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The Edible/Ornamental Garden

Introduction

- ‘Luiga Bussolini’ tomatoes
- Planting watermelons
- Missy Stevens garden
- Monticello – Charlotte Albers photo
- ‘Alaska’ Nasturtiums
- ‘Gretel’ eggplant – All-America Selections Award Winner 2009
- Denver Botanic Garden potager
- Dill for beneficial insects
- Monarda fistulosa, Tiger swallowtail, bee
- Beneficial companion plants: coriander and dill with cabbage family
- ‘Sweet Genovese’ basil/lettuce (‘Nancy’ green butterhead) and onions (scallions)
- Bronze fennel
- Yellow-stemmed Swiss chard and Lamb’s quarters
- ‘Dukat’ dill, dianthus, Swiss chard
- Cabbage and coleus
- Garlic scapes/Tabasco peppers
- Renee’s Garden Seeds “Summer Scallop Trio” (‘Sunburst’, ‘Peter Pan’, ‘Starship’) (Photo courtesy Renee’s Garden Seeds)
- “ “ “ Tomatillo “Fiesta Duo”
- Linda Wasserstein garden, CT
- Cape Cod garden – biodiversity and deer discouragement
- Lee Reich “farmden” with grape and hardy kiwi-covered arbor
- Lorraine Anderson’s Oregon back yard from The Naturescaping Workbook

Carolyn Roehm

- Early spring tulips
- Lettuces: ‘Mighty Red Oak’, ‘Buttercrunch’, ‘Green Ice’
- ‘Krausa’ parsley
- Guy Wolfe pot with ‘Charlotte’ chard, Petunia integrifolia, Florence fennel
- Zinnias: ‘Envy’, ‘Royal Purple’, ‘Blue Solaise’ leeks
- Marigolds: ‘Torreador’, ‘Golden Climax’
- Fall: ‘Denise’ chrysanthemum, ornamental kales, ‘Krausa’ parsley
- Smaller potager: ‘Purple Ruffles’ basil, Cosmos ‘Ladybird Scarlet’, Scarlet runner beans, Coreopsis tinctoria, Cardoon ‘Gigante’ ‘Early Girl’ tomatoes, Scabiosa

- Bed lined with ‘Genovese’ basil, ‘Black Prince’ snapdragons, Zinnia pauciflora ‘Bonita Red’, ‘Jack-be-little’ and ‘Small Sugar’ pumpkins, ‘San Marzano’ tomato, ‘Gigante’ cardoon.

Nancy Dubrule-Clemente

Asparagus, various garlies

Self-sowers: ‘Ruby Streaks’ mustard, Arugula, lettuces from mesclun mix, Calendula, yellow Swiss chard, Borage, sunflowers, nasturtiums, mole plant (Euphorbia lathyris), bread seed poppies (Papaver somniferum), lamb’s quarters, red clover

- Fall, Amaranth, yellow swiss chard, self-sown sunflowers, asparagus foliage
- Border of Pycnanthemum muticum
- Insuring that borage “self sows”

Designing and Organizing

Bunny O’Callahan

Andrew Durbridge

Woerner family (Peter and Chris Woerner architects)

Litchfield County His and Hers, ‘Shinseiki’ Asian pear espalier

Thyrza Whittemore

Kansas City

Jean Cunningham

Belinda Kaye

Karen Bussolini- Edible Ornamental or Ornamental Edible?

- ‘Sungold’ and ‘Dona’ tomatoes, ‘Asian Bride’ eggplant, ‘Charlotte’ chard, ‘Sunburst’ squash, ‘Patriot’ and ‘Bluecrop’ blueberries, nasturtiums, ‘Purple Opal’ basil, lovage, sage, castor bean, ‘Love-lies-bleeding’ Amaranth, Nicotiana sylvestris, Plectranthus, Bat-faced cuphea, Stipa tenuissima, ‘Alma Potechke’ aster, ‘Tangerine Gem’ marigolds, Rudbeckia triloba.
- ‘Red Sails’ lettuce, mesclun, Dianthus deltoides ‘Flashing Lights’, Violas, Fraises de Bois strawberries
- ‘Moon and Stars’ watermelon, ‘Love-Lies-Bleeding’, ‘Striped Marvel’ marigolds, ‘Alaska’ nasturtiums, ‘Trionfo Violetto’ purple stringbeans.
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- Lemon cucumbers
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- ‘All Blue’, ‘All Red’, ‘German Yellow’ potatoes
- ‘Scarlet Runner’ beans
- Chili pequin
- Gardening by Subtraction: ‘Osaka’ red mustard spinach, golden feverfew (Tanacetum parthenium ‘Aureum’)
- ‘Silver Shield’ sorrel (Rumex scutatus ‘Silver Shield’)
- Bronze fennel and chives
- Johnny jump-ups (Viola tricolor), Helictotrichon sempervirens ‘Sapphiresrudel’
- Red Shiso (Perilla frutescens), bronze fennel, Verbena bonariensis
- Foraged ramps (Allium tricoccum)

Foliage

- ‘Bright Lights’ Swiss Chard/’Italian Silver Rib’ chard (Renee’s Garden Seeds)
- ‘Pesto Perpetuo’ basil
- Peppermint geranium (Pelargonium tomentosum), Salvia ‘Vicki Romo’
- Golden and purple Sages

- Lettuces l to r: ‘Red Oakleaf’, ‘Frisee’ endive, ‘Oscarde’, ‘Panisse’, ‘Red Cross’ butterhead, ‘Frisee’
- ‘Oscarde’ lettuce
- ‘Mei Quing’ Chinese cabbage
- Artichokes, cardoons, George Washington’s Mt. Vernon
- Leeks “ “ “ “
- Variegated tapioca – Manihot esculenta ‘Variegata’

