

Success With Hydrangeas: A Gardener's Guide

by
Lorraine Ballato

Success with Hydrangeas is the book for every hydrangea lover. It gives tips for knowledgeable and novice gardeners alike on how to grow this favorite garden shrub. Want to know how and when to prune, when to transplant, how to propagate, when and how to fertilize? This book covers all of that and more in thirteen well-organized chapters. The language is easy-to understand and explained with nearly 150 photos and illustrations.

AUDIENCE: Anyone who grows hydrangeas or knows someone who does. It's one of America's most popular shrubs and the number one flowering shrub googled on the internet.

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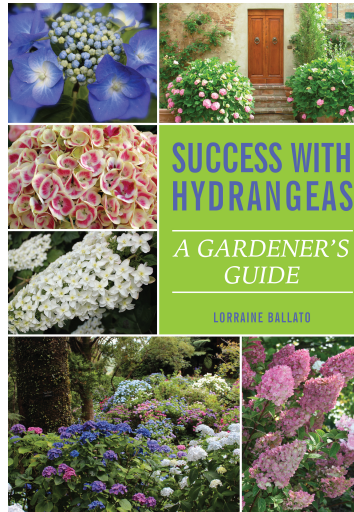
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TESTIMONIALS

“*Success With Hydrangeas: A Gardener's Guide* is an excellent book, both for the novice and the experienced gardener. Beautiful photographs help when first learning about hydrangeas and information is organized and clear. This means it can be used a reference book when you have a specific problem or need specific information. It covers everything you need to know about successfully growing hydrangeas, including identification, care (fertilizing, watering, mulching and transplanting), handling insect and disease problems, and using hydrangeas in the garden.

Lorraine Ballato, an Advanced Master Gardener, has been teaching, speaking and writing about gardens for many years and understands what both new and experienced gardeners need to know. This is an excellent book, both for the novice and the experienced gardener. It covers everything you need to know about successfully growing hydrangeas, including identification, care (fertilizing, watering, mulching and transplanting), handling insect and disease problems, and using hydrangeas in the garden. ” Gardening Products Review

<https://gardeningproductsreview.com/success-hydrangeas-gardeners-guide-lorraine-ballato-book-review/>

“Lorraine Ballato's new book, **Success with Hydrangeas**, is an essential resource for both amateurs and aficionados alike. Her approach to the subject is comprehensive and leaves no stone unturned. Want to know why

your hydrangeas aren't blooming? Get this book! ” Anne & Will Rowlands, editors and publishers of Connecticut Gardener

”What with the ongoing development of new hydrangea cultivars—smaller shrubs, reblooming plants, hardier plants, showier blooms, and foliage—these days, there's a lot more to know about them. Among the hydrangea books out recently is this one by horticulturist/garden writer/instructor Lorraine Ballato. Hers is a highly organized 13-chapter book to help you make sense of the increasing choices and understand what the plants need to thrive. The book's easygoing style makes all the material understandable. The nearly 150 color photos are helpful because they show hydrangeas up close, as well as in varied settings. A lot of explanation is devoted to pruning. Whether your plant blooms on old wood, new wood, or both plays a large role in what and when to prune to have flowers at all. That's one good reason to understand as much as possible about the characteristics of your particular hydrangea. ” Andrea F. Siegel, *Washington Gardener* <https://washingtongardener.blogspot.com/2018/11/top-10-garden-books-of-2018.html>

”The holidays are coming!! If you haven't picked out a gift for a gardener yet, you must check out "**Success with Hydrangeas**" which is a gem! I have had my fill of veggie and herb books. They are good, but us real plant people want books on trees, shrubs, and perennials. This gardener's guide is not just an encyclopedia, but is cram packed with how to plant and prune, insects and diseases, transplanting, and sources where to buy. In other words, it's written for everyone. Lots of pictures are helpful, including new plants. The author, Lorraine Ballato, a well-known lecturer and author, as well as some great GWA personalities have put together a great gift and you don't need a size or color. I think it's time to check out how many great hydrangea species and cultivars are available. I may leave a copy for Mr. and Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Santa gardens in warmer climes after Christmas!!!! ”
Stephanie Cohen, Award Winning Author and Speaker, 12/2017.

