



PLANT COMBINATIONS



Abstract:

Planting for both beauty and water conservation can seem overwhelming, but this class will help to give participants ideas for combining plants for beauty and simplicity. The class will cover plant combinations for park strips, foundation plantings, rock crevice gardens, and how to combine perennials and ornamental grasses.

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FOUNDATION PLANTING

BASIC COMPOSITION OF FOUNDATION PLANTINGS



ANCHOR: Largest component with strong architectural form.



FOLIAGE AND TEXTURE: A plant that provides color and texture even when not in bloom



FLOWER POWER: Flowers that bloom all season long

ANCHOR

CHAMAEBATEARIA *MILLEFOLIUM* FERNBUSH

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 4-6'
- Width: 4-6'
- Water: Very Low-Low
- Bloom Time: Summer
- Native Range: Utah
- Zones: 4-10

Care Notes: Annual pruning of dead and crossing branches; can be sheared



HIBISCUS SYRIACUS 'HELENE' ROSE OF SHARON

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 8-10'
- Width: 6-8'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Summer
- Native Range: China
- Zones: 5-9

Care Notes: Prune dead and crossing branches



SAMBUCUS NIGRA 'EVA' BLACK LACE ELDERBERRY

- Light: Full Sun to Part Shade
- Height: 6-8'
- Width: 6-8'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Summer
- Native Range: Europe and Northern Africa
- Zones: 4-7

Care Notes: Prune dead and crossing branches



FOLIAGE AND TEXTURE

SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM 'STANDING OVATION' LITTLE BLUESTEM

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 3-4'
- Width: 1-1.5'
- Water: Low
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Zones: 3-8
- Native Range: Great Plains into Wyoming

Care Instructions: Cut back to 6" in late fall or early spring. In the Spring remove any matted or dead material to encourage light and air penetration.



CALAMAGROSTIS BRACHYTRICHA KOREAN FEATHER REED GRASS

Light: Full Sun-Part Shade

Height: 2-3.5'

Width: 1.5-2'

Water: Moderate

Bloom Time: Summer-Fall

Zones: 4-9

Native Range: Eastern Asia

Care Instructions: Cut back to 6" in late fall or early spring. In the Spring remove any matted or dead material to encourage light and air penetration



SALVIA PACHYPHYLLA MOJAVE SAGE

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 2-3'
- Width: 2-3'
- Water: Very Low-Low
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Zones: 5-9

Native Range: American Southwest

Care Notes: Cut back by 1/3 in
early spring to rejuvenate plant



ARTEMISIA HYBRID POWIS CASTLE

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 2-3'
- Width: 2-3'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: N/A
- Zones: 4-9

Native Range: Mediterranean

Care Instructions: Cut back by 1/3 in early spring to rejuvenate plant. Dig up any rhizomes in unwanted areas.



FLOWER POWER

TETRANEURIS ACAULIS VAR. ARIZONICA 'SOL DANCER' SOL DANCER DAISY

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 1.5'
- Width: 1.5'
- Water: Low
- Bloom Time: Spring-Fall
- Zones: 5-10

Native Range: American West

Care Notes: Remove dead foliage
in spring



NEPETA FAASSENII 'JUNIOR WALKER' CATMINT

- Light: Full Sun-Part Sun
- Height: 1.5'
- Width: 1.5'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Spring-Fall
- Zones: 5-10

Native Range: Western Asia

Care Notes: Cut back dead foliage in fall, shear by 1/3 in July to encourage rebloom.



SALVIA GREGII 'FURMAN'S RED SAGE' AUTUMN SAGE

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 18-24"
- Width: 12-18"
- Water: Low Water
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Native Range: Texas

Care Notes: Do not cut back in fall.
Cut back old growth in spring when
new growth emerges.



ANCHOR



FOLIAGE AND TEXTURE



FLOWER POWER



PARK STRIP PLANTING

PLANTS TO USE IN A PARK STRIP



LONG SEASON OF COLOR: Individual plants that bloom for a long time and ensuring color throughout the season



LOW GROWING: Keep visual lines open to house or buildings



TEXTURE & MOVEMENT: Think beyond the flowers to foliage and grasses

**ZAUSCHNERIA
(*EPILOBIUM*)
HUMMINGBIRD TRUMPET**

- Blooms late summer-fall
- Hummingbird magnet
- Can handle part-shade
- Many different cultivars from red to pink to peach

**COMBINE WITH: LITTLE
BLUESTEM**





LAVANDER VARIETIES

- Blooms summer
- Pollinator friendly
- Fragrant
- Shear late fall back to foliage (about 1/3)
- Pale pink to dark purple

