

## **Shrubs: Making your Dream Garden Reality**

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### **Why are shrubs the foundation of good landscapes?**

- Four-season presence. The perfect example: Marie & Tony Newton's Four Seasons Garden in Walsall, England (more photos at [flickr.com/photos/fourseasonsgarden/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/fourseasonsgarden/))
  - Longest blooming permanent plants
  - Most flexible type of plant for shaping and training
  - Can be used to create shade for people and plants
- Versatile in size, shape, color, and tolerance to site challenges

### **How can you use shrubs in your garden?**

- To resolve site issues • To contribute shape • To enclose and organize • To create structures •
- For formal landscapes • For informal landscapes • To expand the visual plane of your garden •
- As a focal point • For color • For fragrance • For textural contrast • For themed gardens •
- For every crazy garden idea you've ever had! •

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