

# Sacramento Garden Notes

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Below -Species Cyclamen in bloom – this C. Hederifolia has been in bloom all of July and is still going strong. It is supposed to be a fall bloomer. I found this at Mendocino Botanic Garden in Fort Bragg last year.



**August Garden Notes** – well, the last week of July broke records for heat and we've had more near or plus 100 days than last year. Add in watering restrictions and that is really rough on plants. I've had a number of plants scorch lately and will just have to wait for cooler temps and for them to grow new foliage.

Hopefully we will have our typical spell of cooler August weather sometime this coming month.

Plants that have done blooming can be trimmed back and in many cases (such as Japanese Balloon Flower (Platycodon) can actually be gotten to bloom again in late summer by giving them a good cutting back now.

With the shortening days this month, many fall bloomers are triggered to start budding by late month. Also, many spring blooming trees and shrubs set blossoms such as Camellia, Azalea, Rhododendron, deciduous Magnolia, and many others have set buds for winter/spring bloom. Doing much pruning of these items now can cut back or prevent blooming.

You can still get a late crop of bushbeans if planted soon using a short crop time type.

A feeding of the yard right now will increase late summer/ fall growth and blooming.

I am digging up and/ or offering for sale several items from the yard next week (Tuesday thru Sunday Aug 4-10). A large growing Rudbeckia (6 ft), Several large pots of Elephant ears of different types, and some other items that are simply taking up too much room. I also have some winter growing/spring blooming bulbs such as Chasmante, species Gladiolia (white) and a few other items.

Speaking of Bulbs, plan ahead for fall planting!

### **Help the kids at Sunburst and get a great bulb selection!!**

One mail order source of a HUGE selection of bulbs I'd recommend is Brent and Becky's Bulbs. For those of you who want a mail order catalog, the address is:

Brent and Becky's Bulbs

7900 Daffodil Lane

Gloucester, VA 23061

Toll-free: (877) 661-2852

For those of you who want to visit online, you can not only get a great selection but can also help the kids at Sunburst Projects by going to:

[www.bloominbucks.com](http://www.bloominbucks.com)

Choose Sunburst Projects from the list of charities and it will then take you to the regular Brent and Becky's Bulbs catalog to place your order. Sunburst will get a percentage (25%) of your order at no additional cost to you!



Chasmanthe are sun loving, winter growing and spring blooming, and can tolerate bone dry summers while dormant, like other South Africans such as Ixia, Freesia, Sparaxis and others. I have fresh dug bulbs available Now.

**NO MORE PLASTIC POTS or Flats! I do NOT need any as I am NOT growing perennials for sale**

**anymore. Plastic pots are now accepted in recycle containers in Sacramento! Bob**



Scilla peruviana is a winter growing, spring flowering bulb for our area. It likes a sunny spot, and since is dormant in summer does not need much (but can tolerate) summer water.



Peruvian Daffodil grows here, and I even have one customer that says they do well up in the north valley for her. I have a couple one gallon size on clearance @ \$3 each.



Achillea Moonshine is one of the clumpng taller Yarrows that doesn't run like some of the smaller growers do. I also have some small pots of one of the smaller types in red shades that I grew from seed and will bloom next season.



Above, the double Columbine 'Clementine Dark Purple. Top of next Column, Columbine Clementine Salmon – Both are on the \$2 perennial clearance.



Erigeron is a California native with evrgreen foliage, likes sun, withstands drought and blossoms attract pollinating insects. I grows 8-12 inches tall and up to 2 ft wide. It is one of the items being overlooked in the clearance sale since it is not in bloom at the moment.

**Yes, for those wondering, I plan on continuing Garden Notes for now!** Bob

As of this evening, Sunday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, the following are among the plants available on the clearance sale. Far from all are listed here. All subject to prior sale. All Perennials up to 4" pots \$2, 1 GAL \$3, Begonias \$3

Abutilon mixed  
Achille Moonshine  
Achillea Red Shades  
Austrantea rosea  
Agastache Tutti Fruity  
Astilbe in pink and red  
Begonia starters – assorted varieties  
Cannas – assorted  
Columbine Clementine Dark Purplf  
Columbine Clemintine Salmon  
Coreopsis in 3 varities  
Crinum -pink  
Daylilly – a few gallons that lost their nametags.  
Epimedium yellow  
Epmedium Berkely Horticultural  
Erigeron – Blue  
Foxglove Strawberry – perennial  
Foxglove assorted  
Geranium macrorhizza  
Geranium sanguineum  
Geum Tall Yellow  
Hedychriums – hardy Ginger, assorted varieites.  
Hibiscus coccineus  
Hibiscus Luna White with Red Eye  
Hollyhock Halo mix – perennial  
Hosta Wide Brim  
Japanese Iris  
Merrybells  
Pacific Coast Iris starters  
Rudbeckis Indian Summer  
Rudbeckia Prairie Sun  
Rudbeckia triloba new red & yellow variety  
Salvia assorted one of a kinds  
Salvia elegans (Pineapple Sage)  
Salvia gensneriaefolia  
Salvia lyrata  
Salvia ulginosa  
Saponaria officialis

Sedums – assorted ground cover types  
Sedum upright Brilliant  
Sinningia tubiflora  
Sisyrinchium californicum (yellow Blue eyed grass, native)  
Wood Poppy (Sytlophorus)



Above, Rudbeckia triloba Prarie Glove, a new multicolored form of this species.



Above, Hardy Hibiscus White with red eye. One of the Luna Series (3 ft tall mound)

**Reminder – Clearance runs this Tues thru Sunday, August 4 thru 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm daily. I'll be pulling items from the back no sale area as things sell, so you may want to check back if you've already been in. Thanks! Bob**