native plants (cont.)

- **(TREES)**
- Prunus Serotina (native black cherry)
- Sweetbay magnolia
- Green hawthorn
- Amelanchier
- White fringetree
- Franklinia
- Smoketree
- OAKS!
- **(VINES)** Lonicera, Campsis radicans (hummingbirds)

(Native) Oakleaf hydrangea – species form



Oakleaf Hydrangea
Hydrangea quercifolia

Muhly grass



Equisetum ‘living wall’



Bottlebrush buckeye flowers



Native: *Cercis canadensis* (redbud)



Landscape Principles

- 1. Right plant, right place
- 2. Intentional, unified; not piecemeal. Some repetition of plants
- 3. Variety of shape, sizes, textures, leaf and flower colors
- 4. Massing
- 5. Layering
- 6. 4-season interest: blooms, bark, berries, architecture
- 7. Sequential interest/color. Something standing out at any particular time.

“Natural,” but sedums aren’t native



NAG at National Arboretum



NAG: Non-natives looking native



NAG: layering and massing



NAG: mid-summer

Aster, Joe Pye weed, Sedum, River birch



NAG: Limestone fountain on uncrowded hillside, early spring



NAG: Massing made simple



NAG: Molinaria, Liriope, Hypericum calycinum (St. John's Wort), Russian sage, Astilbe, Pennisetum (Oriental fountain grass)



NAG: bordered walkway, late summer:
Artemesia 'Silver Mound,' Hibiscus moscheutos, Yucca pendula,
upright Calamagrostis and larger Miscanthus grasses



NAG: blurred edges, backlighting,
Liatris, various grasses, & juniper



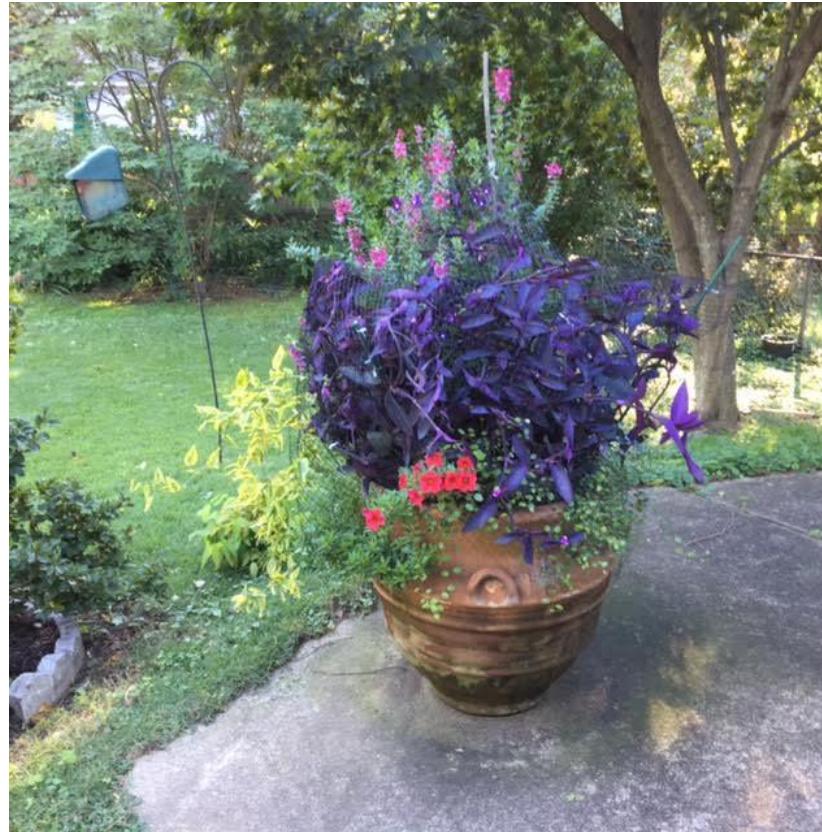
Favorite perennials of the New American Garden

- *Aralia racemosa*
- *Coreopsis verticillata*
- Joe Pye Weed
- *Hibiscus moscheutos*
- *Liatris*
- *Lythrum* (*not invasive here*)
- Black-eyed Susan
- *Yucca filamentosa*
- *Deschampsia* (tufted hair grass)
- *Panicum* and *Miscanthus* grasses
- *Amelanchier* (large shrub or small tree)
- *Hypericum calycinum*

Favorite Perennials of the New American Garden (continued)

- Artemisia ‘Silver Mound’
- Aster x frikartii
- Astilbe taquetii
- Caryopteris x clandonensis
- Daylily ‘Stella d’Oro’
- Hosta
- Hypericum (St. John’s Wort – several sizes)
- Ligularia
- Lambs ears

Containers can have impact



A deck corner has its own ‘wildness’ with containers & hummer feeder (unseen)



Exquisite annual hydrangea



A simple patio made colorful with just
a few annuals in containers



Old front stoop gets a facelift



Maple shaped leaves and nodding orange,
old-fashioned flowers: a prairie look?



A few additional favorites of mine

- Nandina domestica species form
- Mahonia bealii
- Perennial plumbago
- Perennial begonia
- **TREES (not exhaustive)** Franklinia, Hawthorne
'Winter King,' River Birch, Sweetbay magnolia
- Hakone grass
- *'Nellie Stevens'* holly

Achillea

(looks native to me!)



Fall Japanese Maple colors (not native but can't live without them)



Begonia grandis, Hakone grass,
Japanese painted fern in SHADE



Begonia grandis / liriope vignette



Perennial plumbago – fabulous groundcover w/red fall color too



Peonies

(not native, but can't live without them!)



Lily-of-the-valley

The heavenly fragrance goes with me to the bridge table



Oh--and the lilacs go to the table with me, too



CRAPEMYRTLE '*Chickasaw*'

only grows to 1-3 feet high!



Name: 'Chickasaw'

Flower Color: light pinkish lavender

Bark Color: light gray

Height: 1'-3'

Growth Habit: miniature, compact shrub

Species: Hybrid

“Natural” or “native”



Wildflowers – prairie effect



More natural walkway Front of house!



Natural woodland floor – but designed



If they spread into the lawn area their orderly garden would look even more natural



BE CREATIVE! Boulder art



My dream: wildlife and whimsy
in the same garden.

Put YOUR wild ideas in YOUR garden



National Wildlife Foundation's “Certified Wildlife Habitat” Garden

- **Contains:**
- - sustainable habitat
- - water source(s)
- - nesting boxes
- - FOOD of various kinds, for various creatures
- - cover for wildlife to escape view
- - places to raise young
- - sustainable, natural planting & maintenancepractices