



# OGDEN'S DESIGN & PLANTINGS, INC.

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## HYDRANGEAS FOR SHADE

Everyone loves hydrangeas as they are a mainstay of our gardens on Long Island. They withstand hot, humid summers and thrive in the coastal salt spray. They are low maintenance, while providing color and blooms from June through September.

If you garden under canopy trees you may find that hydrangeas planted in too much shade become tall and lanky, with blooms flopping over to the ground.

### *Hydrangea abores-*

*cens* or Smooth hydrangea is one touted for shade; in the wild it grows under the tree canopy. Native to North America and

the east coast, it has small dainty white mophead or lacecap flowers which bloom in June on new wood. Plant *Hydrangea arborescens* 'White Dome' or 'Hayes Starburst' for success in the shade and avoid 'Annabelle' and 'Invinciball' which need some sun.

*Hydrangea serrata* or Sawtoothed hydrangea is another species suited for shade, with long, narrow leaves and an abundance of smaller flowers. They bloom on the previous year's wood, so prune carefully. They prefer a wood-

land setting and may burn in full sun even if irrigated daily. Some favorites include: *Hydrangea serrata x accuminata* 'Painter's Palette' (flowers open green, pink and white and change to pink in late summer, yellow variegated foliage); *Hydrangea serrata* 'Golden Sunlight' (pink lacecap flowers edged with white); *Hydrangea serrata* 'Oamacha Variegata' (green leaf mottled with pale creamy yellow and pink or blue flowers). Also *Hydrangea serrata* 'Tiara' (full lacecap in pink or blue) and



'Shirotae' (double white sepals around the perimeter). Finally *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Fuji Waterfall' is a loosely config-

ured mophead which starts white and ages to pale pink or blue with age. All these have much more delicate flowers and leaves than the regular *Hydrangea macrophylla* and look great when planted en masse, either all the same or a variety.

To learn more, come to our seminar 'Hydrangeas—The Newest Varieties' on Sunday, July 7th at 11am or contact us for a consultation for your garden and see if you have the ideal spot for these hydrangeas.

### Design & Installation:

- Natural Gardens
- Bed Maintenance
- Therapeutic Gardens
- Paths & Patios
- Stone & Brickwork
- Specialty Gardens
- Seasonal Color & Interest

### June To-Do List:

- Prune privets and yews
- Remove flower heads from spring bulbs
- Fertilize roses and annuals
- Set houseplants outdoors in protected area

### Ogdenwords:

**Species:** A group of plants having common characteristics, distinct from others of the same genus.

**Variety:** A group of plants having distinctive features but not sufficiently distinct to be classed as a species

**Lacecap:** Flat flower heads with fertile florets in the center surrounded by sterile ones.

**Mophead:** Large round pom-pom shaped flower, some have sterile flowers with petal-like sepals and others have small fertile flowers with starry petals.



**Farm Lecture Series**  
Don't miss this one!  
**Hydrangeas ~ The Newest Varieties**  
on Sunday, July 7th at 11am  
To keep up-to-date with all Ogden's events email [public@ogdens.com](mailto:public@ogdens.com) or check [www.ogdens.com](http://www.ogdens.com)

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