

What's Happening – August 2020

Looking Up!

Most gardens start out rather flat. We often don't think of how adding height to the landscape adds interest to the design.

A quick way to add that desired height to your garden is to plant something that likes to climb, and give it something to climb on! A flowering vine like [Bower Vine](#), [Lavender Trumpet Vine](#), or [Star Jasmine](#) is perfect for covering a fence or scrambling up a trellis or arbor. For beds and borders, look beyond the bright bedding plants and incorporate some taller accent plants like [Birds of Paradise](#), [Pygmy Date Palms](#), or [New Zealand Flax](#). Adding taller plants that cast some shade brings another advantage – you'll be able to include smaller shade loving plants like [Begonias](#) and [Impatiens](#), too.



A hedge also adds vertical interest in the landscape, but even a hedge doesn't have to be all one level. Consider creating a tiered hedge by combining plants of different heights, like taller [Pittosporum](#) or [Abelia](#) with lower growing hedge plants like [Indian Hawthorn](#) and [Little John Callistemon](#) in front of the taller ones. And of course, trees top the list for adding height and focal points, from small yard specimens like [Crape Myrtles](#) and [Purple Flowering Plums](#), to large landscape trees like [Southern Magnolias](#) or [New Zealand Christmas Trees](#).

Another way to get your garden off the ground is to take advantage of fixed elements like stairs or multi-level decks. Place similar container grown plants on different levels to create unity and depth, using architectural plants like [Snake Plants](#), [Agaves](#), pruned [Boxwood](#), or dwarf [Citrus](#) trees. Even a simple container planting like potted [Ivy Geraniums](#) benefits from some added height – try adding a spiky [Cordyline](#) or [Flax Lily](#).

Come on in and we'll help you find plenty of reasons to look up! Bring the kids and the dog – we'll be waiting for you right here at Evergreen Nursery.