

My Favorite Fragrant Plants

By Terry Barton

"My Favorite Fragrant Plants" has been a fun presentation for me. I prepared it a year ago for my first Speaker's Bureau engagement and have used it five times since then, presenting it to about 90 gardeners to date. My goal was to display a wide variety of fragrant plants, and to help folks realize that you can have something fragrant every month of the year. The plants on the list have evolved slightly, but the format has been unchanged. I can make this presentation in any season and have multiple samples of fragrance to share with the audience. The approach is simple: I hand out a copy of the sheet to each listener and then go down the list, talking about each plant in turn. As these are all favorite plants from my own yard, samples are easy to collect and my challenge has been to keep my talk to an hour or less.

I hope that you'll find a few plants on this list that you'll decide that you "just have to have". I'll be glad to share my experiences and answer questions by email or phone. If you don't already grow them, you really need a Tea Olive, a Daphne Odora and an Autumn Sage! These are really special plants! And, if you're like me, you may want to try them all, or similar plants and see if you can have something fragrant every month of the year.

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