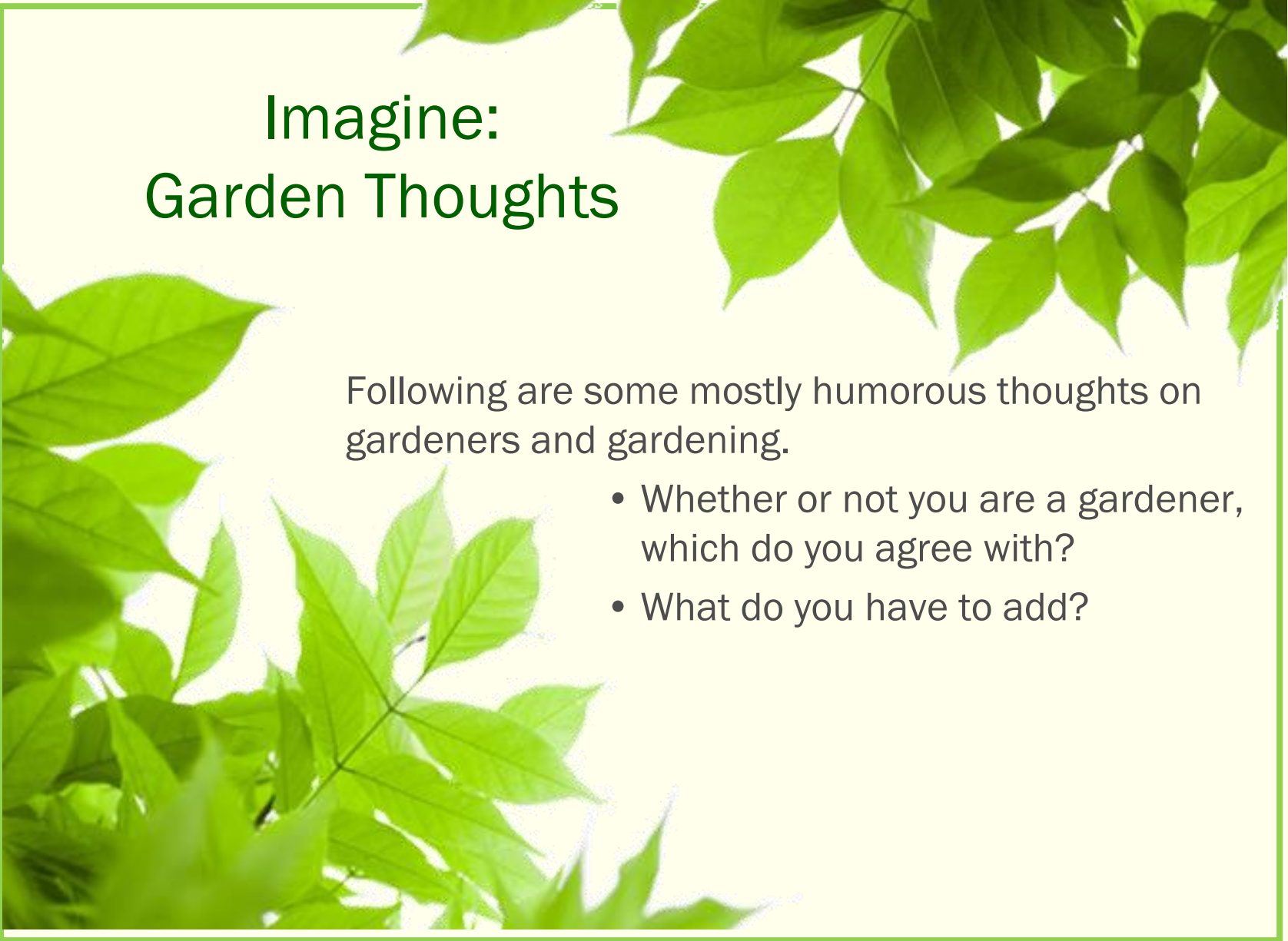


# In the Garden Excerpt





# Imagine: Garden Thoughts

Following are some mostly humorous thoughts on gardeners and gardening.

