



Growing Matters

Greetings

I absolutely love fall. Not only for the fall foliage, fresh apples and more comfortable sleeping weather, I love the act of putting the gardens to bed. Cutting back those plants that don't have much to offer during the winter, leaving those that provide food for the birds or winter interest, composting plant material and leaves, and planting fall bulbs.

Gardening is a therapeutic activity for me and planting fall bulbs is an expression of faith and hope. Certainly, looking at your average tulip, daffodil, or hyacinth

bulb it is hard to imagine the beauty it holds within.

By taking the time to place bulbs in the ground this fall, I am expressing my faith that spring will come regardless of how cold it gets, how much snow falls or how little the sun shines. Spring will come, and those unimpressive bulbs will produce stunning blossoms (that is if the rodents, deer, or rabbits don't get them first). Did I mention hope?

-- Vicky Hilleges

Garden Planning

Gardening doesn't have to be high maintenance. Naturalizing with spring-blooming bulbs is one example of how a garden, once planted, can be left to mother nature to tend. Naturalizing refers to informal-looking, unplanned plantings of self-propagating bulbs. Over time the garden evolves based on what nature, not the gardener provides.

When selecting bulbs for naturalizing it is important to choose those that will grow prolifically with no additional care after planting. The best bulbs for naturalizing adapt to a wide range of environmental conditions, and are vigorous without being invasive. Daffodils, narcissus and crocus fall into this category.

A naturalized look can be achieved in a few easy steps. First, planting areas should have gentle curves and undulating lines. Use

a garden hose or rope to outline the garden boundary.

Then, toss three-quarters of the bulbs across the planting area. Adjust the placement of the bulbs to provide the proper spacing. Use the remaining bulbs to fill in any empty spaces. Place a few outside the boundary to make the planting appear more natural.

Once the bulbs are all placed, start digging. Place the bulbs at the proper planting depth. Leave the holes open until all the bulbs are planted to track where bulbs have been placed. When the bulbs have all been planted, fill the planting holes with compost and cover with the remaining soil.

Finally, broadcast fertilizer specifically blended for bulbs over the planting area to encourage strong growth.

Garden Gate Chat

I've seen the slogan "Fall is for Planting." Why is this so? Fall is a great time for planting because the temperatures are cooler and there is more moisture available, giving plants the opportunity to get their roots established and be ready to achieve their full glory the following year.

Pippi's Plant Spotlight

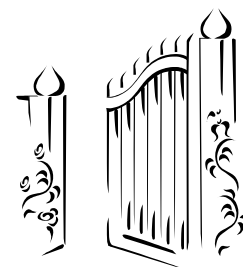


Anemone hupehensis (ah-NEM-oh-nee)

'September Charm'

Fall blooming anemone that brightens the late season garden. Slender stalks support fragile 5-petaled, 2"-3" silvery rose-pink flowers that continue into October.

- ❖ 24 to 32 " tall
- ❖ Part shade
- ❖ Prefers moist, humus-rich soil
- ❖ Rabbit resistant
- ❖ Deer resistant
- ❖ Zones 5-7




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More grows in the garden than the gardener sows. Old Spanish Proverb

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provided to Pippi's.

The column at right lists the flower bulbs available at Pippi's. You only plant fall bulbs once a year and you wait months to see the results. Don't be disappointed, let Pippi's supply you with your fall bulb needs.



Gardening gives me fun and health and knowledge. It gives me laughter and colour. It gives me pictures of almost incredible beauty. John F. Kenyon

- ❖ Allium 'Globe Master'
- ❖ Anemones 'de Caen' Mixed
- ❖ Anemones 'St. Brigid' Mixed
- ❖ Crocus 'King of the Striped'
- ❖ Crocus - Large Mixed
- ❖ Fritillaria 'Lutea'
- ❖ Fritillaria 'Rubra'
- ❖ Hyacinth 'Blue Jacket'
- ❖ Hyacinth 'City of Haarlem'
- ❖ Hyacinth 'Pink Pearl'
- ❖ Narcissus 'Geranium'
- ❖ Narcissus 'Suzy'
- ❖ Narcissus 'Tete a Tete'
- ❖ Tulip 'Angelique'
- ❖ Tulip 'Beauty of Apeldoorn'
- ❖ Tulip 'Lilac Perfection'
- ❖ Tulip - Single Late Mixed

Pippi's Locations

CNY Regional Market Authority

2100 Park Street
Syracuse, NY
7 AM – 1 PM^{+/-} Sat. **Shed D/Stall 8**
Until October 2nd

Home Location

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Kirkville, NY 13082
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