

Color for the Spring and Summer Garden

by The Parker County Master Gardener Association

A few annuals and other plants recommended by some PCMG for spring and summer gardens:

Alyssum* (Spring)

Begonia*

Caladium* (shade only)

Cleome* (reseeds)

Coleus*

Cosmos*

Cuban oregano

Dianthus*

Eryngo (False Purple Thistle)

Esperanza* ('gold star')

Firebush*

Geranium*

Hibiscus* (sea and tropical)

Hollyhock* and French Hollyhock

Hyacinth bean vine*

Indian blanket (Gaillardia)*

Larkspur* (for Spring)

Mexican Heather*

Monarda/Horsemint (Monarda citriodora)

Morning glory vine*

Pentas*

Suggestions to answer the questions on the website for information on plantings that can deal with spring and/or summer in Parker County:

Perilla (magilla and vanilla magilla)

Petunias* (Spring)

Poppy*

Portulaca

Purslane

Snapdragons* (for Spring)

Snow-on-the-Mountain*

Sweet William*

Texas bluebell

Verbena*

Zinnia* (profusion series)

Other herbs and vegetables that look good and are useful in and among flowers:

Basil* (green and purple), Parsley*, Dill*, Peppers*

Though not an annual, daylilies* are recommended for summer beauty in your garden.

*Indicates these can be found in *the real dirt: A Gardening Handbook for Parker County*