“Favorite Flowers of the Chesapeake Master Gardeners”

French Lavender by Kandy Keith

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Lavandula stoechas "Bandera Pink"

Common Name: French Lavender
Family name: Lamiaceae

I purchased this and some other variety of lavender on a MG trip to North Carolina last year. *Actually,* it was my first trip there even though I have been a CMG for 17 years and our group had gone many times. I purchased this variety to see if it would grow for me. Other varieties of lavender have not survived in my yard. I was very surprised to see that this variety is thriving and is even spreading. It has a mounding rounded form and fine texture.

Features:
Attracts bees and butterflies.
Resistant to damage from deer and rabbits.
Drought and dry soil tolerant.
Edible and fragrant.
Used to make essential oils or potpourri and other dried flower arrangements.

Evergreen Perennial
Hardy zones 7-9
Full Sun
Dry, well-drained soil
Color: Pink-Red-purple
Ht. 8-10”
Blooms: Spring & Summer

Resource:
https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/lavandula-stoechas/