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WALL PAPER THE GARDEN

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This is a great time of year to consider some vertical color and flowering vines are the best sources for a living wall paper in the landscape. Bokay Nursery has some interesting choices that will enhance your trellis, arbor, fence or wall and each has something different to offer.

When choosing a flowering vine there are certain questions the nursery staff will be asking you before they make a recommendation: How tall would you like it to grow? Is the location in hot, full sun or somewhat shaded? Would you like a vine that rapidly covers or hides something? Will you mind some maintenance pruning? There are so many possibilities that include the fruiting kiwi vine, climbing roses, the exotic passion vines, the unbeatable fragrance of jasmine or the artistic shape of a wisteria to begin the list of possibilities.



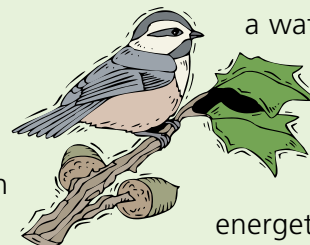
Sweet peas merrily climb the trellis

Remember that some vines produce tendrils and do the climbing on their own, like clematis while others, like a climbing rose, that will need to be secured to a structure as it grows. Another, sometimes overlooked possibility for a flowering vine is a temporary or seasonal one such as flowering sweet peas, Ipomoea moon flowers and scarlet runner beans.

Vines make the most attractive screens and lighten up wall expanses, consider them a gardener's wall paper and stop in at Bokay Nursery to see the selection.

WET THEIR WHISTLES

As summer comes into full swing birds, butterflies and bees get busy searching for fresh water. Bokay Nursery has an ever changing array of bird bath/waterers that add an artistic flare to garden décor. Don't forget to create



a water source for these airborne jewels and they will keep coming back for you to enjoy their energetic beauty. Think Birdbaths and beyond include humming bird feeders and bird houses to make a great wedding or birthday gift.

COOL WHITES IN SUMMER HEAT

Choosing annual and perennials for great summer blooms are easy at Bokay because we get frequent deliveries of new stock and order from the best growers. For easy care and long bloom time consider Summer Phlox (*P. paniculata*). White blooming varieties of Phlox along with white cone flower, Shasta daisy's, white cosmos and the grey foliage of dusty miller or lambs ear create a glowing light, even at night.



White cosmo lend delicate lightness

The More Food You Grow, The More Petroleum You Save

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There are always plenty of good reasons to grow your own fruits and vegetable that remain unchanged, they taste better, they are fresher and you know how they were grown and handled but now there is another huge reason to start a garden this year (it's NOT too late) and plant some fruiting trees and shrubs. The phrase of 2008 'your carbon footprint' is what is at stake and even though Monterey County is one of the most productive places in the world for food crops, industrial growing uses lots of petroleum products even if it is local.

At Bokay Nursery we try to carry a wide range of herbs, vegetable starter plants in season and seed as well as fruit trees and shrubs. No matter what size your gar-



Scarlet Runner bean pole ramble

den is, there is always room for a tomato plant, some peppers and an herb mix and even this small effort will make an impact because everyone is trying to do their part. As a gardener you become more aware of the seasons and what is ripening at what times, eating foods in season is good for the planet and healthy for you!

MASTERING THE GARDEN

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One thing you might notice at Bokay Nursery is the number of products that have the labeling Master Nursery on them. We are part of a large cooperative that is member-owned by nursery professional throughout the country but based in Walnut Creek, CA. The quality of these products is beyond compare and we have been handling them for over a decade now.

Of the 137 products available through Master Nursery, one of our favorites is Bumper Crop soil amendment. Bumpercrop is a soil that fertilizes also and has been around much longer

than any of the new soils that have fertilizers added to them. This product gets its fertilizing capabilities the good, old fash-



Pest Fighter is effective on many garden pests

ioned way with ingredients like chicken manure, worm castings, bat guano, kelp, dolomite and oyster shell. No synthetic additives so organic growers use it with pride.

Ask about other Master Nursery products that Bokay Nursery carries such as Natures Pest Fighter for fruits and vegetables with the active ingredient of natural pyrethrum or New Pest Fighter that is effective on eliminating fleas and ticks as well as for pest insects on rose bushes and flowers. The entire Master Nursery line of products is exclusive and registered with prices that help make the decision to use them an easy one.