

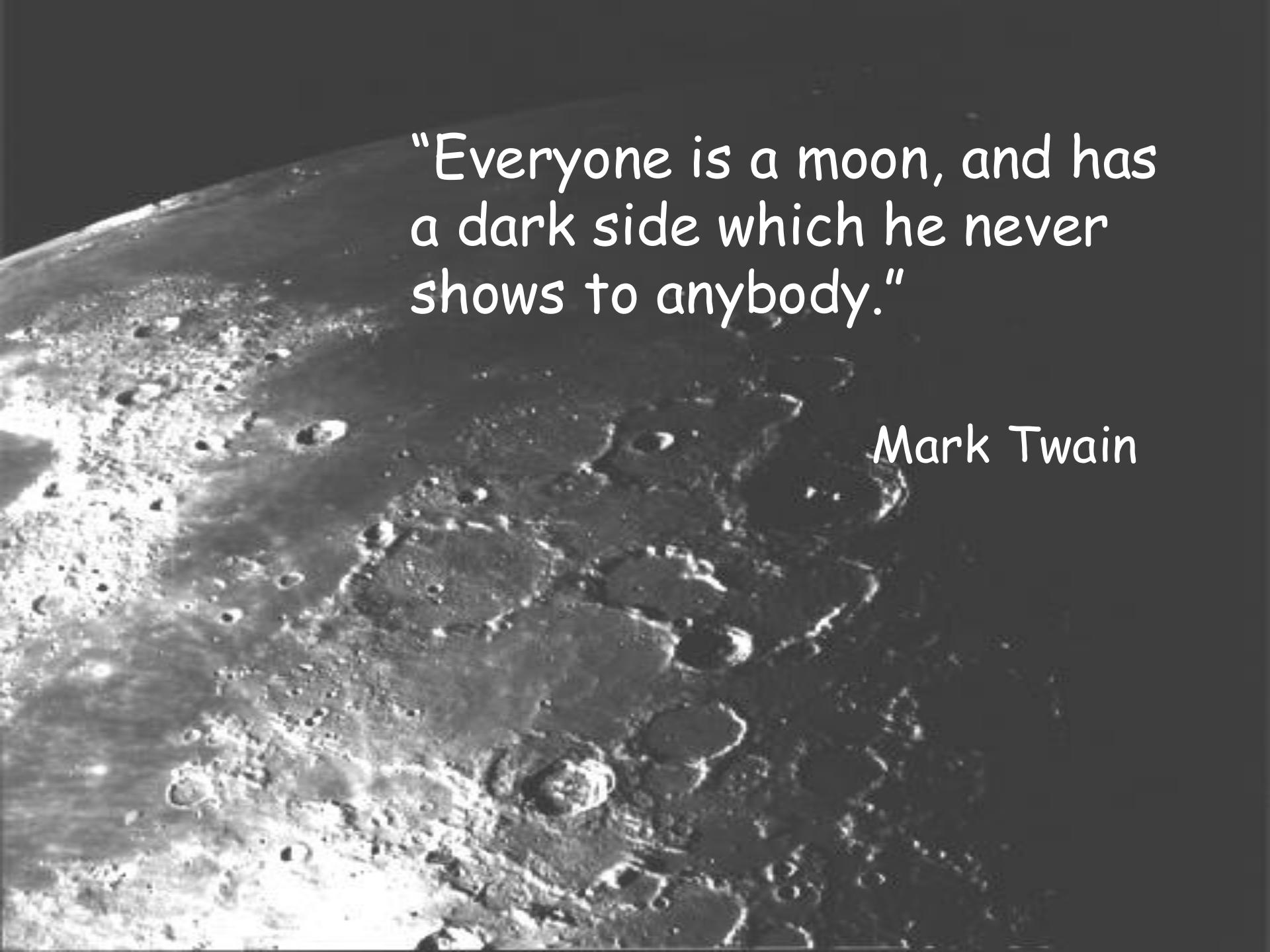
BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON

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"The moon is the accomplice of all
things related to the heart."
Walter Mercado

"The moon looks upon many night
flowers; the night flowers see
but one moon."
Jean Ingelow



"Everyone is a moon, and has
a dark side which he never
shows to anybody."

Mark Twain



Creating a Moon Garden



What is a Moon Garden

Moon gardening is creating a garden that will come to life at night. By using fragrant, night blooming flower and plants that attract nocturnal pollinators you can create a garden that will “glow” and provide a sensory experience with their scents.





