

# Garrison's Home & Garden

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Mark

As a locally owned nursery and garden center we take pride in being a part of our community. It shows in our sponsorship of Christmas in Roseland and our fundraisers for Shreveport Green and the Master Gardener program. By supporting these organizations, we support tourism, beautiful roses, tree plantings, community gardens, clean air and the beautification of our community.

We take pride in our nursery and garden center by procuring plant material from the best local, regional and national growers along with producing all-star perennials ourselves. Our staff understands the nuances of our weather and growing conditions and selects plants that will do well in our area. Our buyers spend countless hours making the best choices to ensure your success with the highest quality bedding plants, shrubs and trees – all at a good price. We often, hand pick and acquire plants in our own trucks to ensure the best possible selection for our customers. Additionally, we fulfill special orders for passionate gardeners looking for a particular specialty plant that would fit perfectly in their landscape. Each year the gardening world brings new and exciting varieties to market and we work hard to bring them into our inventory.

Our knowledgeable staff is available to assist you with plant selection or identification; make recommendations for maintaining healthy soil or a beautiful lawn; provide solutions for pest control; or garden organically. We take pride in helping **YOU** make your Home & Garden a Showplace!

Mr. Garrison would be proud that we carry the tradition of how a good locally owned nursery and garden center should be – a good corporate citizen, friendly service from experienced staff, quality plant material with reasonable prices.

Thank you for supporting our small business! We will continue to strive to be and do better each day.

Mark Walton, Co-Owner

***Mole and Gopher activity will start to increase with the arrival of spring. Remember to apply Ferti-lome Mole Go Granules to repel them from your lawn.***



### The Garden Mechanic

#### ***Natural Crawling Insect Control***

Customers interested in a natural product to effectively control crawling insects in your home or garden, we have a product for you! **Natural Guard Diatomaceous (die-uh-tuh-may-shuss) Earth** is a safe and effective organic insecticide that is not harmful to humans, animals or earthworms but does a great job killing cockroaches, ants (including fire ants), earwigs, millipedes, centipedes, silverfish, fleas, bed bugs, grass hoppers, slugs and many other crawling insects.



**Diatomaceous Earth** is a contact insecticide derived from a naturally occurring soft siliceous sedimentary rock that is crumbled into a fine powder. Because it is a light dust, it easily clings to the bodies of insects as they crawl over it. The powder is abrasive and cuts into the exoskeleton of insects, resulting in loss of body fluids, then dehydration. It remains effective as long as it is kept dry and undisturbed.



## Customer Profile 🌿 Tanya and Rick Parker



**Tanya and Rick Parker** have cultivated a lovely cottage garden at their 1918 bungalow in South Highlands, where their **Oak Leaf Hydrangeas, Camellia Sasanquas, Dogwood Trees, Boxwood Shrubs, Roses, Azaleas, Tulips, Daffodils, Lady Banks Roses, Wisteria, Crape Myrtle, Cast Irons, Autumn Fern**, and a wide variety of **perennial flowers** and **herbs**, thrive.

When it comes to gardening prowess, Tanya credits her small, precise pruning clippers as her favorite tool to use in the garden. Her all-time favorite plant is a **Petunia**, which she says “must have been named after our cocker spaniel because it’s such a sweet flower.”

Garrison’s is lucky to have had the Parkers as customers for the last 27 years. They appreciate Garrison’s for the “wonderful variety of high quality plants that are appropriate for our region”, as well as “an especially friendly and knowledgeable staff.” Tanya loves to

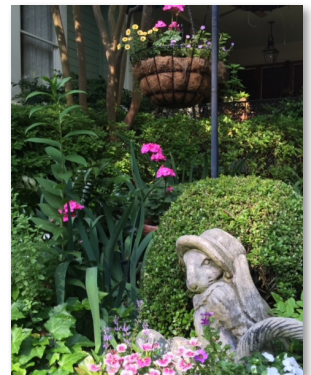
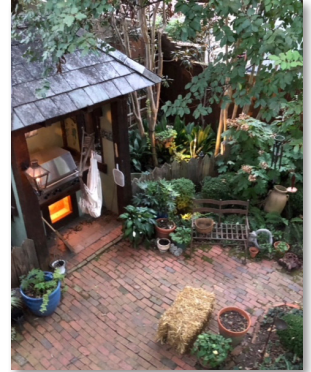
attend the seasonal seminars and has been known to win a few door prizes.

**Tanya and Rick Parker** garden for the enjoyment they find in designing, planting and tending the garden and patiently watching plants mature from small, individual plants grow into a beautiful but simple natural collage.

