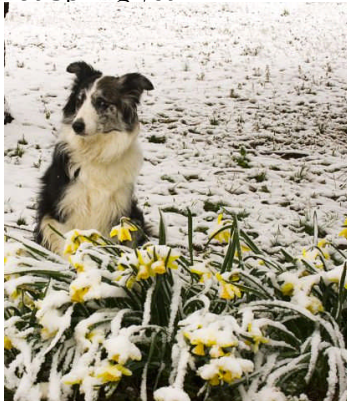


FICKLE SPRING

Snow Blossoms

We've been working hard getting ready for Spring, planting seeds of basil and flowering vines, potting up tiny petunias, repotting roses grown from cuttings we made last summer.

And then, Mother Nature said, "Hold on! You're getting ahead of yourself. It's not Spring yet."



Megan loves frosted daffodils

So we moved plants back into the greenhouses and waited through two snows.



Star Magnolia

And sunshine and warmth returned again with the changing of the clocks for Daylight Savings Time

I am pretty sure that the Romantic poet, Shelley, must have had weather like ours in mind when he wrote:



White Wagon Farm on March 4, 2008

Hardy Perennials Weather the Storm

When we started White Wagon Farm in 1986, we planned to grow only perennials. We had fallen in love with them after getting to know the "new" plants at a Goodness Grows Nursery in Georgia.

At that time, nobody knew much about perennials beyond daylilies, chrysanthemums, iris, daisies, and "wild flowers". So, in addition to growing and selling plants, we built gardens to spotlight our perennials and teach people how they could expand their plantings beyond crape myrtles, hollies, azaleas, and some annuals.

Today you can find perennials in most garden centers, but we like to think we still have the best. We've planted most things we sell, so we can often show you a mature example or describe our experiences.

This time of year, one of our favorite activities is cleaning off the mulch that we piled on the gardens last fall, and seeing whose head is peeking up: "Oh, look, the Blue Mouse Ears hosta has its tiny fingers poking through the soil." or "This polygonum has spread all over!"

To enjoy the long life, variety, seasonal interest, and usefulness of perennials, try some. Just to get you started, I've listed a few we like:

Achanthus (bears breeches), achillea (yarrow), actaea (black cohosh or fairy candles), agastache (anise hyssop), ajuga (bugleweed), alcea (hollyhocks), amsonia (bluestar), aquilegia (columbine), artemesia (wormwood), asclepias (milkweed), aster, and astilbe.

And that's only the A's!

For more information on perennials, check your library or Google "perennial plant". There's much more information available today than there was in 1986.

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