

## Welcome to my weekly series!

Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest. Email or mail your questions to: info@sprigsandtwigs.net or Linda Lillie, Sprigs & Twigs Inc, PO Box 245, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

## **Question of the Week:** I would like to change the landscape at my house next year, when should I contact you to get the process started?

It would be best to get in touch with me now so we can set up an appointment to meet to discuss your thoughts and walk your property. My design team is actively working now on a backlog of 2014 design projects so if a landscape design is required for your property; it is best that we start soon and work on it over the winter so it is ready to go in the spring. Our initial meeting at your property is very important. It will generally take a couple of hours and we will discuss your objectives, ideas and priorities to come up with a "game plan" that fits your budget and long term goals. This consultation is free of charge. I will give you a design proposal that describes what areas are included and details of the



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design package. Each landscape design is created based on your unique property needs; designs vary in cost depending on the size of the project. Following your approval of the design proposal, my design team and I will take measurements and photographs of your property. We then create a custom, low maintenance, landscape design of your property. The design will be presented to you at your home. Each of the plants will be described, illustrated and pictured in the final design. I will also give you a fixed-price detailed installation proposal to consider; installations can be installed all at once or in stages over a period of time.

"The Right Plant for the Right Place" is an integral part of my design philosophy; too many times I see landscapes that are planted too close to buildings with the wrong plants. My designs have multiple seasons of interest and focus on the use of native plants that are well adapted to the climate and soil conditions of this area. Using local native plants minimizes maintenance and promotes sustainable landscapes. I am passionate about plants and have extensive knowledge about the many plant varieties native to southeastern Connecticut. All of the plants we use have been tried and proven in other gardens in our area and are guaranteed. I consider seasonal interest, year-round color and a wide range of plants to attract birds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

Check our web site for more information and give me a call to set up an appointment to get started.

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