In addition to their prolific garden, the Parkers spend their time giving back to the community through Paws4Life, a volunteer based group that partners with rescues to save the lives of homeless and abandoned dogs and cats. They coordinate transports for adoptable dogs to shelters in the Midwest and Northeast, where rescue dogs are in high demand because overpopulation is less prevalent due to strictly enforced spay/neuter laws. You can volunteer, donate or follow their success stories on **Facebook @Paws4LifeCaddo**.

Garrison’s believes in the mission of Paws4Life and would like to provide support by selling a few items this spring with 100% of the proceeds going to the organization. On your next visit to our garden center be sure to check out the Paws4Life display and purchase an item or two.

Paws4Life items available: Embroidered Kitchen Towels, Paws4Life Coffee Mugs, handcrafted Antique Louisiana Cypress Garden Caddies and a beautiful Antique Louisiana Cypress St. Francis Grotto.



## Outdoor Living Collection



Our front showroom continues to evolve since becoming a Home & Garden Showplace a few years ago. Gone are the terra cotta and plastic pots to make room for new pieces of outdoor furniture and décor. With limited floor space and many outdoor living and décor styles to choose from, we wanted to offer our customers another option. New this spring, customers will now have the opportunity to shop from our **Outdoor**

**Living** catalog. Filled with over 80 pages of outdoor furniture collections, seating selections, outdoor swings, benches, sheds, deck boxes, umbrellas, rugs, fire pits, décor and lighting along with an amazing selection of grills, it will be easy to fill our customer’s needs. If your desired selection is not on our showroom floor, we will order from our warehouse which ships weekly to our store with no shipping fees. Catalogs are available at our **Outdoor Living** kiosk in our showroom. These are available for you to take home or share with others. An extra benefit for shopping our outdoor living section: these purchases count towards your Greenbucks!

## Plant Selection to Attract Butterflies

In attracting butterflies to your garden, it's important to understand what they want out of life: nectar. A butterfly's wish list also includes sunny open spaces, shelter from the wind, and fresh water. Butterflies and flowers were made for each other, and there are certain flowers that butterflies absolutely love to be around. Here are some of the best plants that attract butterflies and their flowering periods!

### FLOWERING ANNUALS

Ageratum	Summer - Fall	Phlox	Spring - Summer
Annual Dianthus		Purple Coneflower	Spring - Fall
Annual Larkspur	Spring	Purslane	Spring - Frost
Annual Salvia	Spring - Frost	Rosemary	Spring - Fall
Annual Sunflower	Spring - Frost	Salvia	Late Spring - Fall
Calendula	Fall - Spring	Sedum	Spring
Cosmos	Spring - Fall	Shrimp Plant	
Delphinium	Spring	Society Garlic	Spring - Fall
Dill	Spring	Trumpet Vine	
Fennel		Verbena	Spring - Frost
Flowering Tobacco	Spring	Veronica	Summer - Fall
Impatiens	Spring - Frost	Violet	Spring
Johnny Jump Up	Fall - Spring	Yarrow	Spring - Fall
Nasturtium	Spring	Zinnia	
Ornamental Kale/Cabbage	Winter- Spring		
Pansy	Fall - Spring		
Parsley	Spring		
Periwinkle	Later Spring - Frost		
Petunia	Spring - Frost		
Snapdragon	Fall - Spring		
Sweet Alyssum	Winter - Spring		
Verbena	Spring - Frost		
Zinnia	Spring - Frost		

### VINES

Carolina Jessamine  
Chinese Wisteria  
Cypress Vine  
Honeysuckle  
Morning Glory  
Passionflower  
Sweet Pea

### HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

Allium	Summer
Asters	Fall
Bee Balm	Spring
Black-eyed Susan	Summer
Blanket Flower	Summer
Butterfly Weed	Summer - Fall
Candlestick Tree	Summer - Fall
Canna	
Cardinal Flower	May - Fall
Coneflower	Summer
Coreopsis	Spring - Summer
Daisy	Spring - Fall
Daylily	Spring - Fall
Dianthus	Spring - Fall
False Indigo	
Firebush	Summer
Four O'clock	Summer - Fall
Garlic Chives	Mid-Late Summer
Goldenrod	Fall
Hibiscus	Spring - Fall
Hollyhock	
Lantana	April - Frost
Mexican Petunia	
Milkweed	Summer - Fall
Moss Rose	Spring - Frost
Onion Chives	Spring
Pentas	April - Frost

### EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Indian Hawthorne  
Privet, ligustrum

### DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Althea  
Bridal Wreath  
Butterfly Bush  
Mock Orange  
Native Azaleas  
Snowbell  
Viburnum

### DECIDUOUS TREES

Ash  
Chaste Tree  
Crabapple  
Dogwood  
Elm  
Mayhaw  
Mimosa  
Oak  
Pawpaw  
Pear Persimmon  
Plum  
Redbud  
River Birch  
Tuliptree  
Willow



### Ferti-lome Fertilizers

**\$1 off**  
any 4lb bag

**\$3 off**  
any 15lb bag or larger

(All Ferti-lome Products Included)



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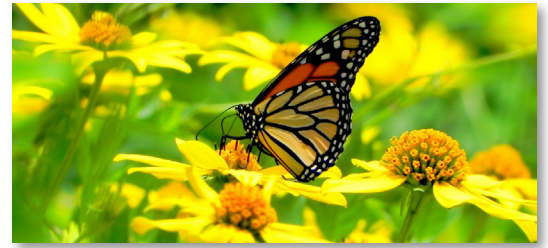
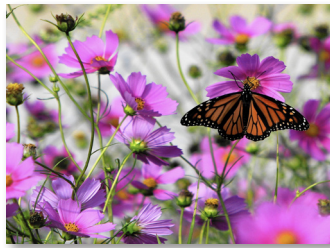
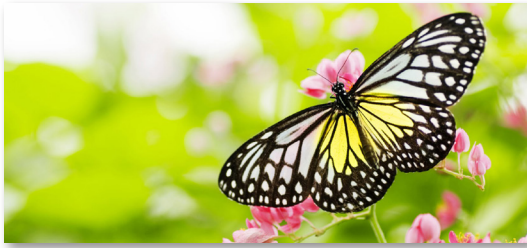


## 5 Tips for a Butterfly-Friendly Garden

**Make your yard butterfly-friendly** to bring color and movement to the landscape while aiding the pollination of flowers, fruit, and vegetable plants.

Unfortunately, urbanization and other development are shrinking butterflies' natural habitat, leaving fewer places to feed, mate, and lay eggs. Here are some tips to reverse that trend.

- Butterfly gardens don't have to be large. You can grow plants in containers on a patio or even in hanging pots and window boxes.
- Butterflies need the sun to maintain body temperature, so place your garden in the sunniest location possible.
- The key to attracting butterflies is to provide them with lots of nectar sources; they also prefer to feed on open, tube-shape flowers.
- All butterflies start out as caterpillars that require host plants on which to feed. Many of these are native plants—weeds and wildflowers that may already be growing on or near your property. Some good choices include clovers, milkweeds, and violets.
- After a rain, you may see butterflies congregating around a puddle or damp area in the garden to drink and extract minerals from the soil. Maintaining a puddle in the same spot will keep butterflies coming back.



## Star Roses My Hometown Roses®



Last fall Frank Hover, Consulting Rosarian for the American Rose Society, requested Garrison's carry **My Hometown Roses®** from Star Roses & Plants. These premium garden roses have been selected regionally as top-performers based on many years of trials throughout the country, including surviving the rigorous conditions of no-spray and no irrigation test fields on both coasts. The varieties bear the promise to be the best Garden Roses in your area and are sure to feel at home in any garden.

**My Hometown Roses®** are not presented in categories as roses typically are, the concept of My Hometown Roses® is approachable and varieties will likely be selected for their flower form, color, or fragrance. Simply put, My Hometown Roses® are roses that **love** where you **live**.



### **Climbing**

Raspberry Cream Twirl

### **Floribunda**

Bolero  
Orchid Romance

### **Grandiflora**

Cherry Parfait  
Mother of Pearl  
Tahitian Treasure

### **Hybrid Tea**

Eternal Flame  
Francis Meiland  
Pink Traviata  
Traviata



Join fellow rose enthusiast to share, learn and grow!  
American Rose Society - [rose.org](http://rose.org) | Shreveport Rose Society - [gulfdistrictrose.org](http://gulfdistrictrose.org)

## 2018 Perennial Plant of the Year Allium 'Millenium'



A truly impressive hybrid ornamental onion, *Allium Millenium* is considered to be the best available in years. Unlike many ornamental Alliums, this hybrid is clump-forming and seeding is much less an issue.

We adore this Allium for its numerous virtues: attractive, shiny deep green foliage, profuse display of bright rose-purple flowered globes, vigorous growth rate, and its drought tolerance. Butterflies and bees adore the flowers' sweet nectar but deer and rabbits steer clear of this perennial beauty.