- Whether or not you are a gardener, which do you agree with?
- What do you have to add?



There are two seasonal diversions  
that can ease the bite of any winter.  
One is the January thaw.  
The other is the seed catalogues.  
~ Hal Borland

Gardening requires lots of water  
— most of it in the form of perspiration.  
~ Lou Erickson




Gardeners learn by  
trowel and error

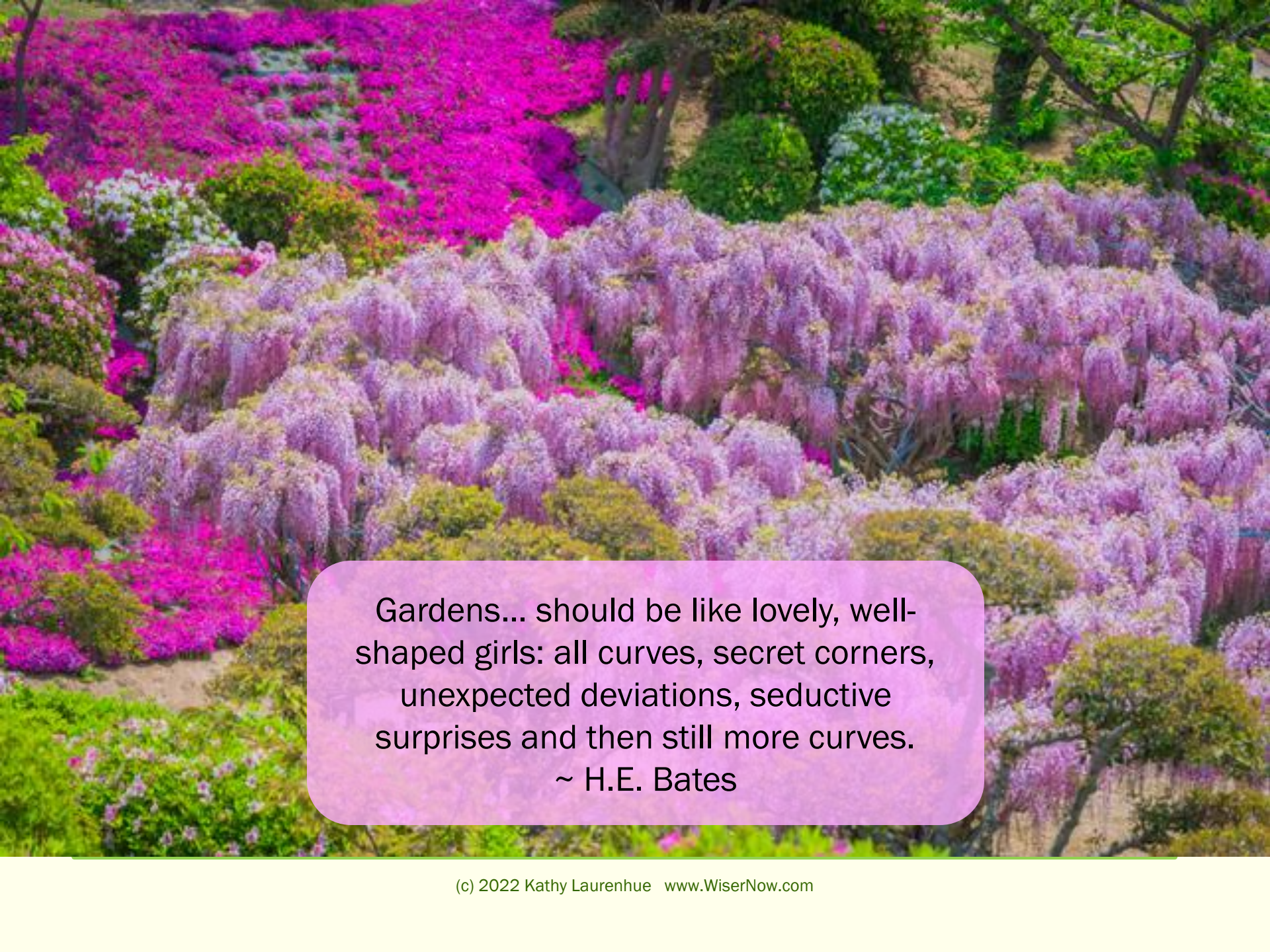




It is a golden maxim to cultivate  
the garden for the nose, and the  
