

# DEFINITIONS

## SUN/SHADE Where is What?

The **care-labels** that come with most garden plants usually give some sort of indication as to the plants sun/shade requirements -- but what does full sun or partial shade actually mean?

**Full Sun** Plant is in direct sunlight for most of the day, especially during mid-day (between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm) -usually full southern exposure.

**Partial Shade** Plant receives early morning sun (until 11:00 am) or late afternoon sun (after 2:00 pm)-- usually not southern exposure; or light to moderate canopy coverage.

**Full Shade** Plant receives two to three hours of sun in early morning or two to three hours of sun after 4:00 pm; or heavy canopy coverage.

## PLANT TYPES Who's Who!

**Annual** - Is a plant that requires only one year to fulfill its life cycle.

**Perennial** - Is a plant that requires more than two years to fulfill its life cycle. In most cases, the foliage dies down each winter to re-emerge the following spring. Eventually (usually after 4-5 years), as the perennial nears the end of its life cycle, division is required to rejuvenate it.

**Tender Perennial** - Is a perennial (see above) that is not very hardy.

**Biennial** - Is a plant that requires two years to fulfill its life cycle. Foliage is formed during its first year, and flowers during the second. Examples include *Alcea roses* (Hollyhock), *Campanula medium* (Canterbury Bells), *Digitalis purpurea* (Foxglove), and *Salvia sclarea* (Clary Sage). In some cases, biennials will self-seed to perpetuate in the garden.