Why Plant a Moon Garden?

- Not enough hours in the “day”
- Experience your garden through different senses
- See things that go bump in the night

Planting Location
Unrestricted Moonlight
with plenty of sun during
the daytime hours.

Must choose a site with
good drainage as well.



Garden Design

- *Spend time in your garden to determine what areas you would be more likely to use during those evening and night hours.
- *You may even consider near open windows for evening enjoyment from indoors
- *For the first year you may just start with a border along a path with annuals



Selecting Your Plants

- *The more amount white plants the more "glow" you will have in your garden
- *You can use white blooming plants, with some that bloom at night and close during the day. You can also use plants with silver or white variegated foliage
- *Be sure to locate your garden where the moonlight will shine directly on your plants



Lighting

You are choosing plants that will give off a glow in the evening/night hours but adding soft lighting can create ambiance to your evening setting as well.

*Choose strings of fairy lights or patio lights that give off a soft glow. Lanterns are also a good choice.



A lush garden filled with white cosmos flowers and green foliage. The flowers are the focal point, with one large, fully bloomed flower in the foreground and several others in various stages of bloom scattered throughout the dense greenery.

Moon Garden Musts

Chosen because:

- Silvery, blue-gray or iridescent foliage
- White or pale blooms which reflect the illumination of the moon
- Evening fragrance awakens senses (older varieties)



Ipomoea alba 'Giant White', Moonflower Vine

- Morning glory's nocturnal counterpart
- Vine can reach 10 feet or more
- Fragrance is a pure delight
- Attracts moths and bats



Oenothera biennis, Evening Primrose

- Plant in full sun
- Night flowering biennial
- Opens in evening and closes by noon
- Takes 2 years to complete its life cycle
- Lemon-scented blooms



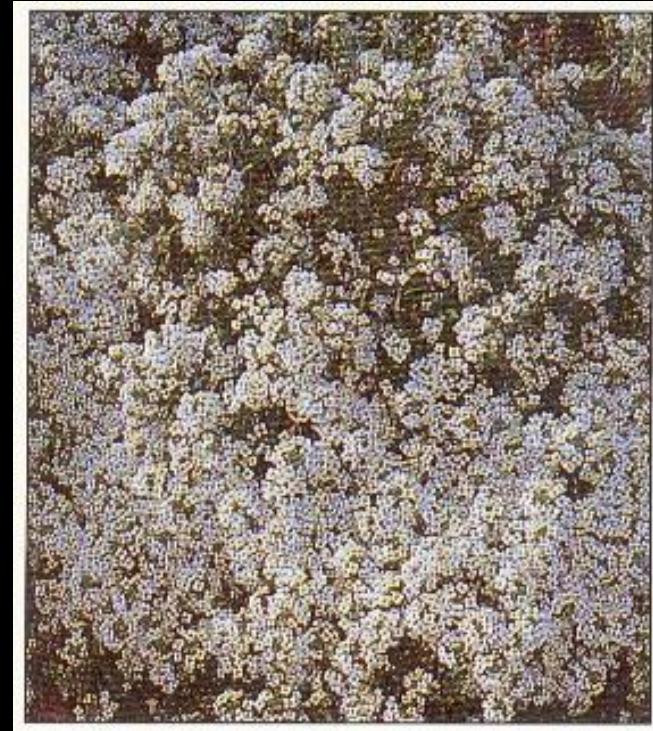
Mirabilis jalapa Four O'Clocks

- Remain open from dusk till dawn
- Tender perennial, often used as annual
- Plants grow 2'-3' tall with the same width



Lobularia maritima 'Carpet of Snow' Sweet alyssum

- Performs best during cool weather
- 6" x 12"
- Mass of thimble-shaped blooms



Nicotiana alata 'Domino White' or 'Fragrant Cloud', Flowering Tobacco

- Flowers open at twilight
- Disease problems similar to smoking tobacco



Brugmansia x candida, Angel's Trumpet

- Annual, tropic
- Can be pruned into tree form
- Exceptional in bloom



Cestrum nocturnum

Night-Blooming Jasmine

- Has a strong sweet fragrance
- Blooms at night
- Comes to life at night
- Will need protection in winter



Polianthes tuberosa

Tuberose

- Long lasting sweet fragrance comparable to gardenia
- Tender perennial bulb that will need protection in winter or dug up and stored



