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sure you will be as pleased as I am with them.

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Colorful collection

Yellow and blue crocuses as well as scilla also bloomed along with these plants — what a sight. And I mustn't forget the little blue hepatica with its blue blossoms, which was covered with them this spring.

White trillium, *T. grandiflorum*, and

maroon ones also grow in this little garden. We brought the white ones from a friend's place up north many years ago (with permission) and the maroon ones from my father-in-law's property in Ohio. I believe the maroon ones are *T. erectum*, wakerobin, which don't open fully but remain in little buds. They have multiplied over the years.

Another bright yellow flower is Basket-of-Gold, *Aurinia saxatilis*, which I cut back after they have bloomed to extend the season.

The birdbath is surrounded with tall pink/white tulips, *Tulipa* "Judith Ley-

ster," and the crowning glory is the white-blooming dogwood tree, given to us by a friend. There are many varieties of Cornus with white blooms, others with coral or yellow blooms. Shrubs in this family have yellow or red stems — the family is quite large.


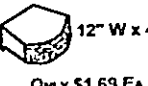

In the corner of the garden, near the deck, European ginger, *Asarum europaeum*, softens the area with its heart-shaped leaves.

There are other wildflowers in the garden, and we love them all. Woolly thyme, *Thymus*, fills in the gaps and blooms in pink as the season

progresses.

In early spring I tossed some slow-release fertilizer (Krocket Krap) on the gardens and let them go. Just having that one special area to enjoy for so many weeks brings much pleasure and makes the work in the other gardens go quickly.

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Rock dandy: This photo, taken from the roof, shows Cornus in full splendor. The rock garden is near the deck.

Rose Society to present annual show

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