



# Nursery News

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## Summer Flowering Shrubs

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Most flowering shrubs are relatively easy to grow, and will add color to your landscape for many weeks, with some blooming until a heavy frost. Flowering shrubs are not only attractive as to you, but they can provide habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

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### Sweet Summer Flowering Shrubs

- Clethra alnifolia* and cvs- Summersweet
- Calycanthus floridus*- Common Sweetshrub
- Spiraea alba*- Meadowsweet
- Itea virginica* and cvs- Sweetspire
- Comptonia peregrina*- Sweetfern



### Summer Flowering Shrubs as Cut-Flowers

Flowering shrubs typically have few pest problems, are adaptable to many site conditions, and once established, require less care compared to herbaceous cut-flowers.

- Aronia arbutifolia* and cvs- Red chokeberry
- Calycanthus floridus*- Common sweetshrub
- Clethra alnifolia* and cvs- Summersweet clethra
- Fothergilla gardenii*- Dwarf fothergilla
- Hydrangea* spp.- Also used as dried flowers
- Hypericum frondosum* and cvs- Golden St. Johnswort
- Itea virginica* and cvs- Virginia sweetspire



Prairie Rose



New Spirea



Red Prince Weigela

### Honey of a Shrub



*Cephalanthus occidentalis*- Buttonbush also known as Honeybells



*Fothergilla gardenii* and *Fothergilla major*-honey scented flowers.

- Rosa* spp.- Rose- flowers or hips in fall.
- Spiraea* spp.- Spirea
- Syringa* spp.- Lilac



Unique Hydrangea



Miss Kim Dwarf Lilac



Summersweet



Brilliantissima Red Chokeberry



Sanbarat St. Johnswort

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For the client that calls to complain that their flowering shrubs are not as pretty as next door, some of the possible reasons for flowering problems are:

- The plant is stressed- from accumulated drought stress, soil compaction or nutrient deficiency
- The plant needs more light- As the landscape fills in sunlight is lost in the understory. Use more shade-tolerant plants, or prune the trees.
- The plant is not yet established- It may take 3 seasons or more to recover from transplant shock and establish roots before it can flower properly.
- The plant is thirsty- Summer blooming plants form flower buds in the late spring and summer, so water at this point is critical for maximum flowering potential.
- The plant is lacking flower buds- Summer-flowering shrubs bloom on new wood that grows in the spring, so any pruning should be done in early spring to for maximum flowering.