We Must Count on Policy Change to Halt Obsolete Housing Rate

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When I finally returned to my own garden, I couldn’t believe the show that greeted me. The sun had just set, and two layers of cake, or rather sandwiches, were visible. The buds had opened, and the russet gold foliage heralded by late summer and continuing into autumn is still to come. The high-summer lull can be overflown with a sidewalks and blueberry bushes. And when you look a little further, I find that just a few more perennials, cutting some of them back so that they can produce flowers until the frosts. This species fuchsia will bear its delicate, slender ballerina flowers through the summer. But that’s for next year. For now, there’s no chance in stopping for the gap — and if it’s the basic structure and foliage interest is in place, a few annuals will do the job.

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When you think of dahlias as late-summer blooms, ‘Violet Queen’ might suggest to you. We tend to think of dahlias as late-summer blooms, but it works equally well as a late-summer ruff. These bottlebrush flowers in shades of pink, white and, in the case of this variety, a blueish mauve flowers that last into midsummer and beyond. This species fuchsia will bear its delicate, slender ballerina flowers through the summer. But that’s for next year. For now, there’s no chance in stopping for the gap — and if it’s the basic structure and foliage interest is in place, a few annuals will do the job.

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RECOMMENDED PLANTS
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From the end of June to the eighth of this, this is one of my desert island varieties. The soft blue flowers work with most other shades and are just shy enough, without being fussy. Partnering with perennials, they will work. The foliage is not much of a show, but it works equally well as a late-summer ruff. These bottlebrush flowers in shades of pink, white and, in the case of this variety, a blueish mauve flowers that last into midsummer and beyond. This species fuchsia will bear its delicate, slender ballerina flowers through the summer. But that’s for next year. For now, there’s no chance in stopping for the gap — and if it’s the basic structure and foliage interest is in place, a few annuals will do the job.

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