”.. But, as promised, here's the great key to success with hydrangeas. It's a book published by Lorraine Ballato this year and it's the best there is. Lorraine is a Connecticut garden writer and horticulturist and her book "Success with Hydrangeas, A Gardener's Guide" (B&B Publishing) is simply great. It covers every imaginable aspect of hydrangea growing, has wonderful pictures covering the four seasons and Lorraine even gets into the current breeding frenzy in hydrangea-land and makes a little more sense of it. The book is well indexed, making its use as a resource very easy.

In four parts—"Getting to Know Hydrangeas," "Giving Hydrangeas the Best Care," "Troubleshooting Hydrangea Problems" and "Hydrangeas in the Landscape"—she covers 13 chapters of information from feeding to pruning, protecting from wildlife, hardiness and even propagation as well as the rare but possible disease and insect problems. It's really a great book that many of you will read from cover to cover and refer to for years to come. Really well done... ”

Andrew Messinger, *"Get To Know Hydrangeas"* The East Hampton Press & The Southampton Press, Jun 25, 2018

”**Success with Hydrangeas** is packed with colorful pictures and great information. The book is incredibly comprehensive, including a chapter on diseases and pests common to Hydrangeas, as well as how to treat them. **Success with Hydrangeas** is an easy to read and understand resource for growing gorgeous Hydrangeas. ”
Kerry Ann Mendez; award-winning speaker, author, consultant and garden designer and owner of Perennially Yours, LLC. www.pyours.com

“Dozens of new gardening books hit the shelves every season. Many are beautifully designed and enjoyable to read, but most gardeners don’t really need them. Sometimes, however, a book comes along that answers a serious need. This is one.

Here’s why:

Success with Hydrangeas explains the different species clearly and succinctly...

It identifies which species are best for areas like ours, with cold winters...

In her chapter on hydrangea paniculata, Ballato gives the good news for cold climate gardeners right away: “Many ... are cold hardy right down to zone 3, a zone in which other hydrangeas would simply freeze to death. Their best feature is that they bloom on new wood, making them foolproof.” Ballato also points cold-climate growers in the directions of hydrangea petiolaris (climbing hydrangea), hydrangea serrata (a cold-hardy variety very similar to the macrophylla) and hydrangea arborescens (a US native that blooms on new wood) and “laughs at cold temperatures.”

The book answers the questions everybody asks:

When to prune? Why won’t it bloom? Should I fertilize? How to transplant? How to protect from wildlife? If you’ve ever wondered about any of these issues, the information is here and it’s easy to find.

Hydrangeas continue to be one of the most popular—and problematic—shrubs in Western New York. If you want to stop worrying about yours, this is the book to get. ”

Elizabeth Licata, "Success With Hydrangeas, The Book Every Hydrangea Lover Should Have", *Buffalo Spree, The Magazine of Western New York*, May 2018.

“This book is EXACTLY what gardeners need. Lorraine has organized the very complex world of hydrangeas. Her detailed, well-researched, and easy-to-understand explanation of how the many species of hydrangeas set up buds and flowers taught me SO much. She covers pruning in great detail, a question that, as a garden center owner and educator, I am asked about constantly. Watering, feeding, and so much more is clearly explained, species by species. This is not a coffee table book- this is THE reference book that you will turn to again and again. ” Nancy DuBrule-Clemente, award winning horticulturist, garden writer, speaker, and owner of [Natureworks](#), an exceptional renowned organic nursery and garden center in Northford, CT

An Amazon best seller for over 2 months:



From attendees at presentations and talks:

"Awesome presentation. Hope to see you on July 21. Thank you."

"So great to meet you and hear your talk today! Learned so much and will definitely watch your blog."

"...I bought your book at Wood Memorial Library in South Windsor last Spring, and love it. Your blog keeps me current and thinking more critically as I monitor and care for my 8 different hydrangeas...So thanks again for raising my awareness of what is going on in my garden..."

Betty, a happy Connecticut gardener.

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