

Shrubs Have Color But Are Short Lived

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Shrubs are so versatile that their uses are without limit. They can add interest to the foundation planting in front of the house, create a high enclosure around the yard, screen the trash cans from view, embellish a blank garage wall, or edge

a terrace or patio.

They are tough and hardy and easy to grow, and will create the biggest effect in the garden for the least amount of effort. This is especially true if a little thought and care is given to their selection.

Their sizes and forms vary greatly from the tiny daphne to the tall robust forsythia. Some are small and have a delicate appearance while others are big and bold.

Polage color varies considerably, too, from pale silvery hues such as on the Russian olive and the bluish tones of honeysuckle to rich, deep green. Bronze or purple-toned foliage is striking but should be used with great discretion and restraint and only as a rather special accent.

Flowers are an extra bonus attraction on many shrubs. They bring spectacular beauty to the garden when they are in bloom, and often they can be used for lovely indoor cut flower arrangements.

The gardener must remember, though, that this beauty lasts at best only a few weeks. Even though each particular kind of shrub is in bloom only for a relatively short time, various shrubs bloom at different times. It is possible to select varieties so that there is bloom throughout the growing season.

APRIL

Name	Dwarf Japanese quince	Mature Height	2 to 5 ft. tall	Flower Color	red, rose, flowers
Dwarf	Flowering almond	4 to 5 ft.	4 to 5 ft.	pink, white	
Parrotia	Nankin cherry	6 to 8 ft.	6 to 8 ft.	yellow	
Coronilla	Coronilla cherry	12 to 15 ft.	12 to 15 ft.	pink, white	

MAY

Neustria	2-5 ft.	white, pink
Arguta Spirea	2-6 ft.	white
Viburnum Cerasia	3-6 ft.	black white
Aralia	4-10 ft.	pink, white, flame, etc.
Bloss Hesperis	2-8 ft.	yellow
Lilaea	7-10 ft.	white, purple, pie.
Honeysuckle	8-10 ft.	deep pink
Rhododendron	8-10 ft.	rose, purple, white

JUNE

Wegelia	5-6 ft.	pink, red
Black orange	5-6 ft.	black
Viburnum	6-8 ft.	white
Hearty Bush	5-10 ft.	pink

JULY

Potentilla	2-4 ft.	yellow
Hypericum	2-4 ft.	yellow
Andria	3-8 ft.	yellow
Hedera	3-8 ft.	purple, pink
Zinnia	3-8 ft.	rose

AUGUST

Hydrangea	2-4 ft.	pink, blue
Celastrus	2-5 ft.	pink, white
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The Society of American Florists says when using a clear glass make certain the flower stems are an attractive element in the total design. There should be no confusing criss-crossing of stems, it adds.

IT IS IMPORTANT for the entire arrangement to have firm support, and for each stem to be held in a stable position. Open containers usually are filled with crushed chicken wire. However, with a clear glass, this is not attractive.

The Society offers these suggestions for solving this problem:

Using green floral tape, wind it around a florist's wire. Cut the wire into two pieces, the length determined by the diameter of the glass, measured an inch or so from the top, plus enough additional length at each end to shape into hooks. These hooked ends fit over the rim of the glass, with the two lengths running perpendicular to each other.

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