

Gardening Tips – from the April 18 Garden Workers meeting

Debbie Gibbons-Neff and Michelle Constable informed the club members of several useful tools and garden supplies.

They're a unique and handy size-I use them for grooming houseplants and stick them in my pocket when I walk the garden in the morning so I'm always prepared to cut a few stems of something pretty!

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Another tip I like is to use bamboo to stake your heavier blooms that spread as they grow. (Think peonies)

I find bamboo an attractive and economical alternative to wire caging. This material is natural, strong, lightweight, inexpensive, weathers well and lasts several seasons in the garden.

I buy mine in bulk on Amazon. They are available in different lengths-I've used 3,4,6,and 8 foot increments .

Here's how:

If you're working with a new plant, drive a stake in the ground next to it, 8"-12" deep. If your plants are mature, just place the bamboo stake right next to the plant.

Tie stem to bamboo pole with twine. Tie all the way to the top of the main stem.

It helps to edit-and that means prune!

If you have the strongest and best stems you'll grow the strongest and best flowers. You will get more and better flowers that way.

As the plant grows, add more ties.

Add a crossbar when necessary to increase support. Keep adding and tying!

Bamboo and twine are both biodegradable and compostable products. When you're done staking, nothing gets left behind!

Good luck Garden Workers!

Freckled Sage Oilcloth gardening apron,

\$20.00

<https://freckledsage.com/products/gardening-apron>

Dirty Little Digger gardening tool

~\$20.00 on Amazon or QVC

Multi Sharpener

\$15.00

www.wildflower-seed.com

Sponge Ease Potting Soil

\$6.50 or \$7.99 depending on size

www.spongeease.com, on Amazon