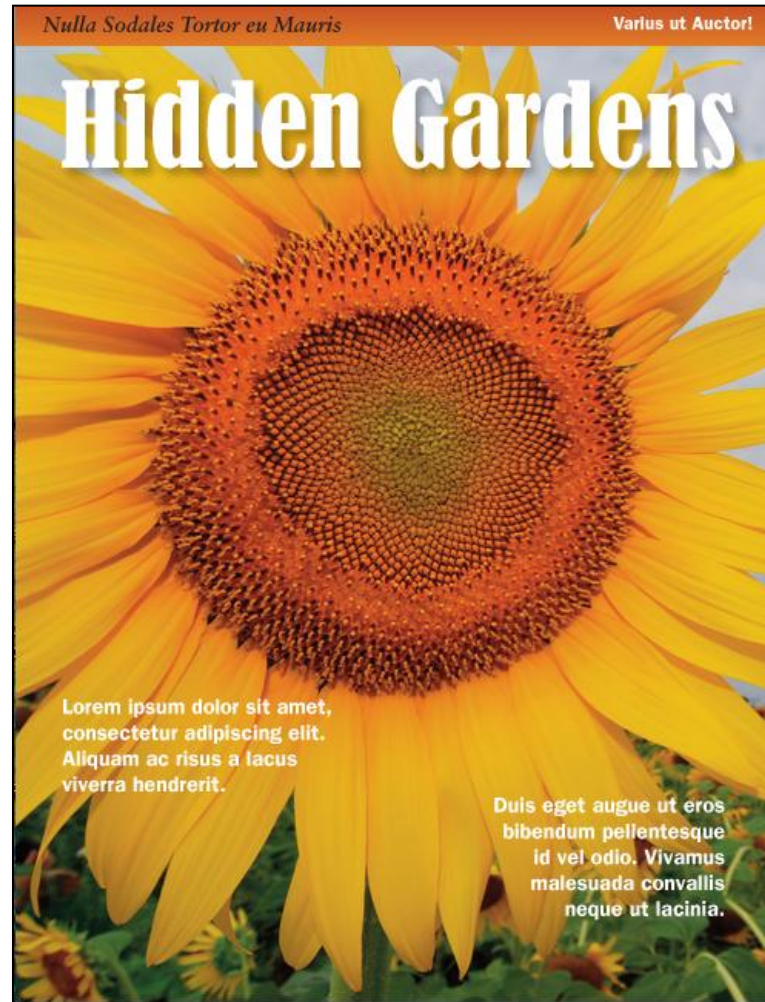


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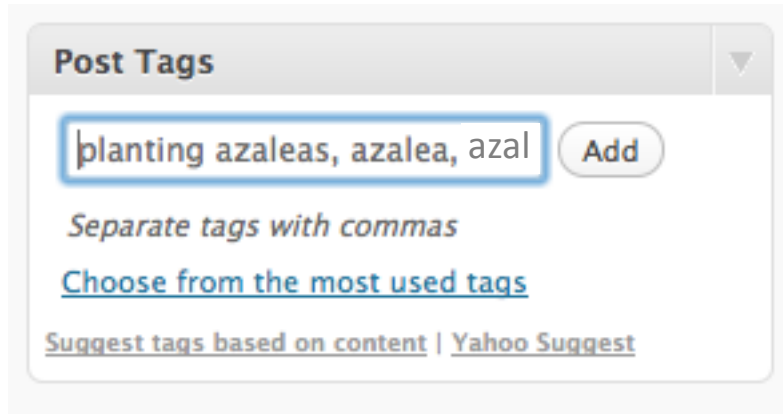
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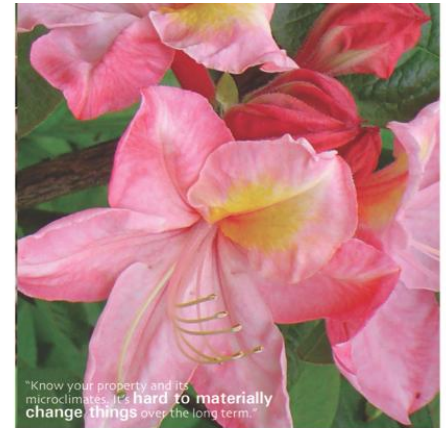
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Planting Azaleas

an A-Z Guide



Rhododendron atlanticum, (above) the Coastal Azalea, is a common understory plant along the south eastern coastal plains of the United States.

WHEN THE REALTOR brought Bruce Feller, New York Chapter president of the American Rhododendron Society to his current home on Long Island, Bruce didn't go into the house.

Instead he determined the orientation of the property, calculated the slope of the land and checked the composition and drainage of the soil. Then, he told the realtor he would take it.

