

# NOTES FROM THE COTTAGE GARDEN

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*Jack London Park Partners*



*Tulbaghia*



*Helianthus salicifolius/augustifolius*



*Naked Ladies (Amaryllis)*

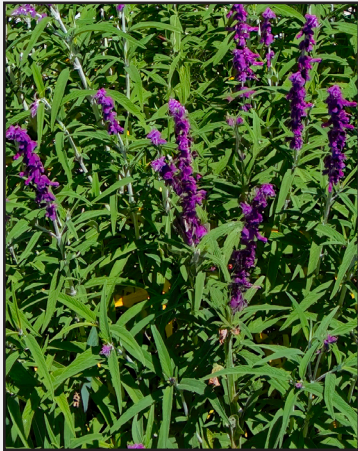
Here we are in the middle of August, 2025! The Cottage garden is hot, dry, lacking in rain and inspiration to grow very much. We have ground squirrels, gophers and the winds to struggle against - so no, not looking it's best!

There are a few bloomers at the moment, namely the purple Tulbaghia that smells like garlic.

Although not prolific, it carries on through autumn and the same with purple Nepeta spp. around the pond, blooming sporadically until autumn as will the Penstemons at the visitors' entrance. We have the pink Naked Ladies (Amaryllis) blooming now, an autumn

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bulb which can be found in gardens of old. The Plumbago is also still blooming.

Come the end of August, beginning of September there will be sprays of yellow *Helianthus salicifolius/augustifolius* (swamp sunflower) brightening up the garden between the deep, purple Mexican sage bushes (*Salvia leucantha*). The latter together with the deep pink autumn sage (*Salvia greggii*) will also come alive.

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