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April and it should be spring...a good time to sow Alyssum. Cleome. Annual Poppies and Candytuft (Iberis) where they are to bloom. The first daffodils will be coming up. If they are not doing well, fertilize as they come out of the ground. lower Record, the white Mount Hood and Ice Follies all naturalize well. If you want a smaller, shorter flower try February Gold which blooms in early April. Leave all bulb foliage to ripen-- don't tie!

Joan Sargent, a longtime member and master gardener who passed away in August 2012; wrote about 30 gardening columns for NCBL through the years for our newsletter. We are reprinting them again.



N. February Gold, a mini size



Cleome: Also known as Spider flower, this plant will make the back of your border a focal point. It will self sow.







Above, Alyssum, Poppies, and Candytuft..







Above, Narcissus 'Flower Record', N. 'Mount Hood', N. 'Ice Follies'.