



Design Guidelines

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LANDSCAPE – PLANT GUIDE: PERENNIALS, ANNUALS & BULBS



View this Design Guideline online and store it electronically if needed. If you wish to print some of this information, please print only the section(s) or page(s) you need.

See also: *Design Guidelines: Landscape – Design & Planning* for information on submitting a request to change your landscape plan.

See also: *Design Guidelines: Landscape – Plant Guide: Ground Covers, Vines, Turf*

See also: *Design Guidelines: Landscape – Plant Guide: Palms, Tropicals & Cold-Sensitive*

See also: *Design Guidelines: Landscape – Plant Guide: Shrubs*

See also: *Design Guidelines: Landscape – Plant Guide: Trees*

Partners in Maintaining and Enhancing Celebration’s Beauty

Since its formation in April of 1997, the Garden Club of Celebration has played many roles related to the outdoor beauty of the community. Just a few examples include early updates to the Plant Resource Guide, development of the Master Gardener program in Celebration, design and refurbishment of community spaces, and perhaps most familiar to residents – the twice annual pine straw sale which is a key fundraiser for the Garden Club’s annual scholarship program.

Most recently the Club completed a major review and update of the Plant Guide which provides the “go to” reference for Celebration property owners when they want to update their landscaping.

The Garden Club of Celebration provides an environment where gardeners of all types can thrive – from novices to Master Gardeners. More information on the Club and their monthly programs, which are open to all residents, is available in the *Celebration News*, on the Front Porch website, or by contacting Town Hall.

Thanks also to the University of Florida/IFAS Extension

As a complete replacement of the former Plant Resource Guide, the new Plant Guide uses the state-developed Florida-Friendly plant database as the initial plant inventory. Plants which are not appropriate for Central Florida were removed. Other plants were added or removed based on actual experience in Celebration. Information was added for specific plants which may assist residents in making selections which are cost-effective and suitable for the level of maintenance desired.

Can’t find a particular plant or don’t know the name?

- See the companion document *Design Guidelines: Landscape – Plant Guide Cross Reference* which has all plants listed by “common” name(s).
- Want to do more research? Visit these helpful websites:

- Florida-Friendly Landscaping Plant Database at www.floridayards.org
- Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants at www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu








A Viburnum is a Viburnum is a Viburnum ... Not!


Pay special attention to specific plant variety names to ensure you purchase the correct plant and plant characteristics you expect. In many species, there may be wide variation in the individual members. For example, the *viburnum* species has as many as 175 different types of shrubs and trees; some may reach 20' tall, while others typically grow to be only 3' tall. Often a traditional nursery (versus a home improvement center) will carry several varieties and have more information on growth habits.
























When selecting plants, take into account their water requirements – are they tolerant of soggy soil (such as former swampland)? Do they need regular watering (which may not be available during periods of water restrictions)? In addition, your sprinkler system may benefit from updating to have a portion use a drip or emitter system.









Notes about the Plant List:

Botanical Name	Listed alphabetically within each major section
Common Name	
	Plants native to Florida (marked with this symbol) may grow better and be easier to maintain than non-natives
Minimum Size at Installation [Height x Spread]	
Where Plant May Be Used	Front, Side, Alley or Private Zone. If definitions are needed, refer to <i>Design Guidelines: Zones & Lot Restrictions</i>
Water Needs	
Growth Rate	Assumes <i>ideal</i> growing conditions
Height x Spread at Maturity	Assumes <i>ideal</i> growing conditions
Light Range	 Full Sun  Partial Shade  Shade
Wildlife (attracts these)	 Butterflies  Hummingbirds  Other birds
Description	Taken primarily from the Florida-Friendly Plant List. Additional text has been incorporated into the descriptions from numerous sources deemed reliable.

