

Submission Guidelines for *The Prairie Garden*

Hello!

Thank you for contributing to *The Prairie Garden*, an annual digest in publication since 1937. Please see below to familiarize yourself with what we need.

Who: You are writing for all kinds of people: horticultural experts, professors, grandmothers, good friends and hardy prairie people in both Canada and the US. They are informed, curious, want to learn practical things and build better gardens of all kinds, from food to forests.

What: Introduce us to new and interesting plants, share your techniques and tips, inform us about plant diseases, and inspire us with your garden projects. Show us what you know with pictures and words. Consider all the facets of our annual theme. Please keep your article length between 300 and 1500 words.

How: Send your material in a word document with a general title and word count at the top of the page. Email it with photos to the editor@theprairiegarden.ca.

In a separate file or email, send your name, contact info including mailing address, and a brief (40-word) bio.

About Photos: They cannot be copyrighted or belong to someone else. Include *exactly* what plants (including cultivars) are in the photos, what season the garden is in, and include the photo credits. Rename your photo files to reflect what they are. Ensure they are of print quality.

Plant names: In a sentence use common name first in lowercase, botanical Latin name in parentheses and italics, cultivar after. For example: "In this photo we see bee balm (*Monarda didyma* 'Jacob Kline')". You only need to refer to the botanical Latin name the first time you mention each plant.

Measurements: Give metric first (no period) then in brackets imperial (period). For example: 35 cm (14 in.)

References: Nice to have them, though not necessary. Please limit references to six per article.

Please know that while we read every piece submitted, we get more stories than we can print. We retain the right to edit your articles for content or length. We keep articles on record and may at a later time publish your article in print or online. Submitted material becomes the property of The Prairie Garden.

Please inform us if the article or any part of it was previously published elsewhere (including on your own blog).

Once again, thank you for contributing to our publication. The Prairie Garden is proud to publish from within our esteemed readership of prairie gardening experts.

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