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**How  
beautiful  
the  
silence of  
growing  
things**

Photo by NGA member "dirtdorphins"



*How beautiful the silence is of growing things*



### **Seed Starting Tips**

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There are three excellent reasons to start plants from seed. First, you'll have many more varieties to choose from. Garden centers and greenhouses usually only offer the most popular plants and leave many new or old-fashioned varieties off the table. Starting plants from seed also can be much less expensive than buying only started plants. And finally, you have the joy and satisfaction of starting your own plants and watching them grow under your care. You have the added benefit of being able to give away extra plants if more germinate and survive than you have room for.



### **Prolific and Terrific: Ranunculus**

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Brilliantly colored flowers are 'ranunculus' chief attraction, and they are indeed special. They most often come in multiple layers of delicate, crepe paper--thin petals, looking like an origami masterwork. Ranunculus (*R. asiaticus*) excel in southern and western gardens, and make terrific container plants everywhere.



### **Let's Grow Peas**

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One of the best spring vegetables to grow is green peas. Because they're not always available in grocery stores, growing them yourself is the best way to be sure you'll get to enjoy these tasty treats. Plus, since they're an early spring vegetable, growing peas is a great way to start your vegetable gardening season.



### **Prune Your Roses**

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Pruning has four main goals: remove dead twigs and branches; remove weak, damaged, and useless branches; open the plant to improve air circulation; and create an attractive shape. We're here to help you prune your roses.

### **Winter Care for Houseplants**

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Everyone needs a little R and R, and for houseplants winter is the time to get it. Daylight is dramatically reduced, the air is dry, and



temperatures are cool — not the perfect growing conditions. Follow these tips to keep your houseplants in shape through the winter.

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**magnificent  
marigolds**

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## Jelly Bean (*Sedum x rubrotinctum*)

"Macro image of a variegated *Sedum rubrotinctum* prop"



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## Daylily (*Hemerocallis* 'She's Got the Look')



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**Miniature Dwarf Bearded Iris (*Iris* 'Elf Esteem')**



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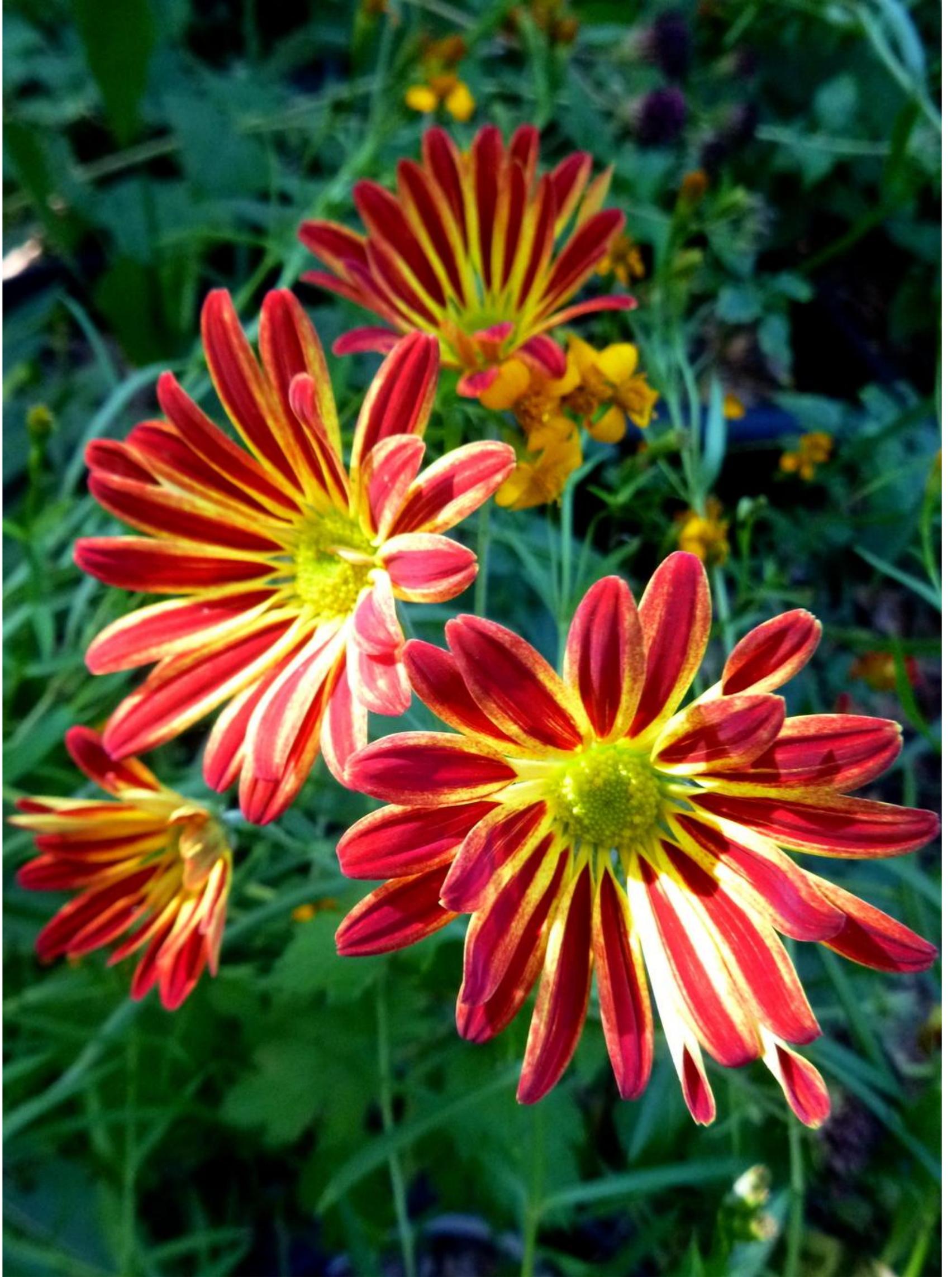
**Winter Daphne (*Daphne odora* 'Mae-jima')**



