Tristen Goode

Garden Planning Application Interview Responses

Name: Angie Goode

Relation to Me: Mother

Experience Gardening: 15+ years of annual gardens in Louisiana and Colorado, Master Gardener certification from UC Boulder,

1. Do you have experience with other garden planning applications? If so, please list them.
   1. No
   2. If any, what issues have you faced in planning a garden using these tools?
      1. N/A
2. When you plan a garden, do you mock it up in a visual or text-based format?
   1. Both
   2. Describe how your garden is planned currently:
      1. I like to draw my garden out into boxes before I do anything else. I divide the boxes up into a grid, and plan plants in each of the sections. I usually have a list to go with the picture so I can plan the plant species and varieties to go with each square. I do this all with pen and paper, and I usually go through a few variations on a bunch of different sheets before I settle on a final layout.
3. How long, on average, does it take you to plan your garden annually?
   1. I usually plan it over a couple months starting in the snowy season into the summer and adjust up until the plants go in the ground. The charts themselves don’t take much time to make.
4. What are some challenges you face when planning your garden?
   1. I have a folder for past garden plans, but it’s difficult for me to organize them and sort through plans I liked and didn’t like. It’d be nice to have them all in one place.
5. If you had an application to plan your garden, what would be your top three must-haves?
   1. Some way to see past garden plans
   2. A schedule for planting that I can print out
   3. Care instructions and planting information (when I planted, when it needs to go in the ground, watering info, etc.)
6. How important are visual representations of plants in planning your garden?
   1. Not really worried about that.
7. Would you benefit from any visual features (to-do lists, calendars, etc.)?
   1. A schedule of some kind, a calendar, and some way to plan and add new boxes would be ideal.
8. How confident are you in online form navigation?
   1. Somewhat
9. Would you like an option to share your garden plans with other gardeners and view their plans?
   1. No
10. Would you want a way to keep track of gardening supplies as well?
    1. It’s not a priority for me
11. What information would you want to be included when viewing details about plants/planters/your garden?
    1. Care info, seed planting date, date of ground planting, estimated date of last snow, plant variety info.

Name: Pam Anderson

Relation to Me: Neighbor

Experience Gardening: On-and-off gardener for 20+ years

1. Do you have experience with other garden planning applications? If so, please list them.
   1. No
   2. If any, what issues have you faced in planning a garden using these tools?
      1. N/A
2. When you plan a garden, do you mock it up in a visual or text-based format?
   1. Text-based
   2. Describe how your garden is planned currently:
      1. I only plant a few plants in pots, so I usually just write down the seeds I want to buy for the year. Usually it’s just a sheet of paper, if anything, that I write a numbered list on.
3. How long, on average, does it take you to plan your garden annually?
   1. 30 minutes tops, usually I use a list from previous years
4. What are some challenges you face when planning your garden?
   1. Some years it does really well, and some years it doesn’t. The way I plan doesn’t have a ton of research involved, so it’s hit or miss depending on the weather.
      1. SUPPLEMENTARY: What about the actual act of planning the garden out?
         1. I guess it’s just hard to expand on my garden and get new ideas for it
5. If you had an application to plan your garden, what would be your top three must-haves?
   1. Some way to list plants with plant instructions
   2. Some way to see the plants in the boxes
   3. It has to be easy for me to use
6. How important are visual representations of plants in planning your garden?
   1. I think it could be fun to see pictures of the plants and produce on the site itself
7. Would you benefit from any visual features (to-do lists, calendars, etc.)?
   1. I like the idea of pictures to show the plants themselves. A to-do list would also be good for me.
8. How confident are you in online form navigation?
   1. Very bad
9. Would you like an option to share your garden plans with other gardeners and view their plans?
   1. Yes
10. Would you want a way to keep track of gardening supplies as well?
    1. No
11. What information would you want to be included when viewing details about plants/planters/your garden?
    1. Plant name, type, picture, and watering info. Also maybe a watering schedule.