



Container Gardening

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about creating a container garden for your enjoyment at home or office. From the simple planter to exotic containers, ideas are offered for various settings and climates using plants, flowers and vegetables. Perk up your winter blues and begin planning for your spring plantings.

Books

- *Container Gardening for All Seasons: Enjoy Year-round Color with 101 Designs* 2012 [635.986 WIS]
- *Tips for Container Gardening: 300 Great Ideas for Growing Flowers, Vegetables & Herbs* c2011 [635.986 TIP]
- *Quick and Easy Container Gardening: 20 Step-by-step Projects and Inspirational Ideas* 2008 [635.986 EVE]
- *Container Gardening for the Midwest* 2008 [635.986 ALD]
- *Container Gardening* 2004 [635.986 WIL]
- *Container Gardening: A Comprehensive Guide to Container Gardening with over 800 Photographs* 2002 [635.986 DON]

Multimedia Resources

- *Container Gardening for Dummies* 2010 Online Wilbor Website. To access ebooks visit the Johnston Public Library website: <http://www.johnstonlibrary.com/> On the homepage, click on 'virtual library' located in the left hand column; then choose 'ebooks'. This will direct you to the Wilbor site. Choose the appropriate section and click to enter the site. Follows the instructions provided. Johnston library patrons will need to sign in using their library card number and PIN.
- *Rebecca's Garden vol 4. Container Gardening* 2003 DVD 635.986 REB

Web Pages and Web Portals

- www.hgtv.com/topics/container-gardening/index.html The ever-popular HGTV channel offers a wide array of container gardening ideas for all levels of gardeners. Learn about simple floral arrangements, to water features to edible flowers – all in a container.

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Container Gardening
- Small Space Gardening

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Container Gardening
- Small gardens

Call Number

- 635.986 (Dewey Decimal)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- Log on to www.johnstonlibrary.com
- On the homepage, click the Virtual Library link located in the left hand column. Then choose Informational Databases and scroll through the choices and click on EBSCOhost.
- Enter your library barcode – no spaces.
- Click on the databases you want to search and click submit.
- Enter search terms.
- If a full text link is provided by the citation you can get it online. If not, call the Reference desk at the library and we will attempt to get the article for you.

Library catalogs

- Johnston Public Library Catalog www.johnstonlibrary.com
- Urbandale Public Library Catalog www.urbandalelibrary.org
- SILO - State-wide catalog <http://z3950.silo.lib.ia.us>

If you find a book on this website, we will attempt to get the item for you through our interlibrary loan service.

- www.bhg.com/gardening/container/ From the ultimate source of home and gardening, Better Homes and Garden's container gardening website presents unique ideas for your next home gardening project." No matter what you prefer to plant -- vegetables, flowers, shrubs, trees -- you can plant some version of it in a container." Enjoy the many links included here despite the advertising. The distinctive ideas offered are worth weeding through the ads.
- www.bhg.com/gardening/container/plans-ideas/beyond-the-ordinary-flowerpot/ A specific site within the BH&G gardening site shows creative uses of 'repurposed containers' for a unique presentation of your vegetables and flowers. Be prepared for advertising and don't let it deter you from checking out this fun site.
- containergardening.about.com/ No listing of 'how-to sites' would be complete without an entry from About.com. The homepage for container gardening is filled with links to a variety of growing ideas including 'Cool Things to Grow Indoors', growing flowers in a laundry basket, budget container gardening and much more.
- www.gardenguides.com/685-guide-container-gardening.html According to this how-to site, "Even the smallest patio or porch can boast a crop of vegetables or a garden of flowers in containers. Planter boxes, wooden barrels, hanging baskets and large flowerpots are just some of the containers that can be used. The container gardener is limited only by his imagination." Again, advertising prevails, but the nice feature of this site is the specific instructions and guides.

Organizations and Special Collections

- www.gardenclubsofiowa.org/Clubs.html District by district listing of garden clubs throughout the state of Iowa as well as links to information regarding the statewide organization. The Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc. grew out of the Garden Short Courses begun at Iowa State College (University) in Ames, Iowa, in 1925. The Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa has been a very active organization since its creation. Workshops and short courses are still organized for people interested in native plant species, conservation, and landscape design..
- *Greater Des Moines Garden Club* on **Facebook**. The object of Greater Des Moines Garden Club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, aid in the protection of native trees, plants and birds, and encourage civic planting; promote scientific, benevolent and educational work, and strive to carry out the aims and goals of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and of the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa.
- Johnston area gardening clubs: **Evening Star Federated Club** 2nd Thursday of month, 6:30pm Johnston Lions Building, Contact: Carolyn Magnani 515-270-0963
- **Men's Garden Club of Des Moines**: 2nd Monday of month, 6:00 p.m., Crown Point, Johnston Contact: Marilyn Gliem, 14286 141st St., Dawson, IA 50066-440 515-465-4407 gliemdm@msn.com