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**Florist Mum (*Chrysanthemum Point Pelee*™)**



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**Hardy Geranium (*Geranium sanguineum* 'Elke')**



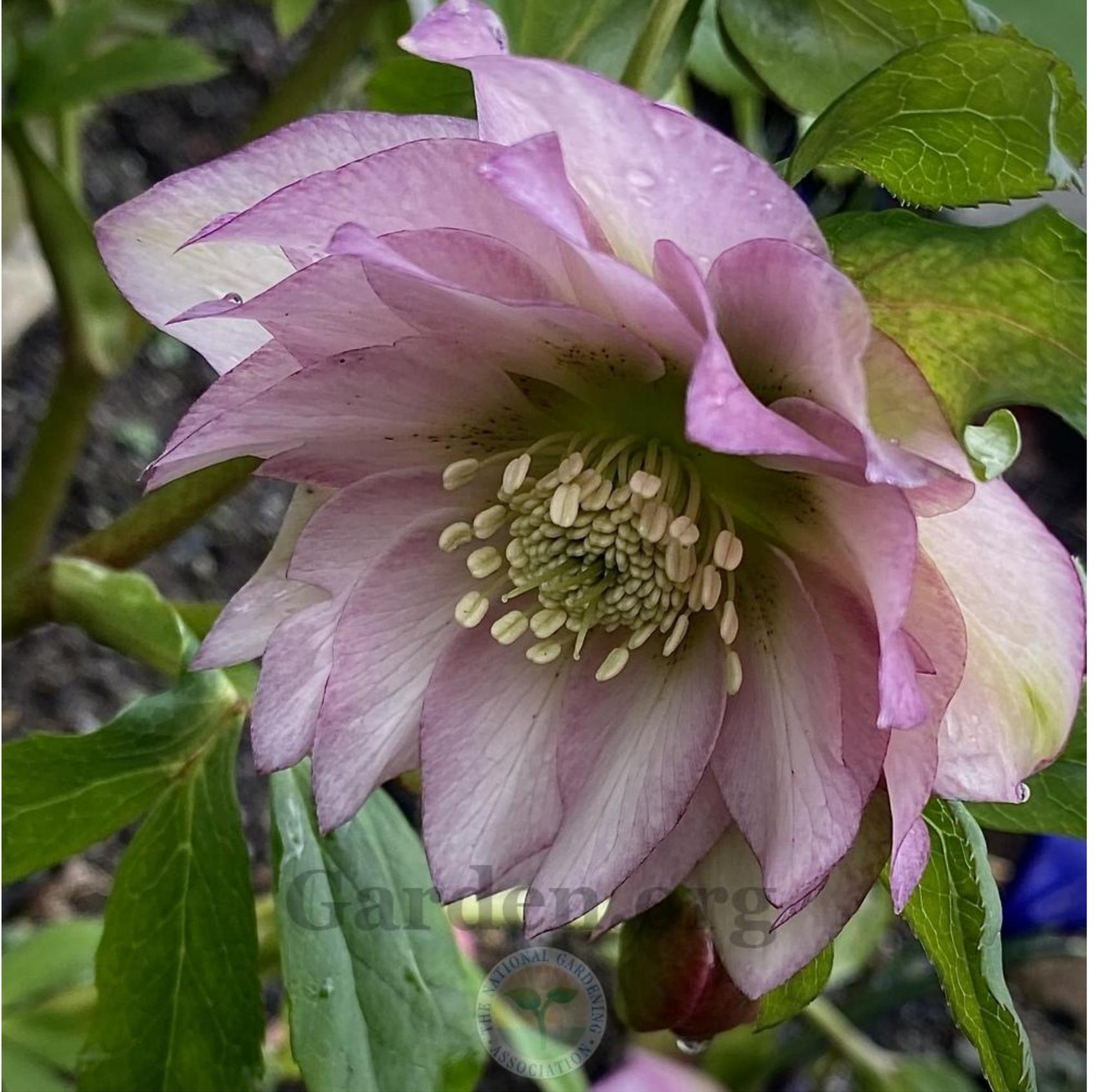
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***Echeveria* 'Neon Breakers'**



