Color For All Seasons
by Jeanette Bradfield and Torie Hancock
Plant Selection Considerations

- Soil pH
- Hardiness (Microclimates)
- Exposure
- Size/Life of the plant
- Personal preferences
Soil pH

Soil pH: the degree of acidity or alkalinity of soil.

14 – Alkaline
7 – Neutral
1 – Acidic

Guidelines:
- Ideal: between 5.5 and 7.5 Utah is about 8
- Acceptable: between 5.0 and 8.2
- Acid Loving Azaleas, Rhododendron, Magnolias
- Alkaline Loving Juniper, Russian Olive, Salt Cedar
Hardiness

- USDA Hardiness Zone Map
- Average annual minimum temperature

Our area is a safe 4-5 (-10 to -30F)
Microclimates

- Microclimates can be good or bad
- Valleys, nooks, hillsides...
- North and South facing walls
Exposure

- Solar requirements:
  - Full sun
  - Full shade
  - Part sun/shade (The safe one)
Size and Life of the Plant

- Right plant in the right place
- Consider mature height and width
- Growth rate
- Power lines
- Sidewalks, driveways and roads
- Other plants
Personal Preferences

- It’s your yard! Plant what you like!
- Have one area that always shines!
Spring
Chiondoxa Lucillae
Crocus
Daffodils
Dutch Iris
Euphorbia
Fritillaria

CHOOSING A FRAGRANCE

The real key in choosing a fragrance for your garden is to smell the plants before you buy them. A fragrance that a friend raves about, may be unpleasant to you.

- Geoffrey Bernie
Hyacinths
Ranunculus
Tulips
Bergenia
Bleeding Heart
Creeping Phlox
Dianthus
English Daisy
Helleboris
Pansies
Penstemons
Poppies
Primrose
Snapdragons
Phlox
Bridal Wreath Spiraea
Flowering Almond
Flowering Quince
Lilacs
Peonies
Pussy Willow
Viburnum (Common Snowball)
Viburnum (Leather Leaf)
Magnolia Trees and Shrubs
Flowering Cherries
(Kwanzan)
Royalty Crabapple
Snowcloud Crabapple
Flowering Crabapples
Flowering Plums
Eastern Redbud
Dragons Blood Sedum
Lamium (Beacon Silver)
Summer
Begonia Tuberous
Calla Lily
Canna Lily
Daylily
Dahlia
Iris
Alyssum (Easter Basket)
Begonia Fibrous or Wax
Coleus
Cosmos
Daisy
Fuchsia
Hosta
Heliotrope
Geranium
Gazania
Impatiens
Lantana
Lisianthus
Lobelia
Nicotiana (aka Tobacco Plant)
Petunias

[Images of petunias]
Salvia
Scaevola
Verbena
Vinca
Zinnia (Profusion)
Butterfly Bush
Hibiscus
Roses
Rose of Sharon
Weigela
Clematis
Creeping Jenny
California Red Fountain Grass
Autumn
Asters
Chrysanthemum
Delphiniums
Dianthus
Fall Crocus (Colchicum)
Ornamental Cabbage (Kale)
Pansies
Snapdragons
Cotoneaster
Dwarf Burning Bush
Heavenly Bamboo
Roses (Rose Hips)
Sumac (Smooth)
Hawthorns
Crabapples
Ivy (Boston)
Sedum (Autumn Joy)
Winter
Blue Spruce
Blue Spruce (Baby Blue Eyes)
Blue Spruce (Fat Albert)
Cedar of Lebanon (Weeping Form)
Columnar Oak
Eastern Red Bud
Paper Bark Maple
Turkish Filbert
White Paper Birch
Dogwood
Contorted Filbert Shrub
Our sincere gratitude goes to Leana Morris and Alex Morris for sharing with us their knowledge, friendship and love for gardening.

Jeanette Bradfield and Torie Hancock