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Colorful *Asclepias tuberosa* is native throughout nearly all the lower 48 states and is at home in a wide range of landscape designs.

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Supporting local wildlife and providing architectural interest and beauty as well, native perennials are a must for the well-designed garden.

By Peggy Anne Montgomery

Basic Botany for Horticulturists

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What's more important than the fundamentals? If you've got a sound foundation in botany, the world of ornamental horticulture is your oyster plant.

By Erik Draper, Jim Chatfield and Gary Gao

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From compacting to drilling to trenching, these versatile, labor-saving tools can conquer the task at hand.

An Unpalatable Palette

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Stressed, hungry deer will eat almost anything, but your installations may stand up to browsing if you specify plants reputed to be deer-resistant.

By Sally Benson



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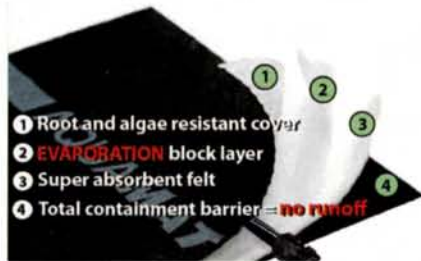
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