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THE 70'S INVADED MY EMAIL!

I received an email pic today and in it was a backyard landscape with a weeping mulberry and some 10-12' Tallhedge used to screen off a back deck. I immediately fell into a nostalgic moment of the late 70's where my main concerns were collecting baseball cards, being fascinated by a movie called "Star Wars", and being completely enthralled by a video game system called Atari 2600. The only thing that remains of my three former concerns is my bad case of Playstation thumbs, coming to the realization that a teenager can kill me online 3-4 times in a matter of 30 seconds, and I have developed an affinity for Monster Energy Drinks and Doritos. I blame it all on that Atari...

I was asked "What can I use to replace the Tallhedge other than Arborvitae?". Easy replacements would be Viburnum 'Chicago Lustre' or 'Mohican', possibly Forsythia, Diabolo Ninebark, or maybe some Aronia. Not quite as modern, but still tried and true replacements where you'll get some flowers and nice fall color.



Now for something a little different. Mike mentioned in a previous article the Limelight Hydrangea, which could provide pretty decent screening. And while on Hydrangeas, other notable considerations would be Quick Fire® Hydrangea (one of my favorites), Vanilla Strawberry™ Hydrangea, or Pinky Winky™ Hydrangea (one of Bill's favorites, but that's a whole different story). All of these selections will get you in the in the 8' x 8' range, produce some LARGE flowers, and get some decent fall color as compared to a Tallhedge.

Now I'm not saying that Mulberry and Tallhedge are bad plants, just that there are so many more options out there now than four decades ago. So, once again, if you're in the neighborhood, stop in for a hot cup of joe and take a cruise around, something out here just might spark your imagination!



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