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## Weekly news from the National Gardening Association



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“ Evergreen shrubs that thrive in shade. ”

"I live in Brooklyn, New York and would like to know what shrubs thrive in shady areas; preferably evergreen and also that are stocked at Home Depot.

Thanks,

Josephine" - [Read the answer](#)



Spring is  
a true  
reconstructionist.  
Henry Timrod

Photo: NGA member: kniphofia

## ARTICLES TO READ

### Care Guide: Irises

Irises are grown throughout the world. Perhaps the most commonly recognized is the bearded iris with thousands of registered cultivars. But there are many other types of irises, too, as you will see in this database



### Care and Harvest of Strawberries

You won't be idle until your first harvest. You must not let the new plants set berries in their first year. They will try to fruit, but you must pick off the blossoms as they appear. This way, instead of fruiting, the mother plants will produce vigorous daughters that will yield well the following year.



## AWESOME NEW PHOTOS FROM THIS WEEK

Japanese Anemone (*Anemone* 'Bressingham Glow'), by [bootandall](#):



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<https://garden.org/users/profi>

Greigii Tulip (*Tulipa greigii* 'Red Riding Hood'), by [cliftoncat](#):



Passion Flower (*Passiflora* 'Pura Vida'), by [cocoajuno](#):



Pacific Coast Iris (*Iris* 'Conga Line'), by [lilpod13](#):





[Poppies \(Papaver\)](#), by [dawiz1753](#):



Blue Passion Flower (*Passiflora caerulea*), by [cocoajuno](#):



[Antelope Horns Milkweed \(\*Asclepias asperula\* subsp. \*capricornu\*\)](#),

by [GrammaChar](#):



Landscape view by [Fleur569](#):



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Landscape view by [pdermer1x](#):



Landscape view by [Frenchy21](#):



## NOTABLE DISCUSSIONS FROM OUR FORUMS

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**NEW NGA CORPORATE MEMBER:**

[Longfield Gardens](#) provides home gardeners with high quality flower bulbs and perennials through our online store and retailers across the U.S. and Canada. Choose from a broad selection of plants for every region and season, from tulips, daffodils and crocus to dahlias, elephant ears, caladiums and amaryllis. Count on Longfield Gardens for proven varieties, exclusive combinations and excellent value every day. Let them help you grow a more beautiful garden! We're delighted to have them join as corporate members of the National Gardening Association.



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## THE NUMBERS FROM LAST WEEK:

1,118 members joined.  
5,636 posts written in our forums.  
2,874 photos posted to the plant database.  
1,231 plants added to personal inventory lists.