

Yahoo Discussion Group

Outline

The Discussion Group is an email-based system whereby you may discuss gardening topics with or ask garden-related questions of the Group members. Please note that it is not a website.

You may also buy sell and gift garden-related items.

- You may pass-on good/bad advice or experiences and good deals.
- This is not a commercial conduit—please use discretion.
- Your own email address is used, together with that of the group.
- The group email address is ssgc2@yahogroups.com.
- You do not have to have your own Yahoo email address.
- You may attach photographs to your email.
- The group is not open to the public and therefore the content and all email addresses will stay within the group.
- You must be registered with the group, as described below.
- You may unsubscribe from the group at any time.
- An email generated by a group member, initially, will be sent automatically to all other group members.
- You may ignore/delete an email or **reply either directly to the originator** or to all members of the group. Look for the email address of the originator, copy and paste it into a new email.
- A discussion group email will be identified automatically in the subject line by the prefix— SSGC DISCUSSION GROUP, followed by the topic.
- If you do not wish to have the group emails delivered as they are generated, they may be viewed as a *Daily Digest*, and or you may use a filter—see below.
- The group's activities will not be actively moderated.

Suggested Guidelines

- You should only include one topic per email, so as to avoid confusion and to facilitate replies, but multiple questions on the topic are OK.
- Photographs should be reduced to document size (~300 kb) using your Picture Manager (or similar software) and should be from a trusted source—do not attach any other type of file.
- The group prefix is automatically inserted in the subject line on transmission— just type your topic.
- Offers of or requests for free plants, gardening hardware, or materials are permitted.
- Selling of garden-related items will be allowed, but people who sell regularly must restrict their solicitations to a generally acceptable interval—experience will determine what is acceptable. Once a contact is made then the transaction process should be completed without using the "Reply to group" link.
- Selling, advertising, or promoting for charities will not be permitted.
- Any abuses should be reported to the Moderator (Linda Stanley Wilson) at the email address below.
- The rules may be revised from time to time based on the collective experience or as determined by the executive committee.

Participation

- If you would like to join or have any questions, send an email to Linda at ssgcdiscussion@gmail.com with the subject heading "Join Discussion Group."
- Sometime after you ask to join, you will receive an email inviting you to join. Just hit the join button.
- You may reply either to the originator only or to the whole group by using the appropriate send button at the foot of each email.
- You cannot edit or selectively print from the email thread, but you can copy and paste to "Word" any sections that are of interest to you.
- If you wish to have the *Daily Digest* option then use the *Daily Digest* link at the lower right corner of any group email.
- You may also manage your emails by filtering—this is described on a separate note.
- You may leave the group at any time by pressing the *Unsubscribe* link at the lower right corner of any group email you receive.