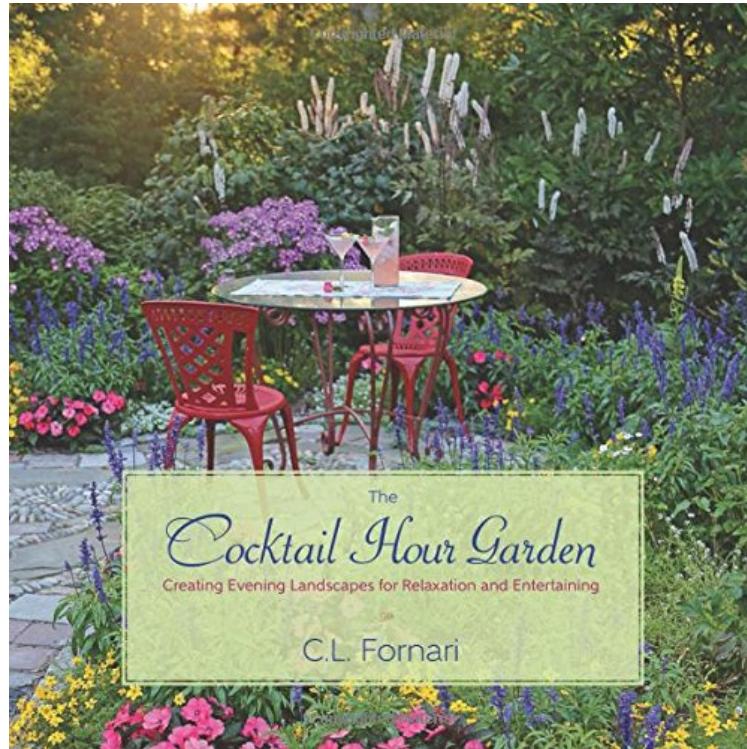


The Cocktail Hour Garden: Creating Evening Landscapes for Relaxation and Entertaining

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At the end of the day, what better place is there to kick back, chill out and make the world go away, than in your own

backyard garden? Plant and cocktail lover C. L. Fornari shows how easy it is to create a garden atmosphere that sets the mood for private relaxation or festive occasions with friends. With a wise and witty text, mood-setting plant lists, botanical drink recipes and luscious photographs, *The Cocktail Hour Garden* reveals the simple secrets to creating an evening pleasure garden. This personalizing of the garden experience is what the new buzzwords garden-tainment and garden-to-glass are all about.

The majority of gardening books tell you what to plant and where and how to grow it. Few take you out into the garden and help you enjoy the spaces you worked so hard to create. That's why I'm so delighted with C.L. Fornari's latest book, *The Cocktail Hour Garden*. (Pam Baxter syndicated garden writer) *The Cocktail Hour Garden* gives a plethora of ideas for designing, planting and accessorizing your garden space to offer maximum enjoyment for those couple of hours when you can actually indulge in sitting down. Whether that is an hour before you start dinner with a calming cup of tea or like us, taking your wine glasses (and chocolate) over to the fire pit at dusk to watch the bats start to fly and the stars come out. C.L. helps the reader evaluate their current garden and ask what each plant 'brings to the party'. (Karen Chapman Le Jardinets Designs) If you're looking for an excuse to slow down and reconnect with nature whether meditatively solo or socially with friends and family you'll find plenty of ideas to incorporate into your garden and your lifestyle. For me, the book served best as a reminder that gardens are meant to be enjoyed, not just worked in, and I resolved to spend more time sitting in mine, and inviting friends to join me in that noble endeavor more often. Cocktails are being shaken. Chair cushions are being fluffed. Here's to the green hour! (Pam Penick Digging) [C.L.'s] tone is conversational, a charming invitation to join her for a cocktail and conversation at the end of the day. (Pat Leuchtman Commonweeder) Fornari has taken the term "green" to a whole other level with a book full of green things (i.e. plants) to festoon the area where we like to rest and enjoy beverages. Readers will discover abundant ideas for plant selection, furniture and hardscaping, attracting birds and pollinators and a whole section on edible plants for snacking and concocting beverages. (Peg Tillery *The Kitsap Sun*) In *The Cocktail Hour Garden*, C.L. Fornari explores the importance of the green hour, a time at the end of every day when the light shifts, and sounds and scents intensify. C.L. encourages us to put down our phones, laptops, and tablets, to slow down and take a deep breath. Whether you actually bring a cocktail into the garden is irrelevant. The important thing is to appreciate this special time of day, to make a connection with the natural world and the people you share it with. And C.L. can show you how to do just that, with or without an adult beverage! Ellen Zachos, Author of *BACKYARD FORAGING*, with a specialty in foraged cocktails. "If C.L. Fornari did a rewrite of the phone book, I would want to read it and, especially, have her on my show to discuss it." (Mike Nowak *The Mike Nowak Show*) "*The Cocktail Hour Garden* reminds us that gardens are meant to be savored, and that there is no better place to enjoy the day's "closing ceremony" than our own backyard. Let C.L. Fornari be your clever and inventive guide to creating the perfect retreat for enjoying your evening cocktail and the life around you." Amy Stewart, author of *THE DRUNKEN BOTANIST: The Plants That Create the World's Great Drinks* "What a fun concept for a book and what a great read it is! C.L. Fornari invites us to join her for cocktails in the garden, where she introduces us to fun facts about all manner of subjects: plant-based drinks, crepuscular insects, evening illuminations, and scented, tactile and night-blooming plants, to name just a few. Enjoy!" Julie Moir Messervy, Landscape Designer and author of *Landscape Ideas That Work* About the Author C. L. Fornari is a writer, professional speaker and radio host. Author of six gardening books, including *Coffee for Roses* (St. Lynn's 2014). In 2013 she won silver awards from The Garden Writers Association in the categories of Broadcast Media, Radio and Electronic Media, Blog and Website. She hosts two Saturday radio shows: *The Garden Lady* on Boston's WRKO and *GardenLine* on WXTK, both streamed online, and has been a frequent contributor to NPR's *The Cultivated Gardener*. The author manages a blog, *Whole Life Gardening*, and the website, *gardenlady.com*. She resides in Cape Cod, MA.