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Question this Week: I have 2 clematis plants. Both had a couple of blossoms several weeks ago, but no new blossoms have appeared. Is this normal? Should I do something to help create more blossoms? Thanks. Gary

## Linda's Answer:

Hi Gary,

There are several things you can do to produce more blossoms on your clematis. First, make sure the roots are shaded and the upper, vine-like stems are in the sun. The flowering part of plants needs sunshine to produce flowers. Next, loosen the soil around the



Clematis flowers blooming in the garden

base of the plants and add some Flowertone, a slow release organic fertilizer, or some good compost. Then give the plants a good watering. Finally, if there are any dead stems on the plant, cut them off. They should be back blooming in no time. Good Luck.

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