Mid to late summer is an ideal time to plant seeds for a second gardening season that can be as productive as your major early spring plantings. Two summer favorites to consider are zucchini and broccoli. Both are annuals that have a short growing season to start and finish during cooler weather, making them ideal for a second season harvest. You can pick them as you need them over a long sustained harvest season!

**Gardening for a Second Season + complete list of varieties**

**Beautiful, Easy Edible Flowers!**

**Watch:** Selecting Edible Flowers

**Read:** Please Eat the Flowers

Renee shows the many different edible flowers you can grow and rear as an everyday cooking ingredient. Moving to the kitchen, she demonstrates delicious recipes.

**July In The Trial Garden**

We are growing our 2023 introduction ‘Incredible Escalator’ Climbing Zucchini on the sturdy trellis netting now available on our website. This wonderful space-saving variety vines effortlessly straight up the trellis, with prolific, extra tasty zucchini that are easy to see and pick. The net trellising is both sturdy and versatile and effortlessly supports these very hefty vines. It is perfect for any climbing plant.

Renee is enchanted with our new “Fairyland” Viola that we have started trialing for baskets and window boxes. The delicate and lovely petal blossoms with their dainty markings are one of the prettiest little flowers we’ve seen in a long time. Bred in England especially for home gardens, we will definitely be adding “Fairyland” as a future introduction!

We are currently testing a wide variety of premium seed starting mixes to share the best brand with our customers. Starting with the best growing medium possible for vigorous seedlings that develop to their full potential. Currently, we are sowing basil seed in several different brands to evaluate results. Once we find the best mix, we will offer it for sale!

**Recipe Of The Month**

**Green Beans in Basil-Walnut Vinaigrette**

For a lovely presentation put 1 or 2 radicchio or red cabbage leaves on each salad plate and mound the green beans on top, garnishing with scallions and walnuts.