

# Garden Guide No. 2



Echinacea  
(Cone Flower)



Angelonia



Geum  
(Avens)



Dahlias



Roses  
Diamond Eyes

Many gardens start to fade in mid-summer when the sun is high and the rain is less frequent. That is not the case with CRC's Cutting Garden. If you have not visited yet, please do. There are many varieties of plants for you to enjoy ~ while you are visiting in the garden, and when you take some of its special treats home. Here are a few plants we hope you will discover.....

**Echinacea (Cone Flower)** could only be found in a purplish pink color in years gone by. Not so anymore! Our cutting garden has 12 different varieties from which to choose. Their large showy flowers are a great feature in a summer bouquet. Be sure to check out 'Cheyenne Spirit' and 'Double Scoop Raspberry'.

**Angelonia** Is one of the seldom seen annuals that attract a lot of attention in our gardens. With their very tall spikes of blue, pink or white, they will easily stand out in either a garden or a vase. Despite the fact they are annuals (which require replanting every year), they are well worth the effort.

**Geum (Avens)** is a lesser known perennial which comes in many "hot" colors. Their tiny flowers of bright red ('Blazing Sunset') or orange ('Totally Tangerine') will light up any bouquet you create. (If you combine them with a dark blue flower, their color will really "pop.")

**Dahlias** are typically show-stoppers in any garden. Their huge flower heads command attention and they are typically supported by tall sturdy stems which help them stand out in a crowd. We have several different Dahlias in our cutting garden that can be combined with other flowers, or simply floated alone in a glass bowl. They are very striking flowers.

**Roses** come in many shapes and sizes. The obvious "down side" to most roses are their thorns, so be careful when you are cutting them to take home with you. We have several new "miniatures" to check out: 'Diamond Eyes' has deep purple and white flowers. 'All A Twitter' has very cheery bright orange flowers.

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