

## **GARDENING OLDER, GARDENING WISER**

### **A re-thinking...**

**ASSESSING the SITUATION:** start with sunny border

**DOING A WALK-AROUND:** what's too big, overgrown, don't like anymore, etc. etc. Learning to let go...

**KEEP or NOT:** a. healthy & hardy, b. foliage, c. division, d. staking e. deadheading

**THE LIST:** Master, Weekly, Daily, Punch List

**HELP:** Getting, training, keeping, paying

**DECISIONS:** go/stay, move, trim, prune

**TRANSITIONING** from Perennials to:

Small flowering shrubs

Small evergreen shrubs

Small ornamental trees

A few architectural plants

#### **PLANTS:**

Endless Summer – Hydrangea

Blue Peter Rhodendron

Red Japanese threadleaf maple

Apple Blossom Wigelia

Fringe Tree

#### **ALTERNATIVE GARDENS**

Shade gardens, woodland gardens, raised beds, containers

**FOLIAGE:** Astilbe, coleus, coral bells

**FOLIAGE:** red dwarf threadleaf maple, red twig dogwood, hosta, dicentra excimia

#### **A FEW TRIED & TRUE:**

"Profusion" Zinnia, Astilbe, Baptisia

Peony "Do Tell", Tiarella "Sugar & Spice", Verbasum "Southern Charm"

"Knock-off" Roses, Japanese iris, Clematis

Hellebores, Astilbe "Color Flash, Salvia "Purple Rain", Geranium "Roxanne", Heucherella "Stoplight"

Coreopsis "Zagreb", Nepeta, Coleus "Citron Ruffles", "Daredevil"

#### **Additional suggestions:**

Buddleia, Lo & Behold series, Callicarpa, Oak Leaf hydrangea, Spirea, Viburnum, container size clematis, etc

White Flower Farm, Blue Stone Perennials, Kennedy's, Another Blooming Thing, Rt. 123 Scituate.

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