Phlox paniculata Luminary® 'Backlight' Tall Garden Phlox

- Large heads of white, fragrant blooms
- Disease resistant
- Blooms summer thru fall



Iberis sempervirens, Candytuft

- Evergreen mounds of rich foliage
- Carpet of white blooms



Stachys byzantina 'Silver Carpet', Lamb's-Ears

- Neat and compact
- Listed as non-flowering
- Better growth in a low fertility soil



Perovskia atriplicifolia, Russian Sage

- Grown for its gray aromatic foliage
- Cut back to within several inches of the ground each spring



Artemisia stelleriana 'Silver Bullet'

- Finely cut silver foliage
- Rapid grower
- Heat tolerant, drought tolerant



Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silvermound'

- Forms mounds of ferny silver foliage
- Clumps tend to open in center
- Prevent from flowering for best form



Senecio cineraria, Dusty Miller

- Mounded habit
- Most effective when planted in mass



Cosmos 'Sonata White'

- Large blooms
- 40" stems
- Reseeds
- Tolerates dry soil



Datura innoxia

- Poisonous!
- Spiny Fruit
- Spectacular
6" Blooms

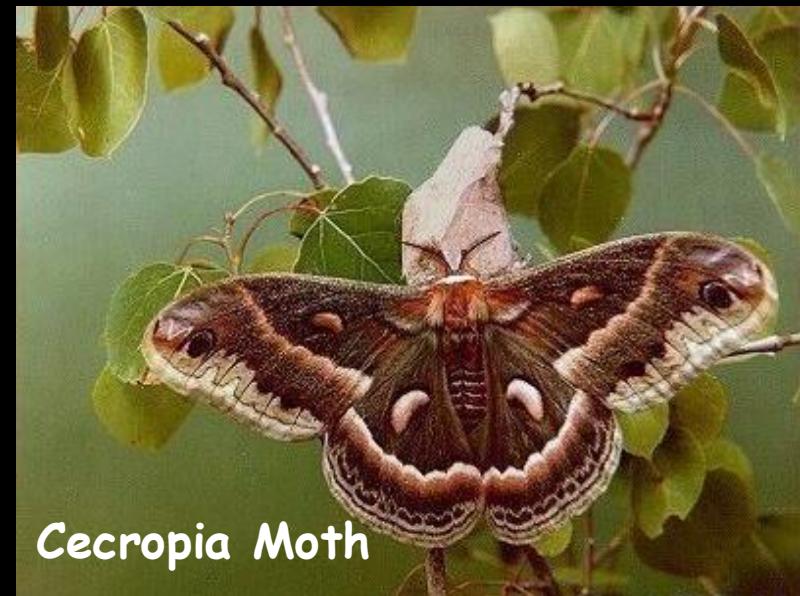


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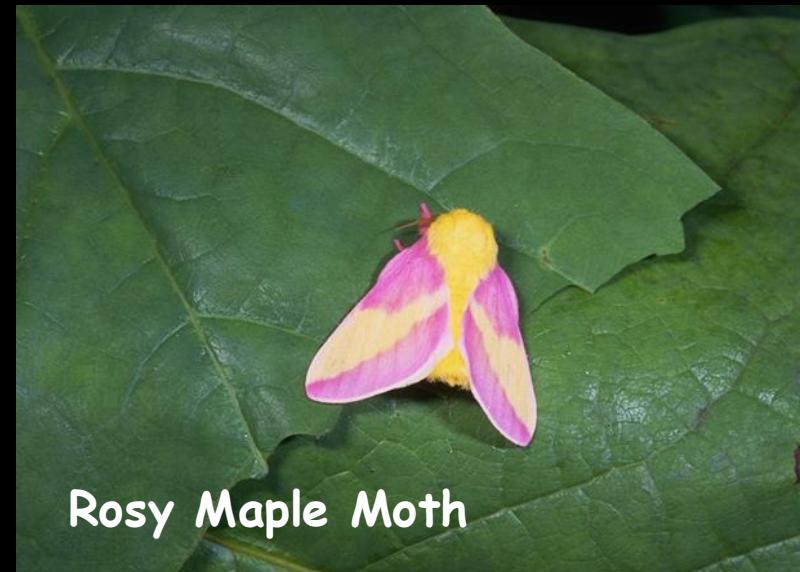
Io Moth



Cecropia Moth



Luna Moth



Rosy Maple Moth



A moonlight
garden is pretty
by day, but its
true enjoyment is
reserved for the
evening hours, a
reward at the end
of the day.





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