

Annie Borzilleri reports: Sharing your favorite perennial - “the one” that you would dig up and take with you when you move or that you eagerly anticipate every year.

Maryanne McNeill - my favorite is the snowdrop, *galanthus nivalis*.

Marla Patterson - *Anemone tomentosa* cv. 'Robustissima'

This is tricky because it is also classified as:

Anemone vitifolia cv. 'Robustissima' in some cases

Common name: Windflower

Meaning: Grape-leaved anemone

Description: Pale to bright pink in late summer early autumn; spreading by root; 20 plus inches high

Fran Devlin - This is a very difficult decision, but here goes.

Jeffersonia diphylla - This is a small plant which appears in early spring and can be found in a few gardens or on a woodland path. Its small white flower is a reminder that Spring's delicate nature is to be cherished in its' fragility.

Anna Heys - One of my favorites in the garden is *Pimpinella* 'Rosea'. It was given to me by Lynn Hoopes as a division from her garden and I think of her every time I see it blooming in the garden. I have not seen it in many other gardens and it blooms through the summer as long as I dead head it. I have passed it along to other gardening friends and it would definitely go with me if I were to leave.

Jim Lamond - My favorite is *Convallaria majalis* 'Rosea'

Madeleine Patenge - The flower I most look forward to seeing in the spring is the Peony. Mine came from my mother's garden so they are very special. I grew up with them, and I always enjoy the scent.

Lee Reese - For me, it is day lilies, and we did bring them with us when we moved.

Sue Rae - Every year I anxiously await the appearance of incredibly beautiful iris in my garden. I inherited these when I purchased my house. They are: *Iris germanica* cv. 'Alcazar' – image to the right.

Margy Miner - After a long winter I love my first harbingers of spring popping up in unexpected spots.

Family: Amaryllidaceae

Genus: *Galanthus*

Species: *nivalis*

The common (but not really) Snow drop.



Suzanne Blaicher - I will say that my favorite perennial is any of my Uncle Frank's irises. Last year was their first year in CT and I had green stalks, no blooms but they all appeared to be healthy. I am hoping for a few blooms this year, but since they were shipped as a mixed bag, I couldn't identify them when my parents and I planted them. On a wing and a prayer, something magical will happen.

Will come up with some botanical nomenclature for them! They won awards internationally.

Victoria Sansing - Plant I HAVE moved to keep with me! Japanese Anemone - Anemone Hupehensis.

Susan Magary - my favorite perennial is not actually a plant, but a tree. The May blooms of the yellow magnolia in the front yard signal Spring, and they are always a glorious sight to me. (M. "Elizabeth") And I have Sylvia Abbott to thank! When she came and saw my daffodil planting one April, she said I absolutely had to have a yellow magnolia. So I bought one, of course, and it has thrived. Thank you Sylvia!

Grace Yagtug - There is no such thing as a favorite flower for me, just flowers that flow in and out of my affections and obsessions! A recent flower obsession is the Siberian squill - Scilla siberica. In itself it is small, a little scraggly, quiet and unobtrusive. Yet, when surrounded by hundreds of like friends, it covers the ground with a blue intensity that makes you think for a moment that the sky has fallen to the ground That is why I love this flower, because after the cold white winter, that blue carpet renews my faith that everything is possible!

June Dalton-Morris - Echinops Ritro 'Veitch's Blue' My favorite summer perennial - attracts all bees and pollinators. Excellent companions Nepeta 'Walkers Low' and Leucanthemum x superbum 'Becky'. Agastache 'Blue Fortune' - attracts pollinators including Painted Lacy butterfly. This is my favorite second choice perennial. Images below



Tonja Curry - PAEONIA peony 'Festiva Maxima'