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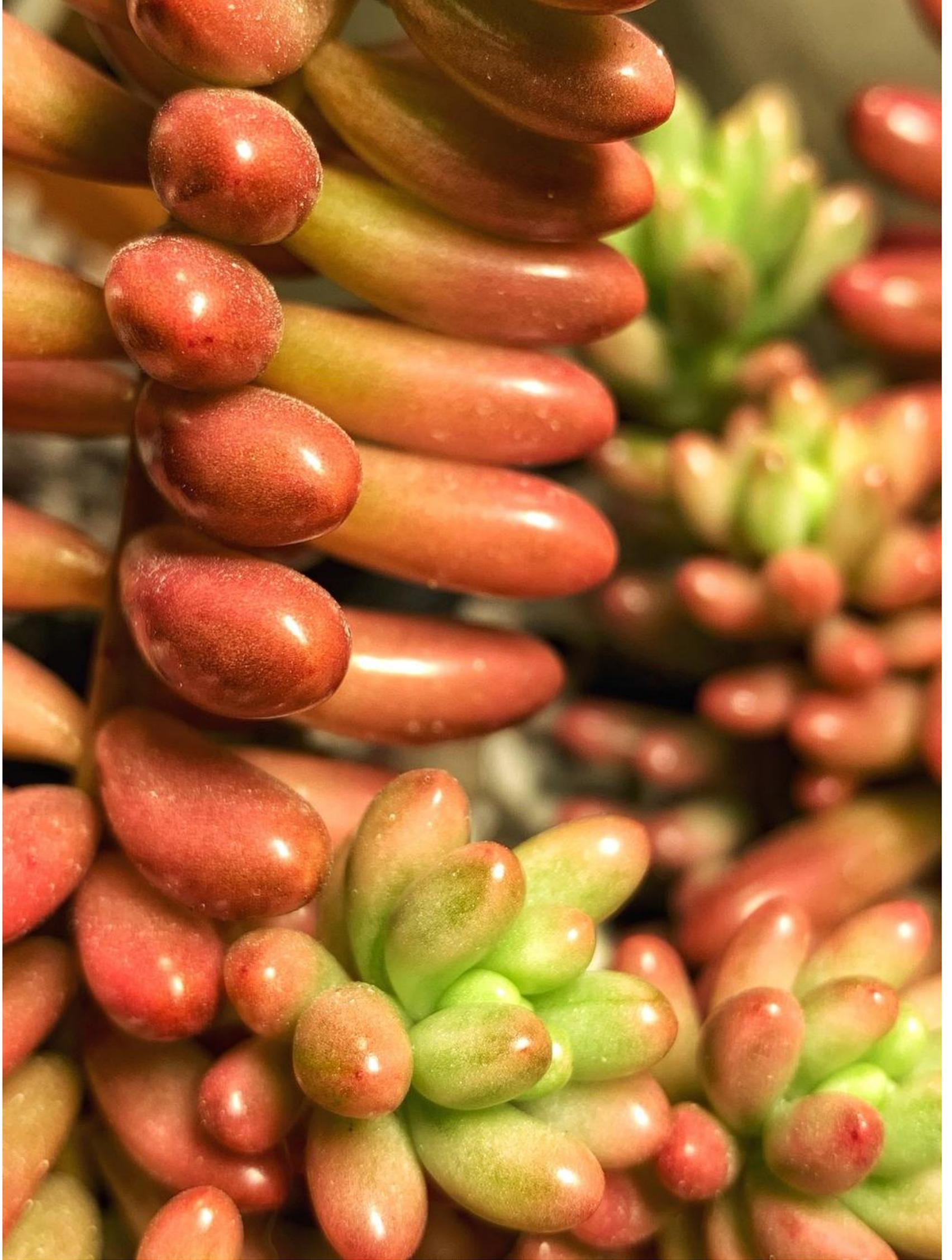
**Hellebore (*Helleborus x hybridus* 'Mardi Gras Doubles')**



