



BIOGRAPHY: William McClenathan, co-host of *Garden Time*

My earliest memories as a child are in the garden, walking down a small brick pathway with moss rose on either side, at my grandparents' home in Pampa, Texas. Both sets of my grandparents were avid gardeners and I must have received my passion for plants from them at a very early age.

Although I never thought I would make my career in this industry (my first college degree was in Theology) I have fallen in love with it.

I began my career in this industry at a well-known nursery in a north Dallas, Texas suburb. When I quit, I decided that I would open my own nursery, which I did.

Although successful (we were wholesale and retail) life led me through a time of change. I closed the business and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where I worked as General Manager for a company that grew roses for tropical climates (again, both wholesale and retail). After a couple of years, my parents fell prey to cancer (mother) and Alzheimer's (father) so I moved to Portland to take care of them and to pursue a degree in Opera.

While attending Portland State University, I worked at Portland Nursery on Stark street as a seasonal employee. I later worked at the Division street location as color buyer and Asst. Manager, and then as Store Director.

I currently am the owner of *Viscaya* gardens and nursery, a boutique nursery unlike any other garden center you have seen.

When I was approached to work on Garden Time, I accepted without reservation.

Nothing brings me more satisfaction than to educate people about gardening and attract new fans to this great hobby and lifestyle.

Truly, I have a passion for plants. I look forward to sharing that with you in the future.

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