

July In The Garden



As summer rolls on, we are reminiscing about some of the beautiful treasures from our spring trials. A cool weather loving nemophila mix was easy to grow from direct sowing. The dainty blue and white flowers were attractive to many types of pollinators. We grew out our sweet and crunchy Pastel Duo Turnips, which will be a new introduction for 2024. This mix of pink and white roots are wonderful in salads and so fast and easy to grow in cool weather.

Beautiful purple cauliflowers had some HEAVY heads tucked inside voluminous rosettes of blue green leaves. We always grow these out to make sure they are true-to-type and that we are offering the best seeds possible. Fun floret-type cauliflowers with elongated stems were easy to cut up and excellent for tempura, roasting or raw for dipping.

We had an excellent garlic year and harvested many heads of California Early, Nootka Rose and Italian Early. These are just a few of the garlic varieties offered on our website for preorder for fall planting. Sweet peas are now at their peak and this season we grew Jewels of Albion, Saltwater Taffy Swirls, Chiffon Elegance, Fire and Ice and Royal Wedding. We are reveling in their intoxicating fragrance and sumptuous colors and have cut countless bouquets to enjoy indoors.

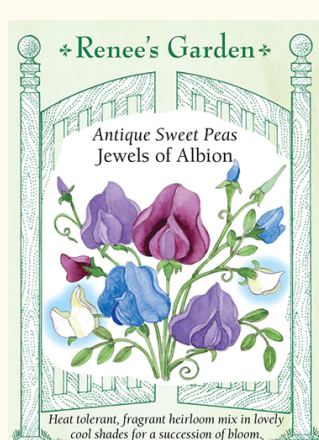


This time of year, we direct sow watermelon radishes. These are different from the more familiar spring radish and need to be sown later in the season in warm soil. In a few months, their bulbous roots will form – crunchy and watermelon-pink on the inside, they are fun to dress up with black sesame seeds!

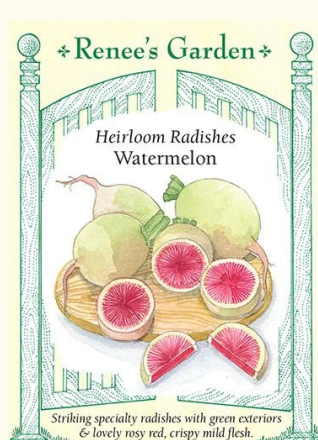


Believe it or not we are beginning to think about starting seeds for fall! We sow Brussels sprouts in containers of seed-starting mix until they are ready to transplant in early August. They need a long growing season and will be full-sized, sturdy plants by the time the weather starts cooling off – that is when they will form the biggest and best sprouts. We are also planning out other areas of our garden for fall, stay tuned!

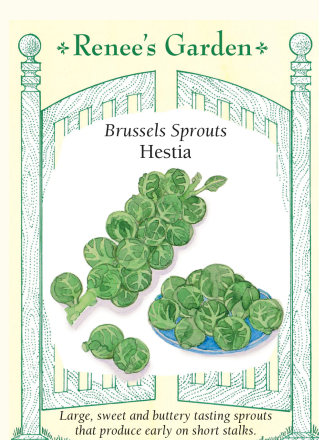
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Antique Sweet Peas
Jewels of Albion



Heirloom Radishes
Watermelon



Brussels Sprouts
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