

“Herb Garden Gallery”by Fr. Dominic Garramone, O.S.B.



This picture shows two of my favorite ornamental herbs: Siam Queen basil and tri-color sage. Of course they are culinary herbs as well, but I usually cook with Genovese basil and Berggarten sage. These varieties I plant for their colored foliage and flowers. I never had much luck with tri-color sage---it always looked small and spindly---until I put it in this planter. I'm not sure if it's because of the cross or the Miracle-Gro, but it has thrived here! I discovered the delights of landscaping with Siam Queen basil one year when we had a flat left over at the plant sale. I took it home and planted it all over the garden. It offers colorful foliage and purple blooms for most of the summer.