

## Lovely Things Are Blooming

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Pretty pansies make an appearance. I've got some lovely things blooming in the garden right now.

My daffodils are looking great (I like the orange and yellow ones the best), the bleeding hearts have popped, the wood phlox is as stunning as always, and the Johnny jump ups are doin' their happy little thing.

And, there's more to come. That's one of the most exciting aspects of gardening to me.

The fact that there is always change and surprise and unpredictability.

There aren't many aspects of my life (in fact I can't think of ANY) where I can say I actually welcome those three qualities.

Gardening is just so darned fun - and if you screw something up, it's not the end of the world. In fact, you can just chalk the mistake up to Mother Nature and go on without remorse.

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Of course, I don't want to screw things up, no gardener in their right mind does, but inevitably a few things go awry each season. No big deal. We just move onwards and upwards.

This is making me wonder what will go wrong in 2009. My best guess says it will be the death of the dogwood tree we planted in the dead of winter, or maybe an explosion of chickweed from the not-quite-fully-cooked compost I spread last fall.

Who knows?

See, there it is again: the unpredictable charm of gardening.

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