**COMBINE WITH: PINELEAF
PENSTEMON, ZAUSCHNERIA**

**MUHLENBERGIA
REVERCHONII
UNDAUNTED MUHLY
GRASS**

- Blooms late summer-fall
- Compact mounded shape
- Position for backlighting
- Low water

**COMBINE WITH: UPRIGHT
SEDUMS, ARTEMESIA
POWIS CASTLE, ASTERS**





BOUTELOUA GRACILIS 'BLONDE AMBITION'

- Mounded habit
- Combines well with perennials
- Very drought tolerant

**COMBINE WITH: SOL
DANCER DAISY, SALVIAS**

FESTUCA MAIREI ATLAS FESCUE

- Evergreen arched shape
- Easy Maintenance
- Tough and adaptable

**COMBINE WITH: HUSKER'S
RED PENSTEMON**





SHADY PARK STRIPS

- Lamb's ears (*Stachys byzantina*)
- Hardy Plumbago (*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*)
- Corsican Violet (*Viola Corsica*)
- Heucheras



**STACHYS BYZANTINA
LAMBS EARS
HELEN VON STEIN**

- Unique fuzzy foliage
- Flowering summer
- Waterwise
- shade tolerant

**COMBINE WITH:
VARIEGATED IRIS, POWIS
CASTLE ARTEMISIA**





THYMES

- Steppable
- Spreading
- Very drought tolerant
- Crowd out weeds, small-scale lawn replacemt

**OTHER OPTIONS:
VERONICAS, IRISH &
SCOTCH MOSS**

**PLANTS TO
AVOID IN A
PARKSTRIP**



TALL: Avoid tall plants for visual continuity and the safety



SPIKY PLANTS: Avoid injury



ONE HIT WONDERS: Use plants that offer foliage AND blooms!

ROCK / CREVICE GARDEN

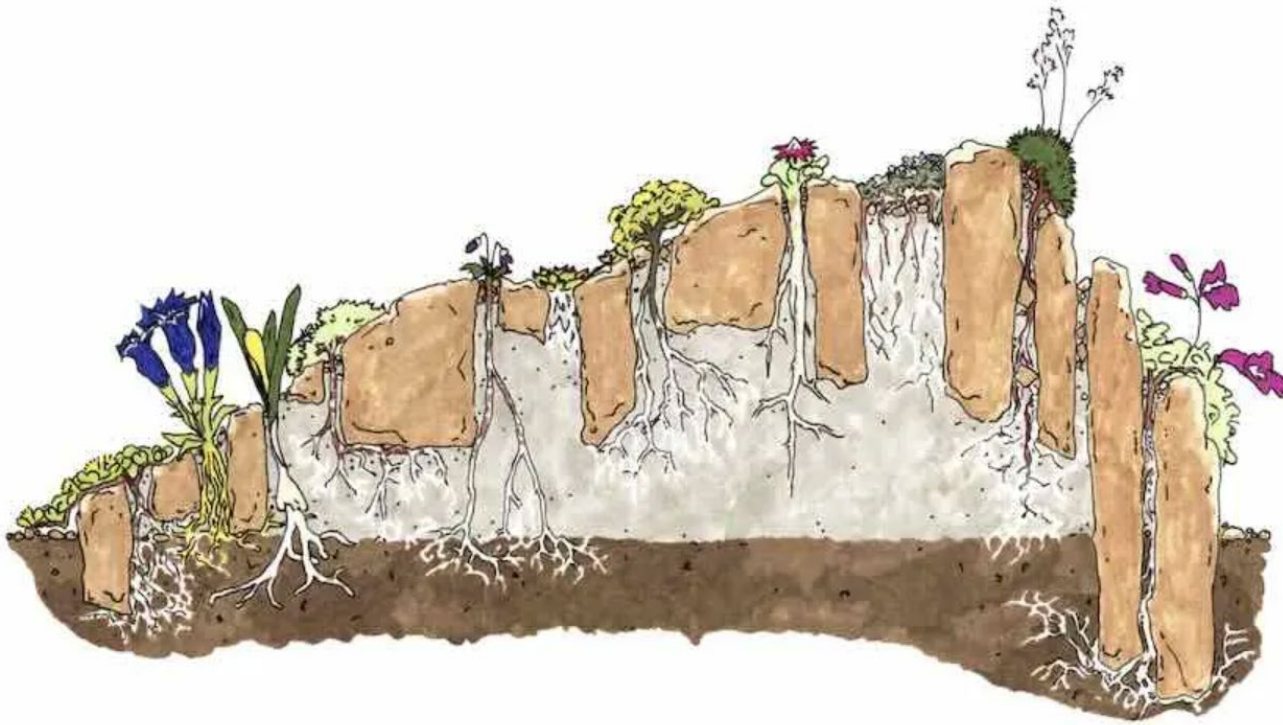


The Crevice Garden by Kenton Seth & Paul Spriggs



Denver Botanic Garden

WHAT MAKES A CREVICE GARDEN?