Best of all Allium Millenium is a foolproof companion plant that looks great with many other summer blooming perennials. May be best when combined with a bushy, low-growing perennial to hide the withering onion leaves at blooming time. Blooming mid-late summer,

Millenium's gorgeous umbels cap off the season and provide much needed color as other flowers begin to decline. This low-maintenance perennial will not disappoint!

## New Proven Winners® Perennials

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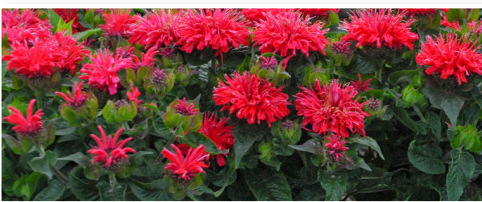
The **Proven Winners®** brand of premium plants was created to help gardeners at every level succeed in growing healthy, beautiful plants. It's high-performance plants are tested for: resistance to disease and insects; tolerance for heat and humidity; season-long color; extensive blooms; need for fewer chemicals; ease of growth; garden performance and appearance. **Proven Winners®** plants are very popular in the gardening world and at Garrison's too. Michelle William, our bedding plant manager, has continued to expand our one gallon selection of premium perennials. Here are the new varieties of **Proven Winner®** plants available this year:



**Aruncus - Chantilly Lace**



**Daylily - Ruby Spider**



**Monarda - Pardon My Cerise**



**Phlox - Opening Act Blush**

**ARUNCUS DIOICUS**  
**(Goats Beard)**

Chantilly Lace  
*Bee Friendly, Deer Resistant,*  
*Heat Tolerant*

**BAPTISIA (False Indigo)**

Sparkling Sapphires  
*Deer Resistant, Drought Tolerant*

**HERMEROCALLIS (Daylily)**

Nosferatu Orange Smoothie  
Primal Scream  
Ruby Spider  
Siloam Peony Display  
Storm Shelter  
Tiger Swirl  
*Attracts Butterflies,*  
*Drought Tolerant*

**MONARDA (Bee Balm)**

Pardon My Cerise  
Pardon My Pink  
Pardon My Purple  
*Attracts Butterflies & Hummingbirds,*  
*Bee Friendly, Deer & Mildew Resistant*

**PENSTEMON (Beard Tongue)**

Midnight Masquerade  
*Attracts Hummingbirds,*  
*Bee Friendly, Deer Resistant*

**PHLOX**

Opening Act White  
Opening Act Blush  
*Attracts Butterflies, Bee Friendly,*  
*Deer & Mildew Resistant*

**HOSTA**

Autumn Frost  
Coast to Coast  
Empress WU  
Hudson Bay  
Seducer  
Wheee!  
*Attracts Hummingbirds*



**Hosta**  
**Autumn Frost**





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## Garrison's Home & Garden Showplace Seminar and Events

### Carmen's Garden Party 🌿 Saturday, March 24 @ 11:00



Don't miss the best spring Garden Party Shreveport will have this year! **Carmen Johnston**, Garden Lifestyle Expert and celebrity in the gardening world, will share her design and plant knowledge for decorating indoors and out. Come early to secure a seat as our greenhouse will fill up quickly.

Carmen is owner of Nectar and Company, a nationally renowned commercial, residential and wedding flower and garden design business. Carmen's work has been featured in Southern Living Magazine and recently on Pickler & Ben on CMT. Interested in seeing Carmen at work? Check her out on Instagram and Facebook – Carmen Johnston Gardens.

We are super excited to announce Carmen will be available for one-on-one consultations Friday, March 23! With limited appointments, there will be service fees. Call Sandi at 318-635-6296 for more details.

40 minute container consultation and planting  
(bring clean pots or purchase new ones)  
\$75.00

45 minute landscape consultation  
(bring pictures of area needing landscape)  
\$ 95.00

### Spring Open House Friday and Saturday, April 13 & 14

April is prime shopping time at our garden center! Come check out the latest in home and garden décor, as well as shopping our greenhouses full of beautiful flowers. Enjoy a deal or two along with hot dogs, popcorn, and old-fashioned bottled drinks! Shop during **Open House** and register to win a Patio Furniture Set and other door prizes!

### Mother's Day Celebration Saturday, May 12 @ 10:00 – 2:00

Celebrating **Mother's Day** has always been special at Garrison's. We have a deep tradition of giving away plants to the many beautiful ladies that visit our nursery on this weekend. Mr. Garrison loved to share cookies, lemonade, good conversation and of course plants. We continue this tradition and look forward to the multi-generations of ladies who come back year after year.