eyes will take care of themselves.  
~ Robert Louis Stevenson



**My rule of green thumb for mulch is to double  
my initial estimate of bags needed and add  
three. Then I'll only be two bags short.  
~ Author Unknown**



Gardens... should be like lovely, well-shaped girls: all curves, secret corners, unexpected deviations, seductive surprises and then still more curves.  
~ H.E. Bates





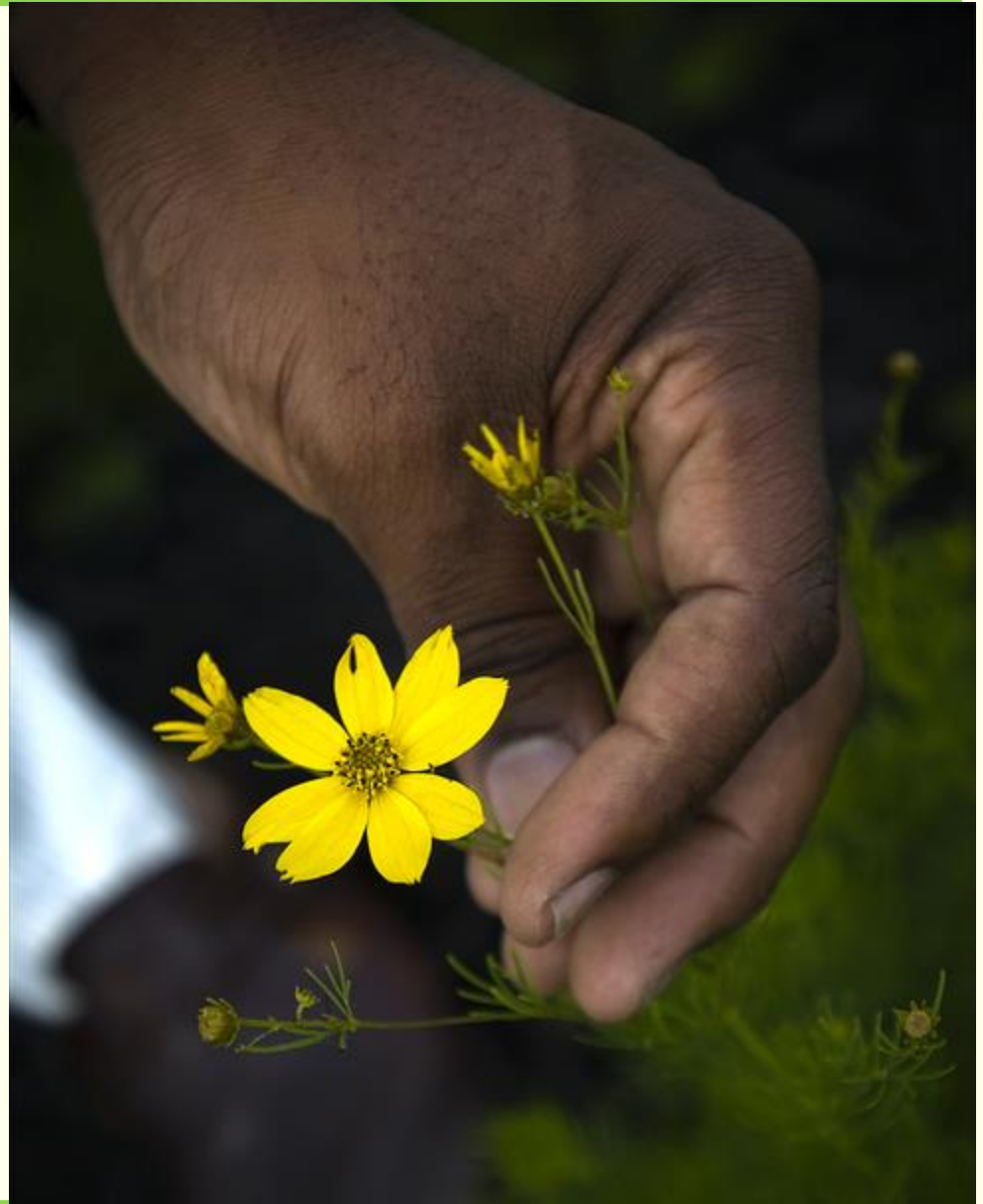
Gardeners  
know the best  
dirt.

