

Garrison's Home & Garden

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Dr Earth Organic Products

Here at Garrison's, our top priority is to ensure that we have the best products and knowledge for our customer's gardens. In our search for the best organic products on the market, we have found a new product line that we are so excited to release to you – Dr. Earth. Their mission of innovation and dedication to healthy gardening falls in line with what Garrison's hopes to provide for every one of you.

We're highlighting our Dr. Earth's soils: *Mother Land® All Purpose Planting Mix, Pot of Gold® All Purpose Potting Soil, Home Grown® Vegetable Garden Planting Mix, Root Zone® ProBiotic™ Seed Starter Mix, and Home Grown® POTting Soil.*

Dr. Earth stresses that it is imperative to have *healthy* soil because your soil is **ALIVE!** Dr. Earth uses PreBiotic™, ProBiotic™, and ProMoisture Hydrate™ in their soils.

We look forward to seeing you here March 21st when a representative of Dr. Earth will be here to tell you more about their organic, innovative products that you can now buy right here at Garrison's.



Home Grown®
Vegetable Garden
Planting Mix



Pot of Gold®
All Purpose Potting Soil



Mother Land®
All Purpose Planting Mix



Root Zone® ProBiotic™
Seed Starter Mix



Home Grown®
POTting Soil

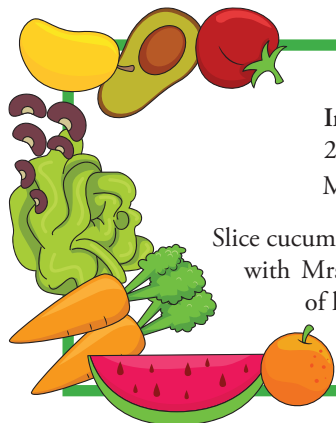


Mary Wark, a loyal customer since 1975, has many fond memories of shopping at Garrison's and gardening with her late husband, Mike. In fact, Mike's passion for gardening developed after she "transplanted" him from California to Louisiana. Needless to say, Mike "transplanted well," Mary says, and his curiosity about the foliage here in Louisiana blossomed into



a beloved hobby. Currently, Mary visits Garrison's to maintain his beautiful Country Cottage Garden at their home near Greenwood – although now with a touch of her free-spirited flair.

Vitex, *Weigela*, *Belinda's Dream Rose* and *Drift Roses* are some of her favorite plants, along with peaches and mayhaw for her homemade jellies. Her red Weigela – an incidental purchase after coming to Garrison's in search of pink and only finding red – turned out to be the most outstanding plant in her garden last year – a true "showstopper"! Mary also loves plants that reseed, like the *California Poppies* that line her walkway, *Passalong Phlox* and *Fuschia*. Our mulch tops her list of Garrison's favorites, as well. However, shopping at Garrison's isn't all about the blooms or the mulch for her; Mary loves to give to local businesses and praises Garrison's for its warm, friendly atmosphere. Among her fond memories, along with ours here at Garrison's, is the hospitality of the late Mr. Garrison. He was always happy to see Mary and Mike when they visited and would give them a complimentary plant. The Wark's beautiful garden has not gone without praise; it has been featured two times on the Master Gardener tour. It's safe to say that Mary will continue to be one of our most dedicated customers, and we greatly appreciate her patronage.



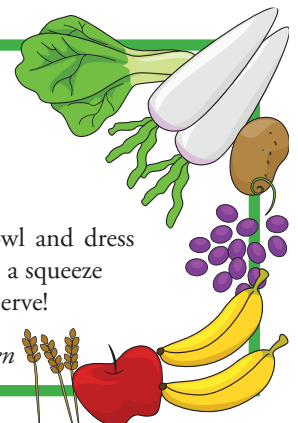
Mediterranean Cucumber Salad

Ingredients:

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| 2 large cucumbers | 1 small red onion | 1 large tomato |
| Mrs. Dash's Lemon Herb Peppercorn Marinade | | Dash of salt |

Slice cucumbers and red onion, and dice the tomato. Add ingredients into a large salad bowl and dress with Mrs. Dash's Lemon Herb Peppercorn Marinade (to taste). No Mrs. Dash's? Add a squeeze of lemon juice and sprinkle some pepper on top. Mix until evenly distributed and serve!

