

Introduction

Hey, folks—are you ready for a whole new way to look at gardening? Then you’ve come to the right place. I can’t wait to introduce you to the exciting world of four-season gardening! No matter where you live—from the sunny South to the frigid North—it’s possible to put together a bunch of ordinary plants to create *extraordinary* gardens that look as good in January as they do in June. I’ve rounded up some of the latest and greatest design ideas, mixed ‘em together with the best of Grandma Putt’s old-fashioned garden smarts, and put the whole kit and caboodle in one handy-dandy book: *Jerry Baker’s Year-Round Bloomers!*

Here’s an overview of what you’ll find in the following pages, to help you on your way:

Part 1: “A Plan That’s Pleasin’ Season by Season” is packed with hints and how-to helpers for planning a beautiful year-round garden from the ground up.



Part 2: “Get Ready for a Spring Fling!” is the place to turn when you want to get the growing season off to an eye-popping start.

Part 3: “Fun in the Summer Sun!” helps turn up the heat, so your yard will burst forth with a bounty of blooms through the dog days.

Part 4: “Fall in Love with Autumn” is chock-full of terrific tips for celebrating the return of cooler weather with a rainbow of blooms, awesome autumn foliage, and more.

Part 5: “Wow! Wonderful Winter Bloomers” will help you turn your boring, off-season landscape into a winter wonderland that’s positively bursting with color, foliage, and even fragrance!

So don’t wait a minute longer—let me show you how to make the most of every square inch of your yard, all year long. Welcome to the wonderful world of year-round gardening!