



Plants for Golf Course Flower Gardens

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Editor's Note: Although most Wisconsin GCSA members who were at the 1990 GCSAA Conference in Orlando heard Lois Stack's lecture on using annual flowers, many were unable to attend the conference. Her recommendations below are presented here for those who stayed home.

Ask anyone who did listen to Lois' presentation and they'll tell you she packed a tremendous amount of information into a very limited amount of time. She did an excellent job.

Keep the following recommendations on file; they'll serve you in future years, too.

Botanical name ¹	Common name	Cultivars — height, color
Tall annuals (over 30" tall)		
<i>Canna x generalis</i>	Canna	Many cvs — 36-48", various colors
<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>	Spider Flower	'Helen Campbell' — 48", white 'Rose Queen' — 48" tall, rose pink
<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	African Marigold	'Gold Coin' series — 36", golds, yellows
² <i>Zinnia elegans</i>	Zinnia	'State Fair' — 36", mixed 'Ruffles' series — 30", various
Medium-height annuals (12-24" tall)		
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	"Yarrow"	³ 'Summer Pastels' — 24", pastels
<i>Coreopsis hybrid</i>	"Coreopsis"	³ 'Early Sunrise' — 18", gold
⁵ <i>Impatiens wallerana</i>	"Impatiens"	'Super Elfin' series — 10", various
⁴ <i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	"Flowering Tobacco"	'Nicki' series — 24", red, pink, white
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	"Sweet Basil"	'Purple Ruffles' — 20", dark purple lvs.
<i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i>	"Seed Geranium"	'Orbit' series — 18", various 'Ringo' series — 18", various
<i>Tagetes erecta</i>	"African Marigold"	'Inca' series — 18", golds, yellows
Low-growing annuals (under 12" tall)		
⁴ <i>Begonia x semperflorens-culorum</i>	"Wax Begonia"	Many cvs. — 8-12", pinks, white
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	"Annual Vinca"	'Little' series — 10", pinks, white
<i>Chrysanthemum x superbum</i>	"Shasta Daisy"	³ 'Snow Lady' — 10", white
⁴ <i>Lobularia maritima</i>	"Sweet Alyssum"	'Wonderland' series — 4", pinks, white
<i>Sarvitalia procumbens</i>	"Creeping Zinnia"	'Mandarin Orange' — 10", orange
<i>Senecio cineraria</i>	"Dusty Miller"	'Silver Lace' — 8", lacy silver lvs.
<i>Tagetes patula</i>	"French Marigold"	'Boy' series — 8", golds, yellows
Perennials that add to annual gardens		
⁵ <i>Astilbe x arendsii</i>	"Astilbe"	'Deutschland' — 24", white (July) 'Red Sentinel' — 24", red (July)
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	"Blue False Indigo"	none — 48", blue flowers (May-June)
⁵ <i>Dicentra eximia</i>	"Fringed Bleedingheart"	'Luxuriant' — 16", red (all summer) 'Zestful' — 12", pink (all summer)
<i>Iris sibirica</i>	"Siberian Iris"	Many cvs. — 24-48", blues, violets, white (June)
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	"Helen's-flower"	'Butterpat' — 36", yellow (Sept.-frost)
⁴ <i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i>	"Daylily"	Many cvs. — 12-48", yellows, oranges (June-Aug.)
⁵ <i>Hosta hybrids</i>	"Plantain Lily"	Many cvs. — 12-48", white, blue (June-Sept.)
⁴ <i>Narcissus hybrid</i>	"Daffodil"	'King Alfred' — 18", yellow (Apr.-May)
<i>Sedum hybrid</i>	"Showy Stonecrop"	'Autumn Joy' — 24", pink (Sept.-frost)

¹ All plants listed perform best in full sun unless otherwise noted.

² Zinnia performs best when it is direct-seeded in the garden.

³ These specific cultivars of these perennials flower well their first season, and are excellent when treated as annuals. They may overwinter, depending on location. Most other cultivars of these are perennials, and do not flower well their first season in the garden.

⁴ These plants do well in full sun or partial shade.

⁵ These plants perform best in partial shade.