

Rose-Scented Geranium

(Pelargonium)

Scented geraniums come in hundreds of varieties, but perhaps none so romantic as that scented like a rose. At the turn of the century, rose-scented geraniums were used to perfume the homes of Victorians. The leaves emit an intense and lovely aroma when brushed against.

Today, scented geraniums are enjoying renewed popularity in this country. In Europe, they fill entire fields that supply the perfume industry with fragrances.

Culinary uses

Add to jellies, jams, cakes, and other culinary confections.

Cultivation

To propagate, take cuttings in the fall, and place in moist sand in a shady location for several days. Transplant to a large pot. Your plant will thrive if kept outdoors in summer, then brought inside during colder months. Place in a sunny window.