Edible Flowers

- Nasturtiums, chives, Johnny jump-ups
- Signet marigolds
- Pea flowers – and tendrils
- Wild marjoram – Origanum vulgare
- Dianthus caryophyllus
- Sunflowers – ‘Lemon Queen’

Landscaping with Perennial Edibles

- ‘Munsted’ lavender, thymes, sage, Johnny jump-ups
- - Lavender hedge, unknown variety. ‘Arp’ is exceptionally hardy
- Ostrich ferns/fiddleheads (Matteuccia struthiopteris)
- Prickly pear cactus (Opuntia humifusa), Thymus serpyllum ‘Coccineus’, Chanticleer Garden
- Figs – Karen Bussolini’s Ficus carica in container in sunny driveway
- Persimmon (Diospyros kaki) River Farm
- Pawpaw (Asimina triloba)
- Crabapples: Malus ‘Donald Wyman’, ‘Prairie Fire’, Chanticleer Garden
- Sour cherry (Prunus cerasus)
- Apple and Asian pear espaliers
- Asian pear – Pyrus ‘Korean Giant’ espaliered on brick wall
- Currants: Ribes nigrum ‘Consort’ flowers, ‘Titania’ fruit- resistant to White Pine Blister Rust
- Nanking cherry (Prunus tomentosa)
- High bush blueberries – Vaccinium corymbosum
- Elderberries (Sambucus canadensis ‘Laciniata’)
- Quince (Cydonia oblonga), unknown cultivar
- Rhubarb
- Alpine strawberries as ground cover (Fraises de bois)
- Cranberry ground cover (Vaccinium macrocarpa ‘Hamilton’)

Containers

- Chanticleer Garden: Peppermint (Mentha x piperita), Eggplant (Solanum melongena ‘Black Beauty’), thyme (Thymus vulgaris), Nasturtiums (Tropaeolum majus ‘Alaska Hybrids’), Tomatos (Lycopersicum esculentum ‘Maskotka’, ‘Ramapo’), fennel (Foeniculum vulgare ‘Purpurascens’), Artichoke (Cynara scolymus ‘Green Globe’), Sage (Salvia officinalis ‘Aurea’), Black pepper (Capsicum annum ‘Black Pearl’), Thymus x citriodorus.
- ‘Lizzano’ tomato in hanging basket, Photo All-America Selections. 2011 winners
- ‘Little Prince’ container eggplant from Renee’s Garden Seeds: Photo courtesy RGS
- Cut and come again Mizuna and ‘Osaka’ Japanese mustard spinach
- Weatherproof container with ‘White Russian’ kale
- ‘White Russian’ kale with frost
- ‘Feather Red’ kale, snapdragons, Carex flagellifera ‘Toffee Twist’
- Overwintered Renee’s Garden “Crispy Winter Greens” mix: ‘Elysee’ escarole, ‘Glory’ endive, ‘Presto’ radicchio, with mint, rosemary, tulips

- Planter boxes on terrace with herbs by the kitchen door
- ‘Charlotte’ chard, *Petunia integrifolia*
- Woolly pockets

Conclusion

- Apple orchard
- Native habitat: cranberries and blueberries
- C.L. Fornari front yard vegetable garden integrated into landscape
- Organic edible/ornamental back yard by Karen Bussolini, CT
- Vertical Wall garden in Chicago Botanic Garden’s Enabling Garden: Peppers (*Capsicum annuum* ‘Medusa’) and ‘Krausa’ parsley
- Martha Bryan container: ‘Kiwi Fern’ Coleus, ‘Minette’ mini basil “hedge”
- C.L. Fornari driftwood and locust arbor
- Tower Hill Botanical Garden, ‘Marshall’ red romaine

References and Resources:

Carrots Love Tomatoes: Secrets of Companion Planting for Successful Gardening by Louise Riotte

Designing the New Kitchen Garden: An American Potager Handbook by Jennifer Bartley

Edible Flowers by Cathy Wilkinson Barash

Edible Landscaping by Rosalind Creasy (Sierra Club Books)

Herbs in Bloom by Jo Ann Gardner

Landscaping with Fruit by Lee Reich

The Organic Way to Plant Protection by the editors of Organic Gardening 1966s

A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello by Peter Hatch

Rodale’s All New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening

The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener by Niki Jabbour

www.naturework.com - many downloadable handouts

www.organiclandcare.net - organic landscaping

www.ctnofa.org - Northeast Organic Farmers Assoc – chapters in other states

Seeds

Botanical Interests: www.botanicalinterests.net

Fruition Seeds: www.fruitionseeds.com - organic open-pollinated seeds for the northeast

High Mowing Organic Seeds: www.highmowingseeds.com

Irish Eyes Garden Seeds: www.irisheyesgardenseeds.com good source of organic early season

Johnny’s Selected Seeds: www.johnnyseeds.com

Renee’s Garden Seeds: www.reneesgarden.com - seeds and email newsletter; for article “Attracting Beneficial Insects to the Garden with Beneficial Flowers” by Richard Merrill go to

www.reneesgarden.com/articles/beneficial_insects_guide.pdf or go to articles section on the website.

Scheepers Kitchen Garden Seeds: www.kitchengardenseeds.com - seeds and email newsletter

Seeds of Change: www.seedsofchange.com

www.greatgardenspeakers.com/listing/karenbussolini.html

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