



Thumbs up to Fall!



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Wow this summer sure went fast and two weeks have already passed us by this September. Fall can be a super opportunity to refresh and replenish your garden. A lot of people think that fall is the beginning of the end of the gardening season but really its just a whole other season to play in your garden with fresh plants and some of the most amazing colour tones that mother nature has to offer.

It is also a great time to revamp your summer containers with some fall garden mums and winter pansies. We also have some fantastic fall perennials that grow great in containers. Read our container gardening article in this newsletter for some great combos to try this fall.

We welcomed a host

WE ARE EXPANDING!

We are proud to announce that we are going to be opening a second location in Duncan. Construction is underway and it is very exciting. The new location, (Marigold Nurseries Duncan) will be opening in February 2009. You can find the "New Marigold" on the north end of Duncan. We are on Bell McKinnon Rd. and you can see us from the Highway. The new store will carry all the same products as we do here. Rayanne my sister will be the one moving up there, but don't worry she will be visiting the Saanichton store every week to flash her smile around. We are all very excited to open a new store and we will keep you posted on its progress.



of international garden centre owners to our nursery on Tuesday September 9th and it was a great day. We had owners from all of Europe, South Africa, Japan, Spain and North America. You can still admire some of the displays we have through out this fall here at Marigold, so come and have a nice walk around the grounds and enjoy all of the plants.



Sales and Events

IGCA Tour is coming to Marigold Nurseries September 9th. Come welcome nearly 200 garden centre owners from around the world Tuesday afternoon. Come see all the displays and take a nice walk through our garden centre.

Marigold Nurseries Presents our 2nd Annual 'Summer Wine Down'. Thursday September 25th from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Your ticket includes 2 glasses of wine and appetizer, 15% off all regular priced items, free container gardening demonstration and bulb planting. 10% of all proceeds from tickets and merchandise sold during the event will go to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation.



Seminars

All about Bulb Planting
Saturday September
13th, 20th & 27th Starting at
11am Free

Container Gardening

Kids Club

We really enjoy having Kids Club here. All of us have so much fun. This summer we planted up our garden and it looked smashing.



And just last weekend we tore that garden apart and put it in our compost bin that we all built. And planted up a brand new fall garden. We built our compost bin out of a old bulb pallet and hardware cloth, it suits us just perfect- hey kids?

Saturday September 20th 1pm
Free

Sales

Bulb Flyer - Filled with loads of great savings. Check out our link to our website to take a look at the flyer.



GARDEN MUMS

Garden mums are one of the best plant choices for fall. They add such beauty to your garden or your containers and set the tone for fall. They come in a great range of colours to compliment any colour scheme. Mums are also very easy to care for and come back year after year. To keep your garden mums looking great for fall and for years to come follow these few tips:

- Avoid overhead watering. This will keep your blooms looking beautiful much longer.
- Mums are heavy feeders so fertilize often. Use a water soluble such as Rain-Gro 4-2-3 this is an organic fertilizer made right here in BC. You can also use a Miracle-Gro all purpose fertilizer.
- Plant your mums in full sun in a well drained soil. Add some compost to your soil for nutrients. Healthy plants begin with healthy soil.
- Once your mums have finished blooming you can cut them back and then mulch.
- Once spring hits and your mums start to grow again you will have to pinch them to keep them from getting unruly. Pinch once in May or early June and then pinch again in early July. When pinching your mums the first time pinch them back to about 4" then wait 3 weeks and pinch again but only pinch back to 6" or 7". This will give you a plant full with blooms for fall again.
- Or you can throw your mums away at the end the season and buy fresh ones next year! (Wink Wink)

Plant Picks and Tasks for September

Marigolds picks for Summer!

Trees & Shrubs & Perennials

Flowering Perennials for Fall

Agastache 'Apricot Sunrise'- Nice bright apricot flowers with a great fragrance. Hardy Perennial



Coreopsis - Flower colours range from yellow to cream to red. Perfect for summer and fall colour. Long lasting bloom time.

Scabiosa 'Chat noir'- This is a very striking black flowering perennial. Looks great paired with the Agastache 'Apricot Sunrise'



Rudbeckia- A must in the perennial garden for great longlasting colour.

Black Bugbane- Great performer in the garden the tall burgundy foliage paired with the plumes of fragrant cream flowers is unbeatable. The fragrance is similar to opening a container of Welch's Grape Juice.



Japanese Anemone

Foliage for Fall

Heuchera
Lophomyrtus
Oakleaf Hydrangea



Japanese Maples
Smoke Tree

Sedums
Fothergilla
Berberis



Pyracantha

Instant Colour!!



Garden Mums
Winter Flowering Pansies and Violas
Fall Magic Proven Winners

Edibles

Broccoli
Brussel Sprouts
Lettuces

Swiss Chard- Try this with your swiss chard this Fall. Take any lasagna recipe and switch the pasta for swiss chard.

TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- Keep on deadheading annuals and perennials but allow your pods to dry if collecting seed.
- Herbs can be brought inside for delicious herbs year round
- Buy your spring flowering bulbs while the selection is at its best but hold off on planting them until the first week of October when the ground is a bit cooler.
- Great time to reseed your lawn or sow a new one. Make sure when seeding a lawn that your seed never dries out. Once a seed dries out it will no longer germinate.
- Perfect time to plant or replace a hedge.(See the tips for planting a successful hedge on our website)
- Keep on top of your weeds the more you weed now the less you will have to do in Spring.
- Plan your fall and winter gardens. These upcoming months are a

fantastic time to plant shrubs and trees.



CONTAINER GARDENING IN FALL

You can create some gorgeous containers in fall. You can make some pretty magical combinations with the perennial and annual selections that are out this time of year. Follow these simple tricks for success this fall with your containers.

Choosing the right container.

Before buying your container work out the sizes you will need, what will look good and what plants you want to grow. If planning on choosing larger plants go with bigger containers. Bigger is better when it comes to protecting your plants and for cutting down on watering. If space is tight small containers work really well just make sure to choose the appropriate plants that will survive in the container for the season of your hopeful time period.

Choosing the right soil for fall.

If planning on using mostly shrubbery or perennials I would choose a more dense soil. If going with a combo of annuals and perennials or all annuals choose a soil such as the Marigold Hanging Basket Mix.

Now the fun part, choosing your plants. Make sure you choose the right plant for the right place. Sun, Shade, Dry, Wet, Deer and so on. And if your not sure there is always someone here to help you with choosing all the right ingredients for an awesome container.

Here are a few combos to try yourself.

Combo 1

Viburnum 'Pink Dawn'

Pennisetum 'Karly Rose'

Ajuga

Wire Vine

(add some pansies for stiking colour)



Combo 2

Japanese Blood Grass

Rudbeckia

Wire Vine

Euphorbia 'Efanthia' or 'Helena'

We hope to see everyone in the near future and that your visit will give some new inspirations for your garden.

Cheers,

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