

Garden Notes

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A Colorful Radish

Its fun to try new selections of vegetables. The Sichaun Red Beauty radish turned out great. This is more of a pickling radish but you could add small slivers to a salad. Radishes love our cooler weather and will be ready for harvest in just a few weeks.



Plant Gifts

Plants make wonderful gifts for the holidays. Be sure to consider the gardening enthusiasm of your recipient before deciding on the gift. Amaryllis bulbs or flowering cacti make easy gifts for the low maintenance friend while a bonsai may be for those who like to delve more into hobby gardening.



Spider's Web

An interesting cultivar of the Japanese Fatsia is a selection called 'Spider's Web'. Instead of being solid green like the traditional Fatsia, this selection will have white variegation sprinkled on leaves (Some people think the variegation looks like a plant disorder).

Since Fatsia likes some shade, the variegated leaves can offer interest in the low light conditions.

In the Fall and Winter, Fatsia forms white flower spikes that are very showy. Consider an evergreen Fatsia where you need a permanent shrub.