Recipe courtesy of Shreveport Green



Garrison's Home & Garden Showplace Seminars and Events

50 Shades of Roses • Saturday, March 21 • 10:30 am

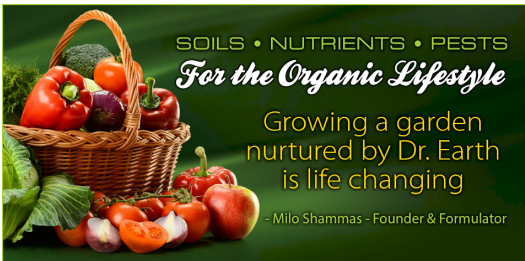


Our dear friend, **Lothar Benhke** from **Week's Roses**, one of the largest commercial rose growers in the United States since 1938, will return as our guest speaker. Lothar will delightfully discuss the more than fifty shades of roses along with getting the most out of your rose bed. This seminar is not only informative for the beginner rose gardener but also for the experienced one.

2015 Rose Brochure is available at www.garrisonsnursery.com



Healthy Garden, Healthy You...You Are What You Eat • Saturday, March 21 • 2:00 pm



Garrison's is very excited to launch **Dr. Earth Organic Products** this spring. Dr. Earth is considered by many to be the most innovative organic gardening company in the United States. Please join us for this seminar to introduce you to our new organic product line.

A Dr. Earth representative will be on hand to discuss the advantage of a healthy soil and the differences of using organic vs synthetic fertilizer. He will also discuss which organic ingredients are healthy; and the differences between soluble and non-soluble fertilizers.

Spring Open House • Saturday, April 11 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Enjoy the day at **Garrison's!** Each department will have a special **SALE**, good only during our **OPEN HOUSE**. Hotdogs, popcorn and good old fashioned bottled drinks will be served. Door Prizes will be given away too!

Planting demonstrations by our amazing employees will be going on all day. Come see what interesting and imaginative planters they can create. These are a few to look forward to:

**Great
door
prizes!**

Fairy Gardens

Casey Carroll
10:30 am



Succulent Containers

Casey Carroll
11:30 am



Herb Gardening

Juli Campbell
1:30 pm



Free Admission • Refreshments • Door Prizes

Farm to Fork with Shreveport Green • Saturday, April 25 • 10:30 am



Shreveport Green will be on hand to share with our customers their wonderful work in the community with their Mobile Market and community gardens. With the Mobile Market they break down barriers to healthy, fresh, affordable food by taking fresh fruits and vegetables to the consumers, mainly low-income neighborhoods and food deserts. They will demonstrate healthy ways to prepare food from local farmers along with sharing their recipes! Enjoy the Mobile Market recipe in this newsletter.



KTBS: First Cup with First News & GIVE FOR GOOD • Tuesday, May 5 • 4:30 am - 4:00 pm



Two exciting projects in one day! One **EARLY** day! Our first event is *First Cup with First News*. KTBS and their news team will broadcast a live remote from Garrison's beginning at 4:30am. You are invited to join us for a cup of coffee and see firsthand how a live newscast is made.



Our second one is our 2015 community project. Shreveport Green will join us during the KTBS live broadcast and for part of the day as we promote Give for Good. What is *Give for Good*? Give for Good is a 24-hour online giving challenge led by The Community Foundation of North Louisiana to raise unrestricted dollars for the nonprofits in our community. It is a day of giving and we are happy to be a donation station and support Shreveport Green with their fundraising. If you would like to give to Shreveport Green during Give for Good, you can do so in two different ways: visit www.giveforgoodnla.org and type in Shreveport Green in the organization box. This will lead you to the donation form or stop by our donation station at Garrison's and one of our employees will help with your online donation.

SAVE THE DATE 05-05-15 for Giving!

