



Kathrine Dulin Folger Rose Garden

Planting Companions

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.”

— William Shakespeare

Groups of plants that grow well together are called “companion” plants. Planting different types of plants in close proximity with the intention of enhancing their growth or protecting against plant pests is known as companion planting.

What makes particular plants good companions?

Many of the plants in the Folger Rose Garden were chosen for their ability to attract beneficial insects. They provide habitat, shelter, and food sources for these insects throughout their life cycle. Selecting a variety of plants with different bloom times helps sustain a range of beneficial insects.



What can you do?

Choose plants wisely.

Plants in the aster family (Asteraceae) with their daisy-like blooms and easy-to-reach nectar are good examples of flowers that attract and support beneficial insects.



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