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PERENNIALS						
Technically, a perennial is any plant that normally lives 3 or more years. Most gardeners think of perennials as herbaceous (as opposed to woody) plants that may or may not die back to the ground in winter. Perennials are often mixed in beds and borders to achieve a more natural look than a formal flowerbed of annuals. Many, especially those that don't die back in winter, are grown in containers. (Source: Floridata.com)						











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<i>Bulbine frutescens</i> Stalked Bulbine		All Areas Medium	Medium 1½ -2' x ½ -1'	 		Blue green smooth textured thin leaves; orange and gold flowers in spring / summer; survives in poor soil;
<i>Coreopsis spp.</i> Tickseed, Coreopsis		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-4' x 1-3'	 		Florida's state wildflower; orange/yellow flowers in Summer; may be annual or short-lived perennial, depending on species; 'cherry lemonade' is pink
<i>Dianella spp.</i> Flax Lily		All Areas Low	Fast 1-2' x 1-2'	 		Flowers variable: <i>Dianella tasmanica</i> 'Variegata'; most attractive; can be cold sensitive in hard frost; well drained soil
<i>Dryopteris eythrosora</i> Autumn Fern, Japanese Shield Fern, Japanese Wood Fern		All Areas Medium to High	Slow Varies' x Varies			250 species available; choose species adapted to your area; used as cut foliage; Well drained soil; works best in full shade
<i>Euryops spp.; incl chrysanthemoides</i> Daisy Bush, African Bush Daisy		All Areas Low	Medium 3-6' x 3-6'	 		Region varies by species, choose species appropriate to climate; flowers variable
<i>Evolvulus glomeratus ssp. grandiflorus</i> Blue Daze		All Areas Medium	Medium ½-1' x 1-2'			Blue flowers in Spring to Summer
<i>Gaillardia spp.</i> Blanket Flower		All Areas Low	Fast 1-2' x 2-3'			Yellow/red flowers in Summer; used in floral arrangements; no pest problems; well drained soil
<i>Helianthus argophyllus</i> Silverleaf Sunflower		All Areas Medium	Fast 4-6' x 1-2'			Yellow flower; attractive against foliage; some varieties invasive
<i>Helianthus debilis</i> Beach Sunflower		All Areas Low	Fast 1-4' x 2-4'			Yellow/purple flowers all year; develops fungus if planted in wet areas; no pest problems
<i>Iris hexagona</i> Louisiana Iris, Blue Flag Iris		All Areas High	Medium 2-5' x ½'	 		Purple flowers in Spring; tolerates partial shade but flowers best in full sun; good for wet areas or rain gardens
<i>Iris virginica</i> Virginia Iris, Blue Flag Iris		All Areas Medium	Medium 4-7' x 1-3'	 		Lavender flowers in spring; for wet areas
<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> Shrimp Plant		All Areas Medium	Fast 2-6' x 2-4'	 		White flowers on rusty bracts in Summer; no major pest problems, but watch for caterpillars; grow in full sun for compact growth and better flowering; killed to ground when freezes but comes back.
<i>Lantana involucrata</i> Wild Sage, Buttonsage		All Areas Medium	Fast 2-5' x 1-5'			White flowers all year

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<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Japanese Silver Grass' Zebra Grass		All Areas Low	Fast 4-8' x 2-4'			Ornamental grass; many varieties; look great in Summer and even better in Winter
<i>Neomarica gracilis</i> Walking Iris		All Areas Low	Medium 2-3' x 2-3'			White/blue flowers in Spring to Fall
<i>Odontonema strictum</i> Firestrike Purple, Cardinal Flame, Scarlet Flame		All Areas Medium	Fast 3-4' x 2-3'			Blooms all year round, striking crimson flowers and glossy/shiny leaves; deer love firespike and can kill it if over fed on ; in mild Winters can stay evergreen
<i>Oenothera lindheimeri</i> Whirling Butterflies, Appleblossom Grass		All Areas Low	Medium 2-3' x 2-3'			White/near white bowl shaped flowers; can be planted in areas with no irrigation; the pink variety can be invasive
<i>Phaius tankervilleae</i> Nuns Orchid, Chinese Ground Orchid		All Areas Medium	Medium 2-3' x 1-2'			Bulblike root; late spring sends up tall stalk bearing clusters of nodding reddish brown fragrant flowers; prefers to keep the leaves dry
<i>Plectranthus spp.</i> Plectranthus		All Areas Medium	Fast Varies x Varies			Flowers variable; <i>'Mona Lavender'</i> was one of the FNGLA Plants of the Year in 2004
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> Rudbeckia		All Areas High	Fast 3' x 3'			Orange coneflower produces masses of golden color all Summer long
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Black-Eyed Susan		All Areas Medium	Medium 2-3' x 1-2'			Large yellow-orange to reddish-orange flowers in Summer; does not tolerate prolonged, wet weather
<i>Salvia farinacea</i> Mealycup Sage, Blue Sage		All Areas Low	Fast 1-4' x 1-2'			Multiple spikes of blue flowers; leaves soft and light green tending to silver; can be used as a blue flowering hedge
<i>Salvia spp.</i> Salvia, Sage		All Areas Medium	Fast Varies x Varies			Flowers variable; attracts wildlife; well drained soil; prefers acidic soil
<i>Sedum spectabile</i> Showy Sedum, showy stonecrop		Private Zone Only Medium	Fast 1-2' x 1-2'			Fleshy, succulent leaves; blooms with star shaped pink flowers up to 6" in diameter; will die down in Winter to its tuberous roots
<i>Senecio cineraria</i> Dusty Miller, Silver Ragwort		All Areas Medium	Fast ½ -1½' x ½ -1½'			Evergreen silver grey foliage with bright yellow flowers; does best in well drained soil; is sometimes best grown as a Winter annual
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i> Blue-eyed Grass		All Areas Medium	Fast ½ -1½' x ½ -1½'			Blue flowers in Spring
























