

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- For summer color in full sun starting in 2020 and continuing in the future plant “Gold Star” esperanza, firebush, poinciana, Thyralis, duranta, salvia, and lantana. All but duranta and firebush are deer proof in most neighborhoods.
- Control snails and slugs that feed on foliage with a slug and snail bait. There are manufactured products and organic products that have Spinosad as an active ingredient. Some products are labeled for use in the vegetable garden. An interesting and effective tactic is to use beer traps. Plastic cups are sunk in the soil level with the surface and half filled with beer.
- Frogeyes and horseherb are low growing groundcovers that provide nectar for butterflies. Use transplants from the nursery or receive some from a gardener friend.
- Stink bugs including leaf-footed bugs feed on tomatoes and peaches. They are difficult to kill. Sevin and malathion are 2 insecticides that work. Follow label instructions.