Advanced Master Gardeners
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• Where do we go from here?
April is National Gardening Month.
In honor of National Gardening Month, Scott Meyer, Editor of *Organic Gardening* Magazine, names the top 10 gardening innovators:
Luther Burbank, breeder of more than 800 new varieties of plants – including over 200 varieties of fruits, many vegetables, nuts and grains, and hundreds of ornamental flowers.
Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of New York's Central Park. He also designed Riverside, Illinois, one of the first suburban communities.
His plan called for open space on all side of each property, essentially creating the suburban lawn.
Gertrude Jekyll, who inspired and showed English homeowners how to create "cottage gardens" full of easy to care for flowers.
W. Atlee Burpee, who popularized the full color seed catalog in the 1870s and sponsored competitive gardening contests (e.g. the biggest onion, the elusive white marigold).
Lady Bird Johnson, supporter of native plant (aka wildflowers) restoration.
Liberty Hyde Bailey, Cornell University professor and proponent of Victory Gardens to support the war effort in WWI.
John Jeavons, an advocate of intensive planting and author of the best-seller, "How to Grow More Vegetables (Than You Ever Thought Possible on Less Land Than You Can Imagine)."
Alan Titchmarsh, founder of the wildly popular BBC Gardening Program "Ground Force," on which unsuspecting gardeners have their homes relandscaped while they are away on holiday.
Kent and Diane Whealy, founders of the Seed Savers Exchange and pioneers of the heirloom craze. They have maintained about 18,000 rare varieties, including some that would otherwise be extinct.
J.I. Rodale, who coined the term "organic" for agriculture, established "Organic Farming and Gardening" magazine in 1942 and spoke out early about the connection between healthy soil, healthy food and healthy people.
Thank You and Enjoy the Summer
• Finish Your Volunteer Hours
• Recruit New Students
• Promote the Gardens and Gardening