

Photographing Your Garden

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Choose the subject matter. Photographing berries on a frosty morning requires a different approach than photographing your perennial garden in full bloom during mid-summer or taking a close-up of a single spectacular flower.

Avoid taking photographs at high noon. The best time of day is early morning or early evening. Bright sun tends to wash out the colors. Believe it or not overcast days are ideal for taking photographs of the garden.

Water the garden including the foliage. Ok, so we're cheating a little with our water conservation efforts, but it's worth it for some terrific photographs. Think about how beautiful the garden looks after a rainfall or on a misty morning. Wet down hard surfaces like pavement or pea gravel too.

Shoot a few test shots from different angles and heights. You may find that photographing your garden at eye level looks best, but when you photograph a single flower it's better if you're at the same level as the flower.

When photographing a landscape think about depth and perspective. Placing an object in the photograph, for instance placing an antique watering can in front of a perennial bed helps define the scale and provide perspective.

You can email your photos to Trudy at BGTGC@yahoo.com

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