"Favorite Flowers of the Chesapeake Master Gardeners"

Clematis 'Kakio' (Pink Champagne™) by Erica Jones

Common Name: Leather Flower
Family: Ranuculaceae

Clematis "Pink Champagne" puts on quite the show, producing masses of deep pink flowers. This hybrid was developed in Japan in 1971. It flowers twice yearly, once in late spring or early summer, and again during late summer. Clematis thrive in full sun to part shade in moist, well-draining soil with neutral to slight alkaline PH. Clematis grow well with their flower "heads in the sun and their feet in the shade."

Clematis come from a genus of 250 plus species. They are native to both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. They are low maintenance, deer resistant, and hummingbirds love them. Clematis are woody to semi-woody deciduous vines and can be trained to climb a trellis, making them an excellent choice to add height to your garden. Clematis "Pink Champagne" is an early large-flowered plant that belongs to Group 2, meaning it flowers on both old and new wood. It is a beautiful addition to your perennial garden.

Growing Conditions:
Zone: 4-9
Height: 6-9 feet tall at maturity
Light: Sun to Partial Shade

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Resources:
Missouri Botanical Garden/Plant Finder
International Clematis Society

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