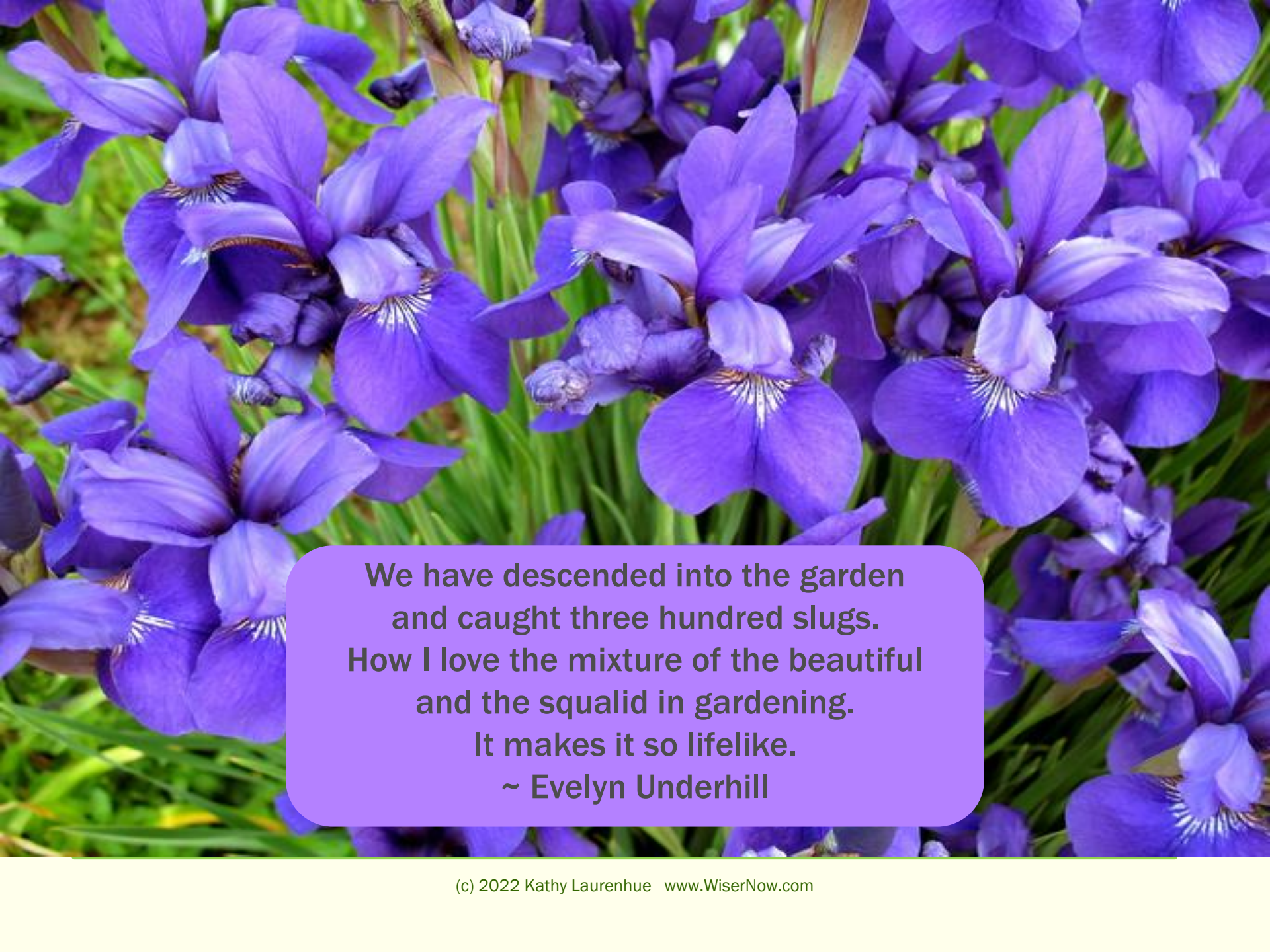


Gardening is  
cheaper than  
therapy and you  
get tomatoes.  
