

"Sunnyside Up"

October 2010 Newsletter

Announcing our '*Fall Sale*'
Through October, enjoy...

50% Off

All shrubs, trees, perennials & vines in our main 'sun' landscape area along w/all pottery

That's close to an acre of plants to choose from!

Look for great ideas & deals at
www.sunnysidenursery.net

Think greenery.

Starting Saturday, November 20th,

Wreath-making:

- diverse array of fresh greenery & unique dried accents
- fun to make alone or with a friend
- great housewarming gifts
- private parties of 10 or more with reservations

Stop in this month for a \$5 off coupon!

The scoop on bulbs: think, plan, plant.... But mostly, have fun!



Bulbs are easy to over-think. Keep in mind two ideas:

- 1) Spring bulbs go great amongst perennials and deciduous shrubs and trees.
- 2) Mass plantings are a dramatic spring addition.

Planting bulbs in containers is also a great option. Color, size and bloom-time all fit in to planning, but if you're thinking spring bulbs now

you've got the hardest part covered. Mostly, take home what makes you happy and it will all work out.

Plant any time now, even into December. Keys for planting success include:

- Well-drained soil: a must for most bulbs. Long on sand or clay? Add compost. Compost is important to add for bulbs anyways. They like it. A lot.
- Fertilizer: '[Bulb Food](#)' is ideal. Of the N-P-K numbers on a box of fertilizer, bulbs like relatively low N-Nitrogen and high P-Phosphorus. '[Bone Meal](#)', 'all P', is a great addition for bulb plantings, too.
- & Fun: have fun choosing, planting and anticipating. Take pride in your diligence next spring for planting way back in fall. And enjoy the heck out of your flowers!

Notes: Check packages, but in general plant three times the depth of the bulb's widest diameter. Trenches make for fast digging and compost and fertilizer let you pack bulbs in tight. If you can't decide which end is down, plant sideways.

60 or older? Tues is Sr. Citizen Day: Save 10% on all reg. priced items!

Greetings from *'The Whistling Gardener'* - October in the Garden

October is a great month to plant new shrubs and trees (especially with our **'Fall Sale'**), dig and divide perennials, overhaul the lawn, plant fall veggies, redo containers and plant spring bulbs.



Bulbs: Got squirrels? Add a little minced garlic or cayenne pepper to the holes. Add bone meal for superior performance and more vibrant colors. Planning can give you blooms January through June. Planting bulbs in containers, alone or under plants, is a nice touch.

Containers: The petunias and geraniums don't have much left in them. Replant now. What with? Evergreen perennials, grasses, pansies and violas, "flowering" cabbage and kale, dusty miller and heather to name a few.

Vegetables: There's still time to plant fall crops. Control winter weeds in dormant beds by planting a cover crop or mulching w/ 2-3 inches of compost. Build a cloche (basically a temporary greenhouse) to produce a successful winter crop.

Lawns: Plant a new lawn or overseed by mid-month. **Fertilize if you haven't this fall- organic won't wash away with the first rain like synthetics will.** Aerate, dethatch, and control moss if necessary. To control rust and red thread, which reappear now, fertilize first then try a fungicide.

Roses: Let 'em slow down. **stop fertilizing.** Leave a few finished blooms on to form hips. Continue to clean underneath plants and remove diseased leaves. Hold off on any real pruning yet. We'll cover mulching and pruning for winter next month.

Perennials: Asters, mums, Japanese anemones and toad lilies still look great. Ornamental grasses and others, too. **First frost is perennial bed-tidying time for many, but it's wildlife-friendly to wait until mid to late February.**

Fall Color: **Maples, flowering pears, spireas, oaks, burning bushes and more....** This is the month for the best of fall color in the northwest. Plant it if you don't have it. Not getting the color you'd hoped for? Too much shade or TLC may be why. A little stress and full sun do wonders for vivid fall colors. So does the right autumn weather.

Get out and enjoy the fall air. Stop by the nursery if you have questions or are looking for something productive to do on a sunny afternoon. We're open. We've got a lot of fresh, new fall stock and we've got an awesome **'Fall Sale'** going.

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