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What you need to know and do to succeed at pollinator gardening:



Hydrangeas highlight a chunk of tossed out wrought iron.

- 1. Use plants that provide pollen and nectar. Cosmos, salvia, oregano, penstemon, coneflowers, buddleia, marigold, gaillardia, phlox, milkweed, bee balm, zinnia, Black-eyed Susan, cilantro, sunflower, sweet alyssum and wild flowers are excellent choices.
- Provide a water source, such as a small water garden or birdbath.
- 3. Situate your pollinator garden in a sunny site with a windbreak.
- 4. Provide shelter from the elements with grasses, standing stalks, shrubs and bushes.
- 5. Have plants that bloom continuously throughout the season including bulbs like crocus. Make sure the garden has blooms from spring to early winter.
- 6. Do not use pesticides near your pollinator plants.

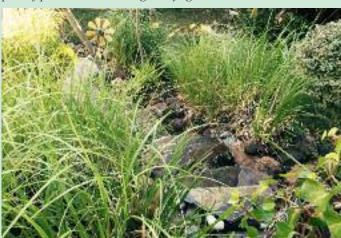
Be passionately curious, then relax, rejuvenate and reinvent, while attracting the pollinatorsbirds, bees, butterflies, bats and more.

Your friendly neighborhood

ISA arborists Darren and Lew Edwards



The birds and bees love the towering sunflower growing between pots of petunias advertising Gieryng's homeland, Poland.



A waterfall cascades down the hill amongst grasses.



Tom Gieryng of TG Hardwood loves gardening as much as he loves designing floors.



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Utility Right-of Way

Pruning for utility line clearance does not always follow desirable pruning techniques in regards to appearance and health of the tree. In this situation, the needs of the utility rightof-way take priority over the tree.

When you have a tree under a power line that requires frequent reduction by the utility co. it's important to have proper pruning before, or have the tree removed, and plant a tree with the criteria (i.e. size and placement) that should be determined by a arborist, so that a tree's health and appearance will never be compromised by the need for utility pruning. So don't wait until it's too late, call your local ISA Arborist at Advance Tree Service and Landscaping to help you determine your choice for the

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