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FALL IS FANTASTIC!

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Fall couldn't have arrived any quicker than it did this year. Maybe we feel that way every year but once the official dates happened the weather was too quick to follow. Fall is still my favourite season with all the fantastic colour around. Garden mums are in their prime and the pansies couldn't look better. There are also some amazing perennials in bloom this time of year, check out the list further on in our newsletter.

The weather we had on the last weekend of September makes it apparent that this season does bring with it some clean-up. Not to say that there is no more enjoyment left in the garden but the leaves are starting to be rocked from the trees by the winds and rain.

October is the best month to get your spring bulbs in the ground or in your containers. The selection is still awesome and our flyer is in effect until October 21st. Also we have our first shipment of prepared forcing bulbs in. Paperwhites and Hyacinths along with some nicely packaged kits are available. Kits include everything you need to display and grow your forced bulbs inside. They also make a perfect gift. Amaryllis bulbs should be arriving any day now and will make a beautiful display come Christmas.

Fall and winter containers add interest in your garden throughout the two seasons. The selection is huge when it comes to plants and containers. We have a great selection of ceramic, plastic even pots made 100% from locally recycled plastic. The combination for the perfect containers are endless. I threw in a couple container recipes in the tasks section of the newsletter for an example. And remember, we do custom planting here at Marigold, so all you need to do is come in and let us know what you like and we will be able to create something just for you!

Cheers

Brooke Smith

PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR OCTOBER

TREES

Festival Sweetgum - *Liquidambar styraciflua 'Festival'*

Combination fruit trees -Apple, Pear, Figs

PERENNIALS

Lipstick Salvia - *Salvia greggii* Amazing red flowers with a beautiful scent. Attracts birds

Black & Blue Salvia- *Salvia guarantica* Blooms start black and go to a bright blue

Ballerina Blush Guara - *Gaura lindheimuri* Beautiful pink flowers.

Kaffir Lily- *Schizostylis coccinea* 'Mrs. Hegarty' Flowers late autumn early winter

Sedum

Heuchera

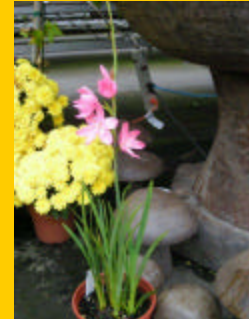
Lavandula

Summer Sky Bog Sage

Wallflowers

Forget-me-Nots

Bellis



TIPS FOR PLANTING YOUR SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

RECIPES FOR A FANTASTIC FALL/WINTER CONTAINER.



Garden mum Amor Yellow White, *Choisya 'Sundance'*
Golden Mexican Mock Orange, Heuchera 'Palace Purple', Dusty Miller, Hosta (any blue variety), Lamium 'Silver Lace'



Skimmia 'Ruby King', Hebe, Variegated Carex, White Pansies, Variegated Ivy. This container will last for seasons and has interest for every part of the year.

TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

- Get those bulbs into the ground this month. For tips on planting your bulbs go to www.marigoldnurseries.com/helpfulhintsfall.php
- Excellent time for planting your hedge or replacing a "faded" one.
- Once the ground has cooled (usually towards the middle to end of the month), make sure to mulch your garden with an organic compost, well rotted manure, straw, leaf mulch ect... When mulching make sure not to place the mulch against trunks of trees or shrubs. Leave about 4-6 inches away to make sure you do not choke them. Cover your garden with at least 3 inches of mulch.
- Fall is a perfect time to add amendments to your soil. Before doing so, a soil test should be done to show which amendments are needed. Come into the nursery to get details on certain amendments and how they should be added.

- Get one last weeding in to improve the appearance of your garden for winter. (I always wait for the spiders to die off before going to deep into my garden!) I think this is why I love gardening in October.
- Don't forget our feathered friends. Feeding the birds is a great way to keep the wildlife coming to your garden.
- If your rhodos or other shrubs have root weevils it is a good time to release parasitic nematodes to the soil under your plants. We carry a great selection of biological pest controls.



MARIGOLDS OCTOBER GARDEN OR CONTAINER OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to Joanne Sanderson. These lillies are amazing!!!! It was a hard choice between the two photos Joanne sent to put in the newsletter, but the lillies took my breath away.

To enter the contest just email a picture of your garden or your container to brooke@marigoldnurseries.com. Winners are drawn randomly at the end of each month. The winner recieves a \$50 gift card to Marigold Nurseries.

Thank-you to every other entry we recieved. Please feel free to email another photo to enter for this months draw.

UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

Our 20% off Super Saver Coupon is now on valid until Oct 14th. Get a copy from our website following this link.

www.marigoldnurseries.com/specials.php

MASTER GARDENERS CLINICS

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For a full list of seminars check our website.

Remember to check the front page of the Times Colonist every Wednesday Morning for our weekly ad. I will also be uploading it on our website weekly.

Thanksgiving is this weekend and Marigold has the perfect table center piece, bouquet or gift basket available for you, or to give the perfect hostess or host as a gift. I have attached a coupon to the end of the newsletter to recieve 20% off them.

And when it seems like the rain just isnt going to stop and you want to go for a walk where its fresh and happy Marigold has over 20,000 square feet of covered outdoor shopping area.

Happy Thanksgiving!

See ya soon,

Brooke Smith
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arrangement or bouquet.

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