GIFTS FOR GARDENERS 2012
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Frederick County Master Gardeners eagerly share gift ideas during the holiday season. From free to pricey, there is always something a gardener desires.

Lee Royer
Stocking stuffer: My favorite hand weeder is the well-balanced and lightweight Hand Hoe from Johnny’s Select Seeds. (www.johnnyseeds.com)  Wrapped under the tree: A handy potting tray that’s easy to clean and portable. (www.kinsmangarden.com) For a big surprise, I suggest a tool I can’t do without: The Smart Cart garden cart (www.johnnyseeds.com) or a load of compost or mulch from the 9031 Reichs Ford Road Yard Waste Recycling site.

Shelley Johnson
I recently gave my friend a party where garden items were the gifts. Here are some items she got. I think most can be found in many local shops. Jewelry by Stacy Krantz, who does pieces related to pods, seeds, and leaves (McQuire Fine Arts 110 N Market St. Frederick), small metal bird bath, bird house, fall bulbs, gloves, herbs, tote bag, planter, gift cards to local garden shop, watering can, and wine (to enjoy after working or admiring and relaxing in garden).

Regina Irizarry
A birdbath would be on my list of garden favorites because it adds so much to the garden. A Wave Hill chair would be nice, too - since I'm dreaming. [http://www.wavehill.org/shop-wave-hill/](http://www.wavehill.org/shop-wave-hill/) They sell plans to make it on their site, also.

Harriet Wise
My favorite gifts have been "Gift Cards" to various nurseries. It was great fun spending them on plant purchases. Another favorite was a membership in the American Horticultural society. Magazine subscriptions to Fine Gardening, Organic Gardening would be nice, and, of course, a promise to help weed when necessary.

Ellen West
I bought a watering timer with two outlets for this summer. It was very useful, since one outlet can be used for certain areas and the second outlet for a different area with different water needs or just used as a hose.

Deirdre Lang
I love receiving garden ornaments and yard tools or basically anything from Gardeners Supply Catalog (www.gardeners.com). I have given Amaryllis bulbs from there to my husband's grandmother. She bragged all year about how beautiful the blooms were, and how she was able to replant them to her yard.
Ruth Axelrod
As I age, I increasingly love hand tools that are 18-22" long (www.duluthtrading.com). They need to be of high quality and well balanced. For high rollers, a serious leaf shredder would be wonderful, since oak leaves do not readily compost without shredding.

Joan Kobetz
"Radius" transplant spade and garden books top my list of gifts I've received. (www.Sears.com)

Susan Warrenfeltz
I recently discovered a soil knife. It is THE BEST thing I have found for dividing perennials. I was so excited about getting one, the holidays came early – it was Christmas in September.

Dedra Salitrik
Long sleeve neutral color suede gloves for dealing w/ thorns, big spiders, sharp rocks (avoid the bright red and blue ones that leave your arms and hands stained) Sun hat that ties under chin and has wide brims to shade eyes and back of neck. Works great plus there's the bonus of looking totally dorky. (www.southernstates.com, locations locally)

Marianne Willburn
At the end of the day, I always need different types of ties. Adj-a-tie, green ribbon, twine, wire - you name it, I need it, and so does every other gardener....and it's cheap. However....gift idea for wealthy relatives, or a husband who wants to win my everlasting affection? A.M. Leonard's, (www.amleo.com), wonderful long reach pruners. Beats a pole pruner by a mile and a half.

Vicki Senires
In my gardening experience tools & gadgets are great, but what I truly like & appreciate more than anything is a family day in the garden working together to get the job done. That is a gift I like to receive over & over ~ the time spent together is priceless.

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