

SPRING IS COMING

She is just around the corner, so GET READY. Lots of new plants coming our way, 2007 looks like a wonderful year to try something new.

The ones I am most excited about are; purple pixie loropetalum, purple diamond loropetalum, rainbow knockout rose, kaleidoscope abelia and lots of new annual color.

The pixie, I love that cute name, is a new dwarf, spreading loropetalum that is only going to get 2 feet by 5 feet wide, now that is so cool. The branches will stay a true purple and have that wonderful bright pink bloom in the spring. They might not be in the nurseries till late spring but keep a watch out for them. The Diamond is going to get 5 foot tall and 5 wide so she will need plenty of room. I have some planted at the runway beds at Westgate if you want to go by and have a look. They should be easy to find soon.

YES!! I said another knockout color is coming, Rainbow, coral pink blooms painted with rich yellow at the base. I am losing sleep over not having one of these girls yet!! They are a limited number this year and will be on the high price side, but who cares, we need the flower. They say she is best one yet!

Kaleidoscope Abelia, I am in love with this plant. Since we planted 60 at Westgate in December they have changed colors 3 times, from green, to orange and red and light green, a true kaleidoscope. She will only will grow 30 inches and 40 inches wide. The white flower is still yet to come in late summer.

So many nice flowers for color are out, you just have to make up your own mind, I have a very hard time so I try to use as many as I can. Use in pots, baskets and in the ground.

Here are some goodies to help you along; Ageratum, Angelonia (I need to write about these great flowers, new love), all Begonias, Verbena, Salvias (plenty of these), Phlox, Scaevola, Cuphea, Geranium, Lantana, Impatiens, Petunias (best in spring, fall and winter), Diascia (one of my new loves)and please only plant Vinca when it get hot, not before May. I could go on and on.

Let's remember that March might be cool for us so on color it is sometimes best till wait as long as you can.

Use a good soil for your color beds and use only light mulch. Watering in the day time is always best if you can.

Please email or call me any time, I am here to help and serve you with your gardening so our City can be Beautiful and you can have lots of fun!!

Happy Spring!

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