Mother's Day Celebration • Saturday, May 9 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



A Garrison's tradition - a day early! First 100 ladies to visit Garrison's will receive a free plant. This is a tradition that Mr. Garrison started many years ago. Refreshments will be served.

WE WILL BE CLOSED MOTHER'S DAY.

Visit our website www.garrsionsnursery.com to view our weekly ads and sign-up for our E-Newsletter

Design an Evening Garden

Between busy work schedules and hot, humid days, the evening garden--one that features plants with intoxicating scents and those with light colored flowers and foliage--offers the perfect escape.

When you design your evening garden, whether you start with a blank canvas or refurbish part of your existing garden, here are a few points to consider:

1. Make sure that you have easy access to enjoy your plants.

Don't place it too far from your back door, you're less likely to take advantage of it. Instead, if you walk out the back door to a small patio or terrace, that is at least partially enclosed, it will fast become your favorite escape.

*For a fragrant evergreen hedge, **Jubilation Gardenia** is the perfect choice, or you can create a screen by grouping several large pots of gardenias. Other white flowering shrubs for screening that will glow in the evening light include: **White Dove Camellia**, and for a low hedge, **Emerald Snow Loropetalum**.*

2. A well-lit walkway that is comfortable to walk on is also key.

Solar lights are an option too.

3. Level paths and even surfaces are best for strolling.

For gardens that are more formal, you may use flagstone wide enough for two people to walk comfortably side-by-side. If your garden is informal, mulch is an option. Whichever type of material you choose, the path should invite you into the garden to discover what lies around the corner.

If you use pea gravel, smaller sizes are typically more comfortable to walk on.

4. Include an area to sit and enjoy your garden.

The type of seating you use should relate to the style of your home, creating a harmonious feel, helping to tie the two together.

5. An outdoor dining area with lighting or an arbor with a ceiling fan, are other options to help you get the most out of your garden.

6. If space is limited, a group of plants, whether in the ground, or in containers, will make more of an impact that a few plants dotted here and there.

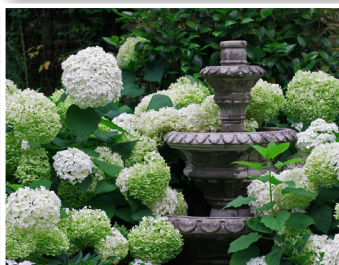
7. Adding a water garden with recirculating water, even a small self-contained one in a decorative pot, will add the welcome element of sound and the illusion of cooling, even on the hottest of nights.

Additional plants that will stand out in your evening garden:

August Beauty Gardenia
Everillo Carex
Frost Proof Gardenia
Lemon Lime Nandina
Lemon Zest Abelia
Mojo Pittosporum
Natchez Crepe Myrtle
Scentsation Gardenia
Sunshine Ligustrum
Variegated Ginger
Variegated Hosta
White Dogwood
White Encore Azalea
Annabelle Hydrangea
Snow Queen Hydrangea
Snow White Indian Hawthorn
Endless Summer White Hydrangea

Bedding Plants with varieties available in white:

Alysum
Astilbe
Bacopa
Begonia
Caladiums
Calibrachoa
Geranium
Impatiens
Lobelia
Petunia
Verbena
Vinca





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Southern Living Plant Collection **New Plant Introductions**

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We are excited to announce the new additions that we will stock this year from the Southern Living Plant Collection. Not only are these plants beautiful and unique, they have been evaluated to make sure they will perform for you, season after season, year after year.



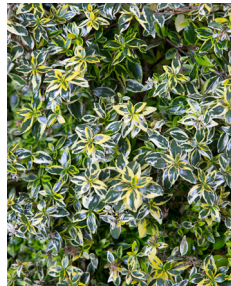
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Design-A-Line
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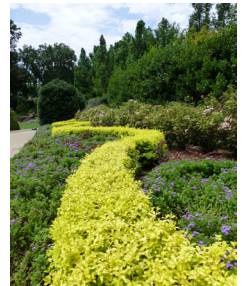
Lemon Lime
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Abelia



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Sunshine
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