

This Week's Featured Perennial



The Hardy Geranium (Commonly known as 'Cranesbill')

Hardy perennial Geraniums are also commonly referred to as Cranesbill or Bloody Cranesbill Geraniums. The hardy Geranium is known for their delicate jewel-toned flowers and excellent mounding habits. Superb fine-textured foliage and long lasting blooms throughout the growing season, the hardy Geranium is an extremely versatile perennial for sunny to partial shade garden beds and borders. Easy is what the Geraniums do best and maintenance is no different. Geraniums can take a good cut-back to help refresh the vegetations growth and will benefit from a seasonal trim. They do well in a variety of soil conditions but prefer to stay reasonably moist.

(Source: <http://www.finegardening.com/cranesbill-geranium>)

Why We Love It

- The charm of wildflowers
- A versatile perennial
- Modest and pleasing on the eyes
- Fills in woodland settings and perennial borders with long lasting color of jewel like blooms
- Can help visually link shrubs to more formal and brightly colored perennials

Personal note from the author:

I love the smell of the Geranium garden beds after they have just been cleaned up in the springtime. They have wonderfully fragrant foliage (oils) without being too overbearing.



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