Recreating nature on a smaller scale

- good drainage and lean soils
- generally alpine plants that are cold hardy, drought tolerant, tough as nails
- mounded topography with careful rock placement and selection



DELOSPERMAS

- Succulent foliage
- Early blooming
- Sooo many colors

**COMBINE WITH: BLUE
SPRUCE SEDUM**

SCUTELLARIA DARK VIOLET SKULLCAP

- Blooms summer-fall
- Tidy habit
- Beautiful color and texture

**COMBINE WITH: EVENING
PRIMROSE (OENOTHERA
MACROCARPA)**





LOW-GROWING PENSTEMONS

- Blue Lips Penstemon
- Tushar's Penstemon
- Davidson's Penstemon

**COMBINE WITH: HENS &
CHICKS & SEDUMS**

EARLY BLOOMERS FOR THE CREVICE ROCK GARDEN

- Persian stonecress
(*Aethionema shistosum*)
- *Armeria splendens*
- *Phlox subulata*





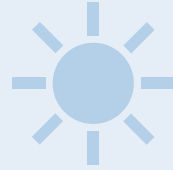
MONARDELLA MACRANTHA COYOTE MINT

- Spring Blooming with vibrant flowers
- Hummingbird magnet
- Butterfly Host

**COMBINE WITH: SALVIA
DORRII, DESERT PURPLE
SAGE**

GRASS AND PERENNIALS

BENEFITS OF GRASSES AND PERENNIALS



Seasons of interest



Beat the Weeds



Increase Biodiversity in the landscape

SPOROBOLUS HETEROLEPIS PRAIRIE DROPSEED

- Light: Full Sun-Part Sun
- Height: 2-3'
- Width: 1.5-2'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Zones: 3-9
- Native Range: American Prairie

Care Notes: Cut back to 6" in late fall or early spring. In the Spring remove any matted or dead material to encourage light and air penetration



SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM

'TWILIGHT ZONE' LITTLE BLUESTEM

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 4-4.5'
- Width: 1.5-2'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Zones: 3-9
- Native Range: American Prairie

Care Notes: Cut back to 6" in late fall or early spring. In the Spring remove any matted or dead material to encourage light and air penetration



SPOROBOLUS AIROIDES ALKALI SACATON

Light: Full Sun

Height: 2-3.5'

Width: 1.5-2.5'

Water: Very Low-Low

Bloom Time: Summer-Fall

Zones: 4-9

Native Range: Western U.S.

Care Notes: Cut back to 6" in late fall or early spring. In the Spring remove any matted or dead material to encourage light and air penetration



PANICUM VIRGATUM 'SHENANDOAH' SWITCH GRASS

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 3.5-4'
- Width: 2.5'
- Water: Moderate-Low
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Zones: 4-9
- Native Range: American Prairie

Care Notes: Cut back to 6" in late fall or early spring. In the Spring remove any matted or dead material to encourage light and air penetration



SALVIA REPTANS TEXAS GRASS SAGE

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 1.5-2'
- Width: 1.5-2'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Fall
- Zones: 5-9
- Native Range: Texas

Care Notes: Cut back dead last year's growth in spring.



AGASTACHE RUPESTRIS

SUNSET HYSSOP

- Light: Full Sun
- Height: 1.5-2'
- Width: 1.5'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Summer-Fall
- Zones: 5-9
- Native Range: Mountains of Arizona and New Mexico

Care Notes: Cut back in the spring



SALVIA NEMOROSA MEADOW SAGE

- Light: Full Sun-Part Sun
- Height: 1.5-2'
- Width: 1.5'-2'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Spring-Summer
- Zones: 3-9
- Native Range: Eurasia

Care Notes: Cut back dead foliage in spring. If the plant begins to flop cut back water.



RATIBIDA COLUMNIFERA

- Light: Full Sun-Part Sun
- Height: 1.5-2'
- Width: 1.5'-2'
- Water: Low-Moderate
- Bloom Time: Spring-Summer
- Zones: 3-9
- Native Range: Eurasia

Care Notes: Cut back dead foliage in spring. Will reseed lightly.



GRASS



SPRING-SUMMER



SUMMER-FALL



GRASS



SPRING-SUMMER



SUMMER-FALL



THANK YOU!

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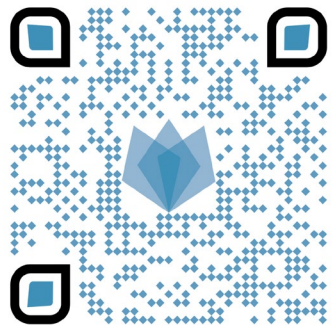
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HOME FOR PLANTS FROM ROCKY PLACES

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