

Houseplants: Gardening Indoors

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Humans have been keeping interior ornamental plants since ancient times. Sometimes they were used for opulent displays, and during other times they were used for practical things like cooking.

In ancient China, potted plants were displayed over 2,500 years ago. During the Renaissance, plants began to trickle into Europe from Asia. Many were brought in through the ports of Venice and Genoa.

Plant breeding began in Europe in the late 17th and 18th centuries. With plants coming in at that time from areas colonized around the world collections soon formed and botanical gardens were created. Modern nurseries began not long after and horticulture grew. Plant stands and displays became more common in the homes of the wealthy. During the industrial revolution we saw glasshouses being created and the middle class could afford to own exotic plants of their own.

The Victorian era was the height of houseplant mania, although the current revivalist era we're living through is likely going to rival it. In the US, the last great indoor gardening eras occurred after WWII, and again in the 1970s.

Most houseplants are tropical, or subtropical, but essentially any plant that can be cultivated indoors can be considered a houseplant. The definition has much remained the same, but it's been expanded upon a little bit in recent years. While demand is currently higher than the supply for many plants, the good news is that there are still plenty of plants to buy out there if you know where to look.

"Houseplants need the correct moisture, light levels, soil mixture, temperature, and humidity. As well, houseplants need the proper fertilizer and correct-sized pots." (Wikipedia)

—Introduction

—Indoor Gardening Basics

—Advanced Indoor Gardening Techniques and Trends

—Indoor Gardening Challenges and Problems

—Some Beautiful Plants

Plant Shopping:

I recommend that you buy from reputable and licensed growers. This helps to support the nursery industry, and my hope is that it will encourage more hobby growers to grow their own small businesses. We need them.

Online:

glasshouseworks.com

logees.com

stevesleaves.com

lyndonlyon.com

violetbarn.com

ariumbotanicals.com (local)

pottedelephant.com (local)
theothersidenursery.com (local)

Resources:

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PNW Begonia Society
Oregon Orchid Society
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