

Tarrant County Master Gardeners



Giant Coneflower

Rudbeckia maxima, in the Aster family, is a Texas native perennial which grows 3-6 feet tall producing summer blooms. The striking gray-green foliage supports a flower that makes a good cut flower. This plant likes moist, open spaces.



Smoke Tree

Cotinus coggygria 'Velvet Cloak' is a 12-15 foot tree with red or green leaves and wispy, billowy flowers in spring. This tree is in the cashew family and originally from Southern Europe and China.

Colorful plants to see:

- Daylily – 'Spacecoast Starburst', a re-blooming daylily is featured in the banner photo. Many varieties are blooming. By late July, proliferations, which look like airplane plants, will form on bloom stalks of some daylily species. These are clones of the original and can be planted to form new plants. Seed pods may also appear but the seeds are not necessarily true to the plant they come from.
- Hydrangeas – four unique hydrangeas hardy to our area are in bloom in the garden: Oakleaf hydrangea, *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle', 'Twist and Shout' hydrangea and *Hydrangea serrata* 'Grayswood'
- Larkspur – reseeding annual is abundant all over the garden
- Lilies – look for the exquisite trumpet lilies
- Bee balm
- 'Hot Lips' and 'Indigo Spires' are two great salvias
- *Allium shubertii* – bulb that makes a wonderful addition to the garden with globe-shaped blooms
- Brazilian verbena – *Verbena bonariensis* is native to South America provide vertical interest
- Bear's breeches – a sun or partial shade perennial with dramatic spires of white or pink with purple bracts
- Dappled patterns of sun and shade make arums and other shade-loving foliage plants outstanding in the garden