Bruce's two-acre property provides an ideal setting for growing azaleas, which he has been doing for over 30 years. The property is situated on a northeast-facing slope with good drainage. It is on Long Island Sound, which keeps the temperatures cooler in summer and warmer in winter. It has mature 70-foot locust and oak trees that provide light canopy shade.

Over the past 18 years, Bruce has planted over 1,000 plants on his property. This includes approximately 400 varieties of azaleas and rhododendrons. Bruce tells gardeners and home owners to know your property and its microclimates. "Learn your site. Track the path of the sun over the course of a year. Pick a suitable site because it's hard to materially change things over the long term." Bruce was gracious enough to share these tips.

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- Choose a site that maintains an even temperature, and minimizes repeated freezing and thawing.

- To avoid winter sun, choose a site with a northern exposure. Avoid planting with a southwest exposure.

- Use walls, fences, hedges, windscreens, temporary shelters and buildings to provide shade in winter and minimize temperature changes.

- Choose a woodland setting, an ideal setting for azaleas.

TIPS FOR SUN AND HEAT PLANT IN AREAS WITH FILTERED SUNLIGHT

Azaleas grow best in areas with filtered sunlight. The requirements and tolerance for sun and heat vary by cultivar.

- Choose a site with as much sun as the specific cultivar can tolerate. Sunlight produces plants that are more compact and with more flower buds.

- Choose a site with filtered sunlight. Areas that have tall trees with lower limbs removed are ideal because the high branches provide variable shade.

- Filtered sunlight is ideal, but morning sunlight with afternoon shade is satisfactory.

- Avoid sites with dense shade. Low-limbed evergreens and deciduous trees create a shade that is too dense. Too much shade produces fewer flower buds and fewer, spindly branches.

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TIPS FOR SOIL CHOOSE A SITE WITH ACIDIC SOIL, GOOD DRAINAGE AND STEADY MOISTURE

Azaleas thrive in loose, well-aerated soil

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Planting Azaleas Tip #5: Provide protection from the wind

Azaleas require protection from the wind. Wind destroys flowers and new growth, and accelerates dehydration of the plant. Wind is more likely to cause damage during times of extreme heat or cold when the plant is already at risk of dehydration. Avoid planting azaleas on the corners of buildings where the wind tends to be stronger.