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## Jelly Bean (*Sedum x rubrotinctum*)

"*Variegated Sedum rubrotinctum*"



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**Daylily (*Hemerocallis* 'Bright Butterflies')**



## ACTIVE THREADS FROM OUR FORUMS

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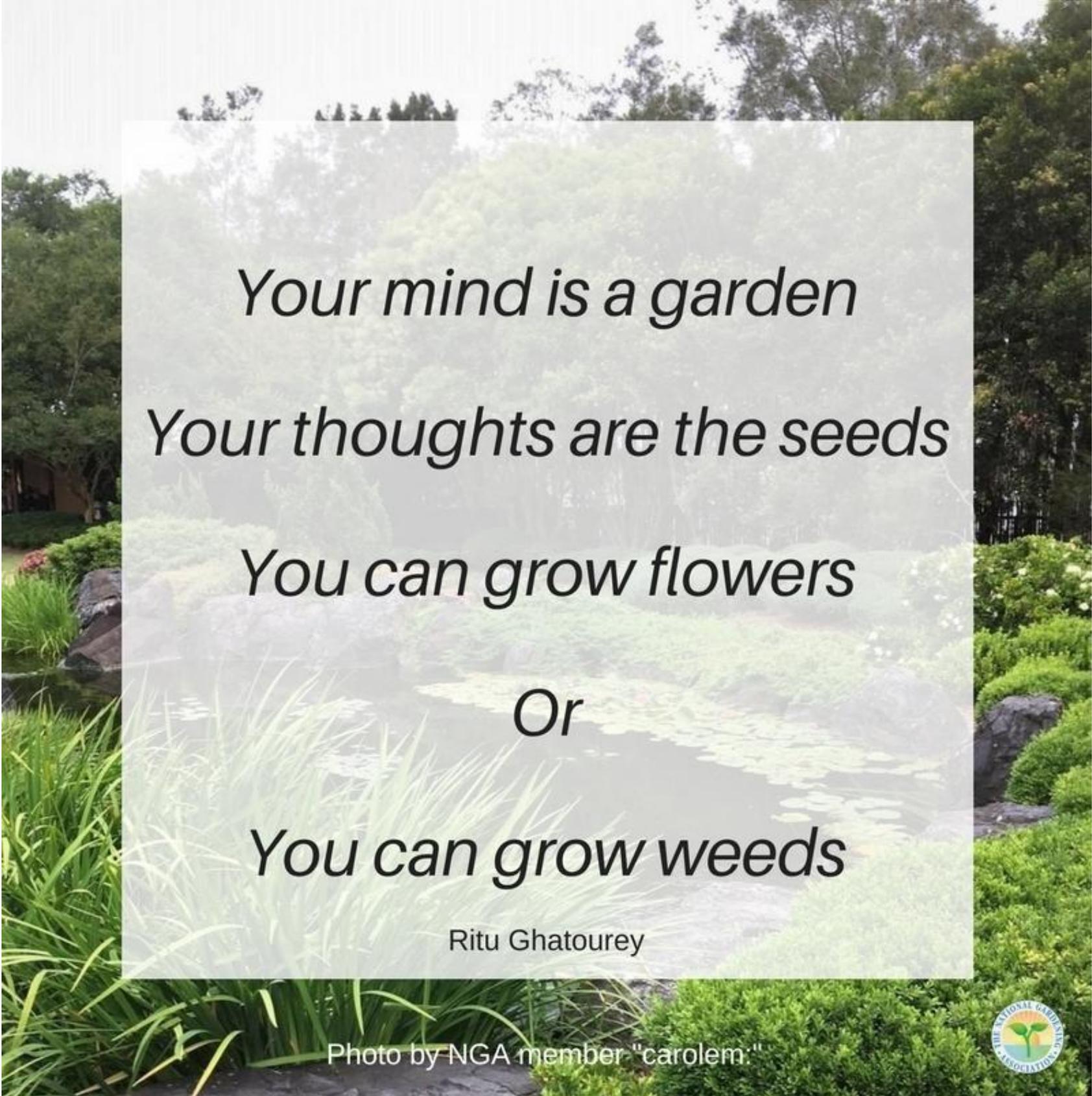
## THE NUMBERS FROM LAST WEEK

1,182 members joined.

4,607 posts written in our forums.

1,422 photos posted to the plant database.

555 plants added to personal inventory lists.



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Your thoughts are the seeds  
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Or  
You can grow weeds*

Ritu Ghatourey

Photo by NGA member "carolem."



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