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<i>Stokesia laevis</i> Stokes' Aster		All Areas Low	Fast 1-2' x 1-2'			Blue/white flowers in Summer; many cultivars; evergreen
<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i> Society Garlic		All Areas Low	Medium / Fast 1-2' x 1-2'			Lavender flowers in Spring-Fall; relatively pest free; does not flower well in shade; plant has strong garlic scent
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i> Purple Verbena		All Areas Low	Fast 3-6' x 1-3'			Small purple flowers in clusters 2-3 inches across; flowers all Summer long; pinch out shoots in Spring to encourage branching

ANNUALS & BULBS

Technically, an annual is a plant that completes its life cycle from germination to seeding to death in one year. However, in most horticultural circles an annual is any plant that blooms its first year from seed, whether or not it is capable of surviving another year. Annuals are usually selected for their color and planted in containers, beds or formal borders. (Source: Floridata.com)

<i>Ageratum spp.</i> Ageratum		All Areas High	Medium ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Many cultivars; purple/white flowers all year; well drained soil
<i>Amaranthus spp.</i> Amaranth, Love-lies-bleeding		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-2' x 1-2'			many cultivars; attractive foliage; inconspicuous flowers; well drained soil; some have edible leaves
<i>Angelonia angustifolia</i> Angelonia, Narrowleaf angelon		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-3' x 1-3'			White and/or blue flowers in Summer; can be grown as an annual bedding plant but survives winters; well drained soil
<i>Begonia semperflorens</i> Wax Begonia		All Areas High	Slow ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Flowers variable; watch for powdery mildew and nematodes; grows as an annual in central regions; well drained soil
<i>Belamcanda chinensis</i> Blackberry Lily, Leopard Lily		All Areas Medium	Fast 2-3' x 1-2'			Red, Orange and Yellow flowers in mid/late Summer early Fall
<i>Caladium x hortulanum</i> Caladium		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-2' x 1-2'			Good container plant; attractive foliage (red/rose/pink/white/silver/bronze/green); leaves die back naturally in the Fall ; pest sensitive; well drained soil
<i>Calendula spp.</i> Pot Marigold		All Areas High	Fast 1-1½' x 1-1½'			Yellow/orange flowers in Winter-Spring; well drained soil
<i>Celosia spp.</i> Cockscomb, Feathered Amaranth		All Areas High	Fast ½ -2' x ½ -1'			Many cultivars; flowers variable, in Summer; well drained soil
<i>Cleome hassleriana, spinosa</i> Spider flower, Spider legs		All Areas Low	Medium 1-4' x 1-2'			6 month flowering season; white, lavender, pink, great container plant can be shaped: looks like marijuana.

