

# Buds AND Blossoms

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"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us."--II Timothy 1:14.

You may have an inexpensive garden in summer by planting annuals. Grow these in mass effect, borders and beds.

Ageratum, California poppy, celosia, pinks, dahlia, petunias, marigolds, snapdragon, verbena, zinnia, and portulaca will make a lovely garden.

Baby blue eyes, candytuft, sand verbena, Virginia stock and Dahlberg daisy are good for rock gardens.

Many annuals have beautiful foliage, even if the flower isn't too pretty. Summer fir, summer poinsettia, snow-on-the-mountain, castor bean and salvia do have unusual, colorful foliage.

Annual vines will cover a multitude of sin. Grow them on screen, fence or trellis--grow on stones or a hillside.

Balloon vined, cardinal climber, cypress vines, cup-and-saucer, hyacinth bean, Japanese hop, nasturtium, scarlet runner, morning glory and many others are very easily grown.

Be sure to buy sunflower seed to plant this spring. Even the birds will thank you. You may feast on them too. Roast in peanut oil--stir constantly. Try them!

This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we turn to a recent issue of the Coastland Times and Sarah Hansen's lovely lines titled "Ocracoke."

Blow wind, blow, so lonely and free

Bring in your breath cool from the sea,

This is your home, this wind swept spot

This is the land that time forgot.

This is the island, Ocracoke Where Blackbeard's power at long last broke

Yet still today his den is near Even his gold lies buried here.

This is the place of hidden lanes

And trees bent down by sweeping rains

Protecting tiny sea kissed homes,

This is the place where the wild pony roams

This is the place of Silver Lake

With tiny boats tied to a stake,

And larger boats lie anchored there

Waiting for days when fishing's "fair".

Here's where there's still a general store

That's part of life, not dead folk lore,

Where pots and pan, and Sunday shoes

Are sold along with paints and glues.

Here's where folks are honest and true

Some don't like you, yet others do.

But if they don't they never lie

They turn their head and pass on by.

This is the place where days are long

With time to hear the lone gull's song

Or walk along a salty beach

And watch a sea bird's meal time reach.

Here is the spot, the hidden place

Where you see yourself face to face,

No hiding self within the mobs Or killing self with things

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and jobs. This is the place to read your heart Perhaps you'll take a fresh new start, Just sit beneath a knarled old

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and sang, and they taught her to do the twist.

The little old lady impressed us as being impish, in a nice sort of way. Unless we're badly fooled, she was a tomboy when she was growing up, and probably got more fun out of climbing trees and playing leap frog than cuddling dolls.

She took to the banjo at an early age, as an outlet for her keen sense of rhythm and her

oak And think things out on OCRACOKE.

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