

## THE FORGOTTEN FOURTH SEASON (Winter Interest in the Ornamental Garden)

### Achieving Interest:

Color, Shape, Texture

### Color

#### Evergreen Trees

Spruce

Pine

Fir

Arborvitae

Holly

Magnolia

Cedar

#### Evergreen Shrubs

Holly

Cypress

Nandina\* "Fire Power"

Rhododendron & Azalea

Viburnum

Taxus

Juniper

Mahonia

Boxwood

#### Semi-evergreen Shrubs

Oak leaf hydrangea

Abelia

#### Evergreen Perennials

Dianthus

Herbs

Hellebore

Bulbs

Lamb's Ears

Grasses\* (avoid invasive varieties)

Sedum

Sedges

Phlox

### Shape and Texture

Contrast catches the eye

Exfoliating and Interesting Bark

Combinations

### Hardscape

Benches

Paths

Fountains

Bridges

Structures

### Garden Art

### "To Do" in the Winter Garden

Postpone cleanup

Plan for Spring planting

Prune trees and shrubs in late February

Leave grasses and stems alone for the pollinators

Make a garden design

Put an electric de-icer in the birdbath

Feed the birds

Enjoy the scenery