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As our North Texas landscape palette adds more color each day, we revel in the sights, sounds and fragrances that tell us spring is here. Before we get outside and “get our hands dirty”, it’s good to know what we are planting. This month we address non-native invasive plant species. These are plants that threaten the survival of native plants and animals, and actually stress the ecosystem. Most of these are aggressive growers that reproduce and spread rapidly, crowding out native plants that our wildlife need for sustenance.

Amongst the top ten invaders found in our area are: Japanese honeysuckle, glossy privet, Guinea grass, giant cane and Bermuda grass. Interesting that many invasive plants are actually sold in nurseries. Two good educational resources for more information are: The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website through the University of Austin and the Denton County Master Gardener Association.

Our landscape professionals will be able to answer questions or assist in ridding your landscape of invaders.

FEATURED PROJECT

PLANT TRIVIA Where are magnolias native to?

APRIL SPECIALS FOR OUR READERS

Seasoned Firewood (hard and soft wood mix), delivered and stacked:

Full cord (full-size pick-up bed filled level with rails twice) \$250

Half cord (full-size pick-up bed filled level with rails) \$155

Quarter cord (full-size pick-up bed filled halfway to rails) \$100

Chimine wood (small pieces), delivered and stacked:

3 cu ft. bundle/ \$15 9 cu ft/\$40 1 cu yd/\$110

WHAT’S IN BLOOM

Azaleas • Black Locust • Bridal Wreath Spirea • Roses • Sweet Broom • Wisteria
Candytuft • Lobelia • Geraniums • Gerber Daisy • Texas Mountain Laurel

FEATURED PLANT



HOSTA

“Hostaceae” is a lily-like, herbaceous perennial that has been widely cultivated as a ground cover plant. Named in honor of Austrian botanist, Nicholas Thomas Host, there are currently over 3000 registered cultivars. The flowers, usually scentless, are white, lavender or violet. The hosta prefers a somewhat shady location with a few hours of morning sun. Completely edible by humans, it is referred to as “urui” in Japanese cuisine.

This truly unique design satisfies the homeowners wish for a meditation labyrinth. Water gently flowing over the large Basalt crystal creates a soothing space for contemplation. Moss boulders and horsetail reed enhance the passages composed of black Basalt sand and decorative river rock.

“TO DO” LIST FOR APRIL

- Plant summer flowers
- Plant delicate perennials
- Adjust sprinklers for warmer weather
- Feed lawn
- Apply post emergent for weeds
- Safety double-check valve inspection

Trivia answer: Eastern Asia and eastern Americas north of the equator.