

## Submission Guidelines for *The Prairie Garden*

We welcome story ideas from gardeners across the Canadian Prairies and the northern Great Plains of the US. If you have a story idea you'd like to suggest to us or photos you'd like to share, please contact the [editor@theprairiegarden.ca](mailto:editor@theprairiegarden.ca).

Although there is room in every issue for articles on both our annual theme and gardening in general, please understand that due to volume we cannot include all submitted pieces in our publication. Before you start writing, it is best to check with us to see if your story idea fits our needs. Also, please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines.

**Who:** You are writing for all kinds of people: horticultural experts, professors, grandmothers, good friends, and hardy prairie people in both Canada and the US. They are informed, curious, and want to learn practical things and build better gardens of all kinds, from food to forests.

**What:** Introduce us to new and interesting plants, share your techniques and tips, and inspire us with your gardening projects. Show us what you know with pictures and words. Consider all the facets of our annual theme, but remember that we also publish articles on general horticulture. Please let us know if your article has been previously published elsewhere, including online.

**Length and style:** Please keep your article between 200 and 1500 words in length. Remember that your audience is ordinary gardeners of all kinds, not scientists or academics. Most articles do not include references, but if you wish to add them, please limit them to three or four in an accepted citation format.

**Plant names:** Give the common name first in lower case, followed by the botanical (Latin) name in italics inside non-italicized parentheses. Add the cultivar name in single quotes, if known. Example: beebalm (*Monarda didyma*) 'Marshall's Delight'. You only need to give the botanical name the first time you mention each plant.

**Measurements:** Give metric first without a period, then US customary units in parentheses with a period. Example: 30 cm (12 in.)

**How to submit:** Send your material in a Word document with a title and your name at the top. Email it with photos to the [editor@theprairiegarden.ca](mailto:editor@theprairiegarden.ca). In a separate file or email, send your contact info, including a **mailing address** for your complimentary copy and a **40-word biographical statement**.

**About photos:** We prefer that you submit your own photos. If you submit photos by others, we need their express permission to publish them. For each photo, indicate *exactly* what the subject is (including plant cultivar) and who took it. Put this information in the filename. Example: **Rose Never Alone by Jane Smith.jpg**. Ensure all photos are of print quality, i.e. at least 300 dpi, which usually means a file that is 1000 KB (1 MB) or larger. We prefer jpg or jpeg format. Photos should be sent as email attachments (not *in* your email) or uploaded to our Dropbox (ask for the link).

**About our editing process:** Please be aware that articles will be assessed by the Prairie Garden Editorial Committee. If approved for publication, they will be edited for grammar, clarity, length, and conformity with our stylistic standards. If you wish to see the edits in Track Changes when you review the final version of your article, please let the editor know. While we read every piece submitted, we usually receive more articles than we have room for. You may be invited to re-submit your work for another, later issue.

Submitted material becomes the property of *The Prairie Garden* but will be appropriately credited. Images and texts that have appeared in our publication may be used for promotional purposes, including in social media.

We thank you in advance for your ideas and contributions to *The Prairie Garden*!

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