

## Handout “Binetti’s Best Plants for Lazy Gardeners” [www.binettigarden.com](http://www.binettigarden.com)

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**Rule of Green Thumb:** Each garden and location is unique. Experiment, move plants, killing plants says you are learning.

**Best Container Plants Sun with Shade:** New coleus (expensive so take cuttings) Pointed leaf begonias,

Perennials for Pots: Euphorbias ‘Ascot Rainbow’ Tasmanian Tiger, Glacier Blue

Japanese Forest Grass, in urns or small pots sedum ‘Angelina’ with Hens and Chicks sedum

Favorite Perennial in and out of pots: Sedum ‘Autumn Joy’ but cut back in May, make cuttings

Phlox with no mildew: Volcano Phlox comes in pink and white

Exclamation point and pot accent plant: Black Mondo Grass –divide in spring

**Best tree for dry, rocky soil:** Smoke Tree – comes with purple or golden leaves (Cotinus coggygia)

Best no water lawn substitute: Elfin Thyme planted in crushed rock gravel

**Best winter blooming Perennial:** Hellebores – cut back foliage in winter, do not like dividing or transplanting due to brittle roots Corsican hellebores need no extra water, green blooms

**Best bulbs and corms that spread politely:** Snowdrop (Galanthus) Wood anemone, hardy cyclamen coum and cyclamen hederifolium

**Best Clematis:** Henryi (white) Jackmani (purple, summer) Nelly Moser (lavender with stripe, late spring)

**Hydrangeas:** Big leaf or H. macrophylla invest in ‘Endless Summer’ for repeat blooms. Pee Gee or pointed blooms (H. paniculata) take sun biggest blooms on H. Incrediball take sun or part shade

**Best maples:** Most Japanese maples (Acer palmative) with coral bark, paper bark and painted bark most interesting in winter

**Best groundcover for signature plant in your landscape:** for dry shade or moist sun: Lamium ‘Aureum’ (aka ‘Golden anniversary’) but any groundcover that does well in your soil, from ajuga to thyme is good for signature plant.

**Best Shrubs:** For moist soil Double File Viburnum, for sun Hypericum in new shrub forms, barberries, euonymus, Hino crimson azalea

**Future: See you at Tacoma Home Show in January, NWFG show Feb 14 – 18, Islands of New England in May. (Email me for future trip info MarianneBinetti@comcast.net)**