

Planning and Planting Flower Beds

Getting Started

- site selection (drainage, existing soil, sun exposure, pH)
- soil amendments (manure, compost, gypsum, time release fertilizer)
- irrigation (drip, overhead)
- reading, visiting established landscapes

Plant Selection Considerations

- light requirements
- moisture requirements
- size at maturity (height, width)
- color palette
- shapes
- Textures

Planting

- weed barrier (4 layers of newspaper, fabric)
- mulch (cypress, pine bark)
- thorough watering in

Recommended Reading

- Passalong Plants by Steven Bender and Felder Rushing. A humorous and practical guide to tried and true plants for the Southern garden.
- titles by William C. Welch (especially The Southern Heirloom Garden co-authored by Greg Grant)
- Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening by Neil Sperry.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: millieb@tamu.edu

Please visit The Texas A&M Rose Breeding and Genetics Web Site! I regularly update this site and will be adding new photos and information about Texas rose growing:

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/rose/index.html>

