June 2015

Join the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge!

We are really excited about the new National Pollinator Garden Network and want to share this information about an important national initiative just getting off the ground.

WASHINGTON, DC (June 3, 2015) - In an unprecedented collaboration, dozens of conservation and gardening organizations have joined together to form the National Pollinator Garden Network and launch a new nationwide campaign - the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

The National Pollinator Garden Network collectively represents nearly one million active gardeners and 15,000 school gardens. The Network is challenging the nation to reach the goal of one million additional pollinator gardens by the end of 2016. Read More...

Start your Pollinator Garden now and Save 25%!
To get 25% off our Butterfly or Hummingbird Garden Bonus Packs, use code BEES15 at checkout. Offer ends Aug. 15.

Renee Wins AHS "Great Gardener's" Award

We are thrilled to announce that Renee is one of this year's recipients of the Great Gardener's award from The American Horticultural Society. This national recognition is given annually to "Individuals, organizations, and companies that represent the best in American gardening and horticulture."

Renee travelled to Washington, D.C. at the beginning of June to receive the Paul Ecke Jr. Commercial Award: "Given to an individual or company whose commitment to the highest standards of excellence in the field of commercial horticulture contributes to the betterment of gardening practices everywhere."

June in the Trial Garden
by Lindsay Del Carlo, Trial Garden Manager

Now that the soil has fully warmed up, we've been busy planting heat loving summer varieties, including a Five Variety Dry Bean Mix made up of Cannolini, Red Kidney, Pinto, Canaria and Cranberry beans. This mix of easy to grow bush varieties will yield plentiful, colorful and tasty dry beans to harvest and store for fall and winter meals.

We just finished harvesting Rainbow Carrots "Harlequin Mix", another 2016 addition, in order to take pictures for our website. Each color of these sweet and tender carrots has a different antioxidant profile and they all taste great.

Our Annual Cut Flower Mix "Endless Bouquet Flowers" will also be a 2016 intro. This blend yields a succession of cutting flowers in many different forms and colors throughout the season. We are having fun starting work on a video to show how to sow, grow, harvest and make beautiful bouquets from the mix.
NEW Renee's Garden Cookbook
Our new cookbook combines expert gardening advice and delicious recipes.

Zucchini Pancakes
A great way to use extra zucchini! This recipe is easy and low-calorie, and the pancakes are delicious for lunch or brunch.

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