

Clematis Made Easy

Presentation by Laura Watson

Clematis in Presentation (incl. Pruning Group)

1. C. 'Huldine' & 'Madame Julia Correvon' (C)
2. C. CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN 'Fairy Blue' (B)
3. C. 'Comtesse de Bouchaud' (C)
4. C. 'Purpurea Plena Elegans' (C)
5. C. 'Ernest Markham' (C)
6. C. 'Beauty of Worcester' (B)
7. C. 'Etoile Violette' (C)
8. C. 'Guernsey Cream' (B)
9. C. 'Will Baron' (B)
10. C. *terniflora* (sweet autumn clematis) (C)
11. C. 'Asao' (B)
12. C. 'Justa' (C)
13. C. 'Niobe' (B/C)
14. C. 'Romantika' (C)
15. C. 'Toki' (B)
16. C. JOSEPHINE 'Evijohill' (B)
17. C. 'Princess Diana' (C)
18. C. *montana* (A)
19. C. 'Betty Corning' (C)
20. C. *viorna* (C) (2 photos)
21. C. 'Betty Corning' & C. 'Etoile Violette' (C)
22. C. 'Ramona' (B)
23. C. 'Fond Memories' (C)
24. C. 'Gipsy Queen' (C)
25. C. PRINCESS KATE 'ZOPRIKA' (C)
26. C. 'Multi Blue' (B)
27. C. *cirrrosa* var *purpurascens* 'Freckles' (A)
28. C. *napaulensis* (A)
29. C. *armandii* (A)
30. C. *armandii* Close-Up (A)
40. C. *montana* 'Vera' (A)
41. C. *montana* Close-Up (A)
42. C. *montana alba* (A)
43. C. *alpina* 'Cecile' (A)
44. C. *alpina* 'Jacqueline du Pre' (A)
45. C. *alpina* 'Blue Dancer' (A)
46. C. *macropetala* 'Pauline' (A)
47. C. 'Will Baron' (B)
48. C. 'Fair Rosamond' (B)
49. C. REBECCA 'EVIPO016' (B)
50. C. 'Chalcedony' (B)
51. C. 'Daniel Deronda' (B)
52. C. 'Guernsey Cream' (B)
53. C. 'Venosa Violacea' (C)
54. C. 'Sonnette' (C)
55. C. 'Negrityanka' (C)
56. C. VERSAILLES 'EVIPO025' (B/C)
57. C. 'Abundance' (C)
58. C. 'Jackmanii' (C)
59. C. 'Ekstra' (C)
60. C. 'Golden Tiara' (C)
61. C. 'Comtesse de Bouchard' (C)
62. C. 'Etoile Violette' (C)
63. C. *florida* 'Alba Plena' (C)
64. C. *florida* 'Sieboldii' (C)
65. C. 'Betty Corning' (C)
66. C. 'Kermisina' (C)
67. C. 'Rooguchi' (C)
68. C. 'Star of India' (C)

Planting Clematis

Best to plant in fall or spring
Pick out a healthy-looking clematis in the biggest pot available and with as many stems as possible
Choose spot wisely
Need regular moisture
Whites, reds, dark purples & blues tend to like sun. Others (pastel shades)—shade.
Include something to climb on (unless a non-climbing clematis like the *C. integrifolia*)
Dig as wide and deep a hole as possible
Fill hole with water and let drain
If possible, add two inches manure to bottom of hole and cover with two inches of soil
Place clematis in hole with crown even with or just below the soil line
Fill hole with a rich well-draining soil mix
Tamp down and water again
Cut back to 12 inches (just DO it—trust me)

Growing and Training

Clematis are NOT drought tolerant, so water regularly, especially the first two years

Clematis Websites

Clematis on the Web, with photos and info on thousands of clematis

<http://www.clematis.hull.ac.uk/>

Laura's Blog about growing clematis in Seattle

<http://www.clematisinseattle.com>

Rogerson Clematis Collection in Lake Oswego, a suburb of Portland, Oregon

<http://www.rogeronclematiscollection.org>

International Clematis Society

<http://www.clematisinternational.com>

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Growing and Training (continued)

Add an annual layer of compost and/or manure, with a little alfalfa meal and bone meal. Or, use commercial fertilizers (such as tomato or rose fertilizers).
Use a natural or man-made support with *skinny* bits—rope, string, chicken wire, twigs on shrubs and trees
Twiddle new growth onto climbing support
Pinching may increase flowering
Remove faded petals if you wish or even deadhead—unless great seed heads)
Three years to kick in, so be patient

Pruning Guidelines

Pruning rarely kills a clematis.

Pruning Group A or 1: Early small-flowered species that bloom before June—no pruning until they get too big and unwieldy. Then prune after they bloom. Or, if unconcerned about next year's bloom, prune any time.

Pruning Group B or 2: Early large-flowered bloomers (May - June)—light pruning

Pruning Group C or 3: Everything else (late June - September)—hard pruning between late fall and early spring. **Note:** if you live in a colder area than Seattle, wait til spring to prune hard.

Great Sources for Clematis

Good local nurseries, plus the following mail-order nurseries specializing in clematis:

Garden Vines (aka Brushwood) Nursery, Georgia

<http://www.gardenvines.com>

Joy Creek Nursery, Scapoose, Oregon (near Portland)—also open to the public

<http://www.joycreek.com>

Silver Star Vinery, Yacolt, Washington (foothills of the Cascades north of Vancouver, WA)

<http://www.silverstarvinery.com>