

FRAGRANT AND NIGHT-BLOOMING GARDENS

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Spring is FINALLY here....seemed it was a loooong time coming! When you own and work in a garden center the word "Spring" brings to mind many things.

Truth be told, just like most of you, the majority of my days (especially weekends) are spent working and taking care of my family. The only time I stop long enough to really "enjoy" and relax outside in the garden is in the evening, after dinner, when the sun is going down and the vibrant blooms of my garden are fading with the light. I love to walk around the garden in the evening (wine glass in hand) and see how things are looking. Everything seems softer in the garden as nightfall approaches. It's quiet, lovely fragrances linger and the lack of light softens all the imperfections to a soft glow.

What a lovely idea to actually plan to enjoy your garden in the moonlight, when you can just sit and relax. There is an antidote to the fading daytime blooms and colors so that night time can be it's own garden delight. Plant white or light blooming plants, add silver and variegated foliage and be sure to include fragrant night blooming plants to envelope all the senses.

A few of my favorite plants for evening fragrance include: Angels Trumpet, Almond Verbena, Banana Shrub, Sweet Olive Viburnum, Night Blooming Jasmine, Star Jasmine, Moon Vine and hens such as Rosemary and Lavender.

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