
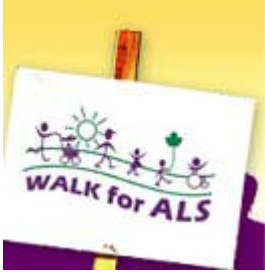


# Adventures in MamaLand



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## FEELING RANDOM?

A previous post: Ha! MORE Breakfast-Cereal Saga!?

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No more nummies,  
Birthday Girls!

Six Word Saturday: 14  
Adar, 5770 (Purim!)

Shabbos Food

Hamentastic  
Hamentashen –  
traditional and not-so-  
m...

## THE THINGS I WISH I COULD SAY.

(Who am I?)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2010

## The coleus of strangers

Today's WINTER GARDEN HIGH & LOW:



They were left too long in the water, it's too cold to root well, and there's some kind of mega-damping-off fungus running rampant that is sucking the life out of their stems and causing massive keeling over.

Waah! My coleus dreams for Spring 2010 have been shattered.

So what's today's **Garden High**???

Nice people, that's what! Or at least, one nice person... but that's all you need, right?

A desperate coleus-seeking ad on Craigslist actually brought in a response from a coleus lover who works in a restaurant just a few blocks away from here.

Unfortunately, he doesn't have a lot of the red shades I love, but he did offer me a huge piece of what looks like an indestructible White Wizard (by which I assume he means a "white" variant from the wizard mix) and a smaller piece of a Kong Red.

If the Kong Red doesn't sport and get all weird, that one at least is red. The white one, well, isn't even white... it's just plain green. Green is lovely in a garden; don't get

**Low, low, low, low, low:** With temps here thudding down to 16 degrees every midafternoon (probably lower on a sunny windowsill), many of the coleus are officially Not Making It. These are a few of the least pathetic plants, and you can see (the soil is fully moist) but they are just not making it.



Someone you know is  
being abused

First hamentashen

Purim Cards... Part 1

The Indoor Growing  
Report!

Amazing leaf: Allen  
Gardens

Kosher Menu Plan  
Monday (kinda): 8  
Adar, 5770

It is weather outside  
today

Strangers are just friends  
you haven't met yet  
(or...

Seedy Sunday – the haul!

51st (Perennial) Kosher  
Cooking Carnival!

Six Word Saturday: 7  
Adar, 5770

Shabbos cook, shabbos  
bake, have a little  
Shabbos ...

Fw: Recent  
Developments at  
Dufferin Grove Park

Wet and... NOT dead!

The Nanny, one year later

When Christians  
celebrate “Biblical  
Feasts”: My Je...

Oh, gosh...

Woman without social  
skills seeks Shabbos  
guests

Bear with me, please!

Tired-Word Tuesday:  
ARTISAN

Parsha for Toddlers!

More planties! First herbs  
in...



me wrong. And I love many of the greenish coleus varieties I've grown. But frankly, green in a garden isn't *startling* the way most coleus are.

The best moment, when you're growing coleus, is when somebody spots one and does a double-take: "what the heck is *that* thing???" My mother did that last summer, once, when she spotted an

extraordinarily weird specimen. What a gratifying moment.

Anyway, nothing against green, it just kind of *blends*...

Hey, speaking of windowsills... I just realized as I was typing this that Ted didn't plastic the front windows this year. I wonder if that is making a difference to the survival rate of the coleus?

Too late now, I guess. Hmm... or maybe not.

POSTED BY JAY3FER AT 3:49 PM

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**1 COMMENTS:**



Jenny said...

Best of luck with your coleus propagation. What about covering them with plastic bags or glass jars? Not sure if it helps- just a thought though...

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