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**ON THE COVER:** This living room is part of a total renovation that Home ReBuilders completed on a townhouse in Ansley Park. The overall space was reconfigured and opened up to create a better flow to the floor plan. Design/architecture by Joel Kelley. Photo courtesy of Eric Nesbitt. Home ReBuilders, (404) 876-3000, [www.homerebuilders.com](http://www.homerebuilders.com).



## Quick Tip

Make an **eye-catching impact** in the **evening hours** by adding some **blooming white or light pink** to your garden.

Try moonvine, which has huge, fragrant flowers.

—Dixie Speck, president, SolTerra Landscape



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**Problem:** Shaded areas of the landscape.

**Solution:** Colorful foliage that provides striking interest in the darkest of garden spaces.



Heuchera 'Georgia Peach'



Begonia 'Madame Queen'

Photos courtesy of Terra Nova Nurseries

An abundance of large trees and shaded areas can often create a challenge to the home gardener. These locales, which provide cool, refreshing spaces, can still contribute interest and texture in the landscape by using plants made for the shade. Plants like heuchera, heucherella, begonia and tiarella can often thrive in shaded spots of the garden. But, it is varieties like begonia 'Madame Queen' and heuchera 'Georgia Peach' from Terra Nova Nurseries with their shining color and striking leaves that produce the loveliest, flourishing shade gardens. "These shade-loving, eye-catching plants produce stand-out foliage," says Dan Heims, president and co-owner of Terra Nova Nurseries.

Mark Hutcheson of Hutcheson Horticultural Company in Woodstock warns homeowners that most colorful, blooming plants love light, so it's important to consider ways to create more light. "There is quite a bit of stuff out there that will tolerate half-day shade but you get into full-day and it can be hard to deal with," he says. "Look at what's blocking the sun, and sometimes you can work around it to get more sunlight." Still, Hutcheson says azaleas and hydrangeas can work with filtered sunlight.





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