

GARDENING IDEAS FOR EVERYONE

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I'd like to introduce you to a wonderful interacting gardening website: *gardenia.net*.

If you are a novice gardener, this is the go-to website for basic ideas and advice on planting anything nice that grows in the ground: veggies, flowers, shrubs or whatever. If you're an experienced gardener, it's also the go-to site for answering your gardening questions. There's so much to know, you can never stop learning.

To get ideas on what to plant, you might click on "Plant Selection Guides." The drop-down menu shows six categories: "Hardiness," "Climate Zones," "Plant Types," "Planting Space," "Garden Styles," and "Regions." Choose "Plant Types," for example, and you are presented with a huge selection, including "Annuals," "Bulbs," "Cactus-Succulents," "Climbers," "Conifers," "ferns," ... and on through "orchids" and "Perennials." Click on "Bulbs," for instance, and you get further categories, such as "Best Spring Blooming Bulbs for Temperate Climates." Click on that and you'll find a long list of tulips, complete with a photo of each type.

To learn new things about gardening try clicking on "Gardening Tips" at the bottom of the website, under the heading "Growing Plants." You can then choose, "Guides by Plant," "Guides, by Region," "Guides by Season," and "Deer Resistant Guides" (a very important category for this area). There is no end to what you can learn!

Finally, if you want to keep an account of your plant selections and plantings, you can create a *free* account with Gardenia. Simply click on "Log In," and fill in your name, your email address, and a password in the blanks provided. Press "Enter" and Gardenia will send you a welcoming email, like this:

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