


The Garden Journal 2.0



Except for the fact that they're archived in cyberspace, garden blogs (the contraction for the word *weblogs*) follow in the tradition of Thoreau capturing his nature-inspired experiences at Walden Pond or Gertrude Jekyll composing essays on her garden designs. Garden blogs are the 21st century's form of the garden journal—the place we feel free to wax rhapsodic about the glory of the latest season's blooms or bemoan the treachery of Mother Nature. Rather than sketch our plants on paper, blogs allow us to post digital photos. And the big bonus? Blogs allow us to share our musings with any other passionate planters who care to simply click on our link.

When Carl Linnaeus, the father of taxonomy, devised a system for naming plants in Latin so that we

gardeners, regardless of the region in which we garden or even what language we speak, would have a common tongue in which to communicate, he made it easier to tell our stories. Today binomial nomenclature teams up with technology to let us instantly carry the conversation across state or country lines.

Blogs provide an outlet for timely debate on current trends or practices. They also allow us to take a virtual garden tour at any time of the day or night. We bookmark our favorites and login to see what our fellow gardeners are doing across the country or around the world, and we can find out with the click of mouse just how their gardens grow. 

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