

Chelsea Retirement Community *Garden Guide No. 3*

*Nature never hurries. Atom by atom, little by little
she achieves her work - Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Our Herbstonne Black-Eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia nitida* 'Herbstonne') are quite the attention getter! Four-five feet tall, with bright yellow flowers appearing from mid- to late summer, this plant is difficult to miss. Not only a butterfly magnet, goldfinches are also frequently seen on this plant. Look for it at the Kresge entrance and in the Kresge courtyard.

And while you're at the entrance to Kresge or in the courtyard, look for Buddleia (Butterfly Bush). Another very long-blooming plant, its pleasant fragrance attracts people and butterflies. This is a favorite of home gardeners who love its many colors – pink, purple, white, blue, and yellow. You will find 'Black Knight' at the Kresge entrance and 'White Profusion' in the Kresge courtyard.

We like to combine standard favorites with less-common plants, like *Stokesia laevis* (Stoke's Aster). This plant brings a definite "wow" to our mid-summer gardens, with flowers that measure all of 2" across. It's a great addition, bringing color and interest to any perennial garden. We have several different cultivars in our gardens, but favorites are 'Honeysong Purple' and 'Klaus Jelitto.' They can be found in the Memorial Garden, at the stone gates, and at the Kresge entrance.

Did you know daylilies were used as both food and medicine in China and Japan? *Hemerocallis* (Daylilies) got their name because each flower fully blooms for only one day. Another favorite of home gardeners, they come in a wide range of colors, and do well in the heat of summer. Daylilies are commonly thought of as blooming once a season, like 'Catherine Neal' and 'Joan Senior,' which are at the Kresge entrance. However, we also have re-blooming varieties like 'Happy Returns' which is in the Glazier Courtyard and in front of the Crippen Building. No matter the color or how many times they bloom, daylilies are mid-summer delights.

In the heat of summer, be sure to look for *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle.' Its huge white snowball-type flowers may help you think of cooler weather. There are many reasons we like 'Annabelle.' The flowers are beautiful, it does well in both sun and shade, and, while many other hydrangeas may droop in mid-summer, 'Annabelle' tolerates the heat well. Green Magic Growers staff cut this shrub's branches back to about 2" in early spring to help maintain its stiff, upright growth. You can visit 'Annabelle' at The Cottages, the Kresge entrance, and Towsley Village.

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