Wild Flower Insight

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For at least 6 months of the year you can have wild flowers in your garden. The early harbingers of spring are starting right now, lasting until early May when they take their leaves and disappear. You will need to give wild flowers a carefully thought out spot if they are to prosper-- they will need woodland conditions where they won't dry out and a nice leafy soil.

Trillium, Anemonella (Rue anemone), Dicentra Cucullaria (Dutchman's Breeches) Jeffersonia, Sanguinaria (Bloodroot), and the Erythronium (Trout Lily) with their long spotted leaves are the showiest spring bloomers. Take a walk in Lee Garden and you can see them all. Better still, come on a Monday morning after April 14th and we'll show you around.

An interested gardener could have a wild flower or two from April until late fall when the dark blue fringed Gentian and the purple New England Aster close out the year.

ED. NOTE: all these are in Lee Garden.

Joan Sargent, a longtime member and master gardener who passed away in August 2012; wrote about 24 gardening columns for NCBL through the years for our newsletter. We are reprinting them again.