~ Author Unknown

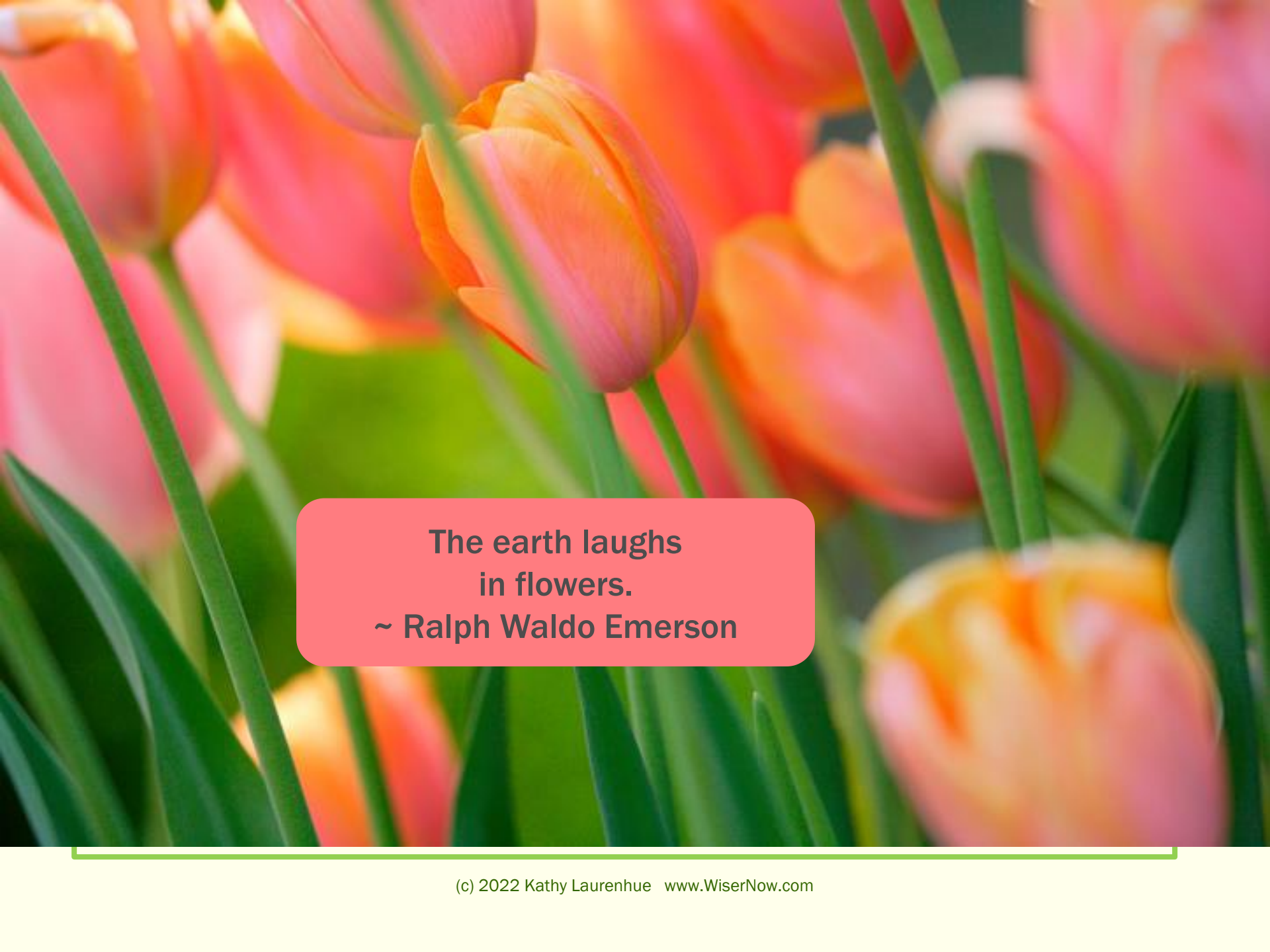
When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

