Time to Monitor Airbnb’s Impact on Dublin’s Housing Crisis

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Graceful catmint is coming up to scratch

The plant species that drives all the feline craziness is robust and hardly disturbing — just keep it away from their sharp claws.

For many years I could not grow nepeta, but I’m giving it a go for the first time ever. Catmint — also known as catnip, catnip, catmint or felinc接口, is endemic in the species’ native range, the western United States, but it’s found in several other species and has become a popular garden plant with ornamental value.

Like most herbs, nepeta is easy to grow and requires full sun and well-drained soil. It’s a hardy perennial that can tolerate dry conditions and is clump-forming, producing long-lasting flowers in shades of blue, mauve and pink. It’s a great plant for attracting bees and other pollinators, and it’s also suitable for cutting for fresh or dried use.

To grow nepeta, start by selecting a site in full sun with well-drained soil. Dig a hole that’s at least twice as wide as the root ball and deep enough to cover the roots completely. Place the plant in the hole and backfill with soil, firming it gently to remove any air pockets.

After planting, water the plant well to ensure it gets established. Once established, nepeta is drought-tolerant and requires little maintenance, except for deadheading spent flowers to encourage new growth. It’s a low-maintenance plant that can tolerate a range of soil conditions.

In terms of pests and diseases, nepeta is generally disease-free, but it can be susceptible to fungal infections such as powdery mildew and downy mildew. To prevent these issues, ensure good air circulation by providing adequate spacing between plants and maintaining proper watering practices.

In summary, nepeta is a wonderful addition to any garden and is easy to grow with minimal care. Its fragrance attracts cats, bees and other pollinators, making it a versatile plant for gardeners of all levels.

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Grow for it

Don’t dig it

Some thought of Charles Dickens (1812–1870) in a famous passage from his novel David Copperfield: “I didn’t want to go into the garden...” This sums up my feelings when it comes to Gardeners’ World Live and the Coton_images. In my mind, the only worthy tasks of a gardener are those that involve actual physical labor, such as planting, pruning and weeding. However, the event has grown in popularity and is now considered one of the must-attend events for gardeners.

In the past few years, Gardeners’ World Live has become a major event in the gardening calendar, attracting large numbers of visitors and showcasing the latest in gardening hardware and software. The event offers a wide range of workshops and demonstrations, as well as a chance to meet industry experts and chat about the latest gardening trends.

Despite its popularity, I remain skeptical of the event’s value. It’s hard to justify paying for tickets to an event that could be attended for free in the local park or garden. Moreover, the high cost of attending the event means that it’s only accessible to those with disposable income, which is not representative of the wider gardening community.

The event is also criticized for its commercial focus, with a large amount of time and energy devoted to promoting gardening products and services. This can detract from the educational and inspirational aspects of the event, which are of greater importance to many gardeners.

In conclusion, while Gardeners’ World Live has grown in popularity, its value is questionable. It’s a expensive and time-consuming event that could be better spent engaging with the local gardening community and participating in the free and accessible aspects of the activity.