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<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> Croton, Variegated Laurel		Private Zone Only High	Medium 1-4' x 1-3'			Grown for foliage colors; not frost hardy ; grow as Summer annual and have a bonus year if the Winter is mild.
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i> Mexican Aster, Cosmos		All Areas Medium	2-4' x 2'			Pink, red, or white flowers; will self seed
<i>Cosmos sulphureus</i> Orange Cosmos		All Areas Medium	2-6' x 2'			Yellow and orange flowers; will self seed on bare soil
<i>Crossandra spp.</i> Firecracker Flower		All Areas Medium	Fast ½ -4' x 1-3'			Region varies by species, choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; can be used as annual in central regions
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California Poppy		All Areas Low	Fast ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Brilliant orange, red, or yellow cup shaped flowers; grayish fernlike leaves; grow best in poor well drained soil
<i>Gazania spp.</i> Gazania, Treasure Flower		All Areas Low	Medium ½ -1' x 1-2'			Yellow/orange/red flowers in Summer; no major pest problems, but roots may rot from overwatering; well drained soil
<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i> African Daisy		Private Zone Only Medium	Fast ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Large daisy shaped flowers in many colors; excellent for cut flowers; will die to the roots in frost
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i> Amaranth common globe		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-2' x 1'			Clover like flower heads; can be dried; good edging plants
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> Sunflower		All except Front Medium	Fast 4-10' x 1'			Yellow flowers; This plant is attractive to bees; resistant to deer
<i>Hippeastrum spp. and hybrids</i> Amaryllis		All Areas Medium	Medium 1-3' x 1-3'			Red/white flowers in spring
<i>Impatiens balsamina</i> Touch-Me-Not, Balsam		All Areas High	Fast 1-3' x 1-2'			White; orange; red; pink; purple flowers single and double; leaves up to 6" long
<i>Impatiens spp.</i> Impatiens		All Areas High	Medium ½ -1' x 1'			Flowers variable; not frost hardy
<i>Lobularia maritima</i> Sweet Alyssum		All Areas Medium	Medium ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Purple/white/pink flowers in winter; tolerates light frost

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<i>Pardancanda norissi</i> Blood Lily		All Areas Medium	Fast 2-3' x 1-2'			Red, bright yellow, violet/lavender flowers in mid/late Summer early Fall; spiky flowers like an Allium
<i>Pentas lanceolata</i> Pentas, Starflower		All Areas Medium	Fast 2-4' x 2-3'			Many cultivars; red/pink/white/lilac flowers in Summer; no pest problems; freezing temperatures kill plant to the ground
<i>Petunia x hybrida</i> Petunia		All Areas High	Fast ½ -1½' x 1'			Many colors of flowers, in Fall-Spring; watch for mealy bugs, downy mildew, caterpillars and aphids; well drained soil
<i>Phlox drummondii</i> Annual Phlox, Drummond's Phlox		All Areas Medium	Fast ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Pink, Red or purple fragrant flowers; plant in masses like petunias; Winter and early Spring flowering and fades back in Summer
<i>Scadoxus multiflorus</i> Candy Lily, Football Lily, Powderpuff Lily		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-2' x 2-3'			Red Orange in late Spring early Summer; spiky flowers like an Allium
<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i> Coleus		All Areas High	Fast Varies x varies			Purple flowers in Summer; many cultivars; 'Hurricane Louise' was one of the FNGLA Plants of the Year in 2005 ; watch for mealy bugs, caterpillars, fungal diseases
<i>Tagetes spp.</i> Marigold		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-3' x 1'			Flowers variable; well drained soil
<i>Torenia fournieri</i> Wishbone Flower		All Areas High	Medium ½ -1½' x 1-1½'			Lavender/pink/blue/white flowers in Spring-Fall; watch for caterpillars and slugs; well drained soil
<i>tropaeolum majus</i> Nasturtium, Indian Cress		All Areas Low	Fast ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Red, orange, and bright yellow flowers; Perfect for introducing children to gardening ; large seeds edible.
<i>Viola spp.</i> Violet, Johnny-jump-up		All Areas High	Fast ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Great plant for the cooler months; wide range of colors; will die in Summer
<i>Viola x wittrockiana</i> Pansy		All Areas High	Slow ½ -1' x ½ -1'			Many cultivars; flowers variable, all year; no pest problems; needs regular watering in warm weather
<i>Zephyranthes candida</i> Rain Lily		All Areas Medium	Fast 1-1½' x ½ -1'			Blooms numerous times a year, usually after rain that follows a dry period; plant several close together for impact; similar to amaryllis
<i>Zinnia hybrids</i> Zinnia		All Areas Low	Fast ½ -3' x 1'			Many cultivars with various colors and flower sizes, flowering all year; watch for stem borers, chewing insects and downy mildew; choose cultivars resistant to mildew; used for cut; well drained soil.