~ Author Unknown





**We have descended into the garden  
and caught three hundred slugs.  
How I love the mixture of the beautiful  
and the squalid in gardening.  
It makes it so lifelike.  
~ Evelyn Underhill**



The earth laughs  
in flowers.  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

In spite of popular beliefs, bridal bouquets did not originate as a way to mask body odors, but as a symbol of sexuality and fertility. Flowers have been associated with weddings at least since the time of the Roman Empire.

**On the following slides, can you tell  
which statements are true, and which are false?**



Trivia quiz:

## What's Your Flower I.Q.?

1. A bouquet of flowers or a flowering plant can suck the oxygen out of a hospital room.

True \_\_\_\_

False \_\_\_\_





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True

False

They *add* oxygen to the air.







## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

2. Eating poppy seeds can cause you to fail a drug test.

True \_\_\_\_

False \_\_\_\_





## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

2. Eating poppy seeds can cause you to fail a drug test.

True  X

False    

Because it registers like an opiate, the test is being revised.





## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

3. The world's largest flower is nearly 10 feet tall and smells like rotting meat.

True \_\_\_\_

False \_\_\_\_





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True X

False    





## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

3. the Sumatran titan arum, AKA the "corpse plant," produces a huge green-and-burgundy calla lily-like flower 7 to 10 feet tall. Its awful smell attracts the creatures that pollinate it.



*Amorphophallus titanum*  
Image courtesy of Marie Selby Botanic Gardens  
Sarasota, Florida



Trivia quiz:

## What's Your Flower I.Q.?

4. The poinsettia plant is highly toxic and can kill a person or pet that eats the leaves.

True \_\_\_\_

False \_\_\_\_





## Trivia quiz:

# What's Your Flower I.Q.?

4. The poinsettia plant is highly toxic and can kill a person or pet that eats the leaves.

True \_\_\_\_

False X

It's not recommended, but the worst result if you eat a poinsettia is likely to be an upset stomach.





## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

5. Watering potted bulbs with gin or vodka will prevent the flowers from flopping over.

True \_\_\_\_

False \_\_\_\_







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## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

5. Bulbs with very long stems flop from the weight of the blossoms. Watering them with 7 parts water and 1 part 80-proof alcohol (such as gin, vodka, whiskey, or rum) stunts the growth of the stem and leaves so that the flowers don't require additional support.





## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

6. The daisy was originally known in England as the "day's eye."

True \_\_\_\_

False \_\_\_\_





## Trivia quiz: What's Your Flower I.Q.?

6. The daisy was originally known in England as the "day's eye."

True  X

False    

So-named because the flower closed at sunset and opened at dawn.



I hope these Visually Vibrant Exercises have helped you make new connections in your brain and delightful connections sharing it with others.

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