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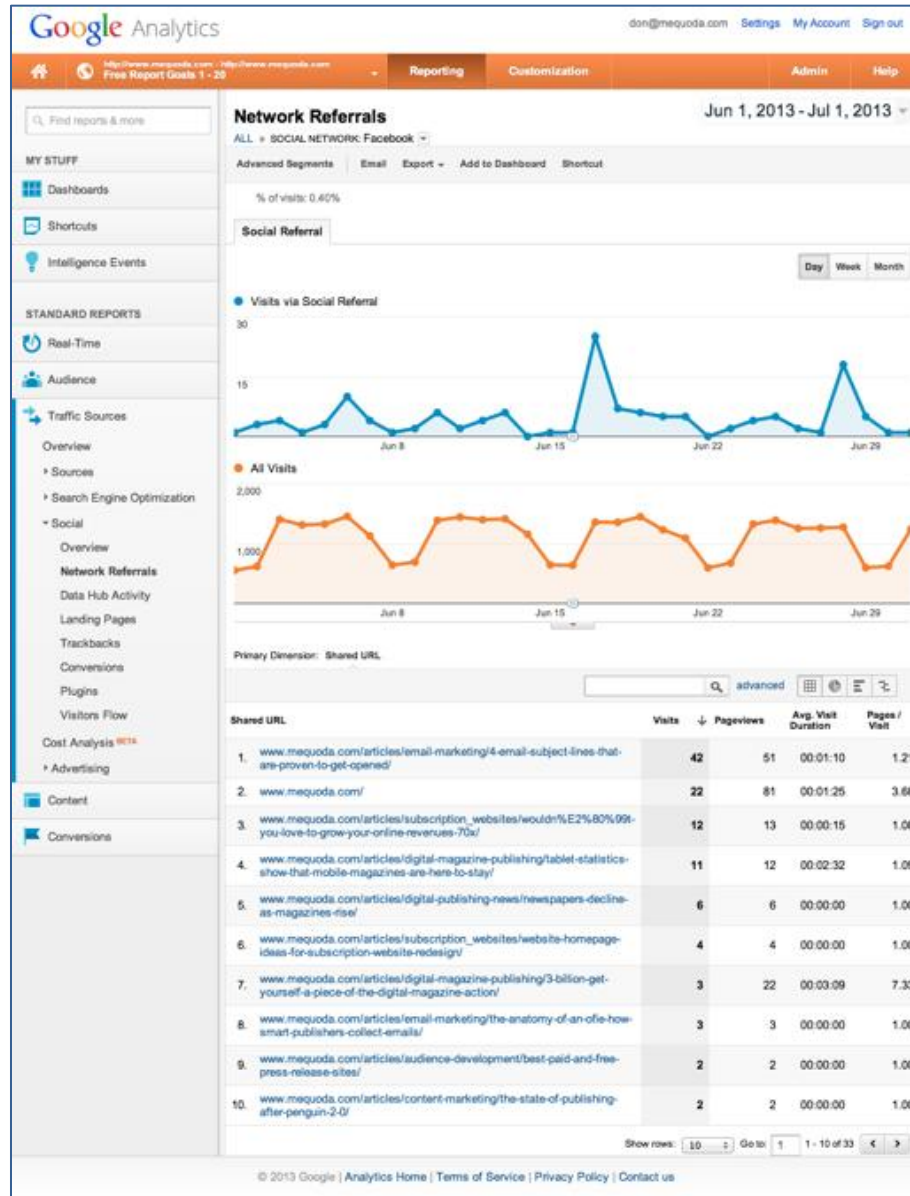
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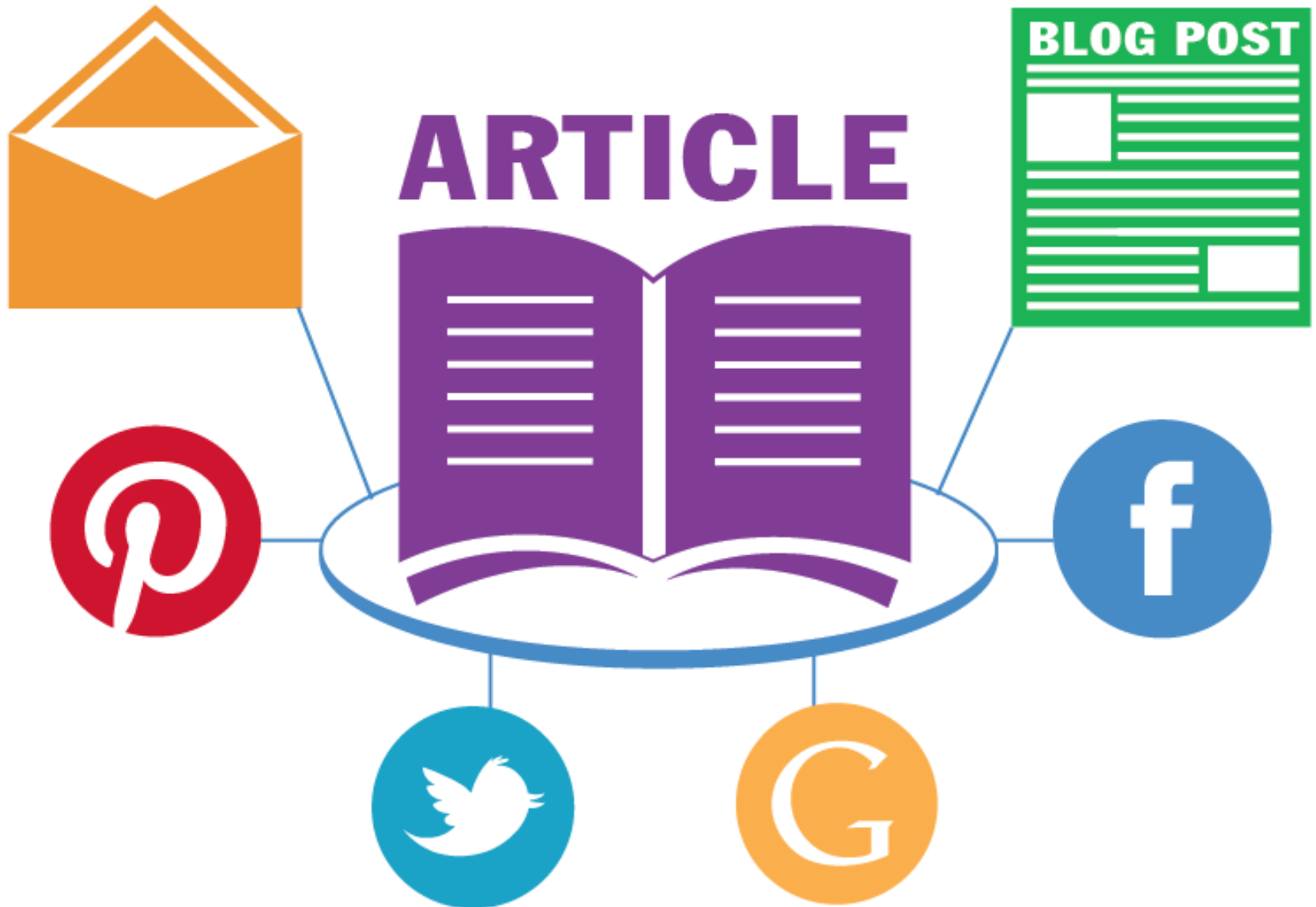
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