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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
 ~Albert Camus

GARDENER

Celebrating Over 80 Years of Bloomin' Joy!

Fall 2012

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra. ~Jimmy Johnson

You know it occurred to me, while being subjected to one of many political advertisements, that planting a garden is a lot like voting. In reality the outcome of both actions are similar...in both you hope to put the right choice in the right place. We all know you can't plant a sunflower in the shade, just like you can't (or at least shouldn't) vote a disreputable person into government.

Well there in lies the rub...given enough time we can read plant tags and know the attributes of the plant so we can make the right decision as to where the plant would be most effective.

Wouldn't it be nice if our candidates for political office all had tags on them so we could make informed decisions...the only problem I see

is that plants generally stay true to their tags...people, not so much. I think there is much to be learned from plants...stay true to your core values, grow where you will thrive and help make the world a better place. Love and you will be loved.

Autumn is here and there is no finer place than Bayport Flower Houses...it's our 80th Autumn so make sure you read through this newsletter, keep in touch via facebook and get on our email list so that you can join us for the special events this season.

I can feel the crisp air already!
 Enjoy, Karl

We've Got It All This Fall!

(AND We're Close To Home)

- Halloween Giftware & Décor
- Pumpkin Patch
- Cold Weather Pansies
- Cornstalks – Hay Bales
- Indian Corn – Home Grown
- Mums – Grasses - Pottery
- Ornamental Kale & Cabbage
- Spring Flowering Bulbs
- AND Carnivorous Plants!

Harvest Special

Lamppost Edition!

"The Best Deal In Town"

- Includes 3 Home-Grown Mums
- Decorated Cornstalk
- Large Pumpkin
- Straw Bale

\$39.99

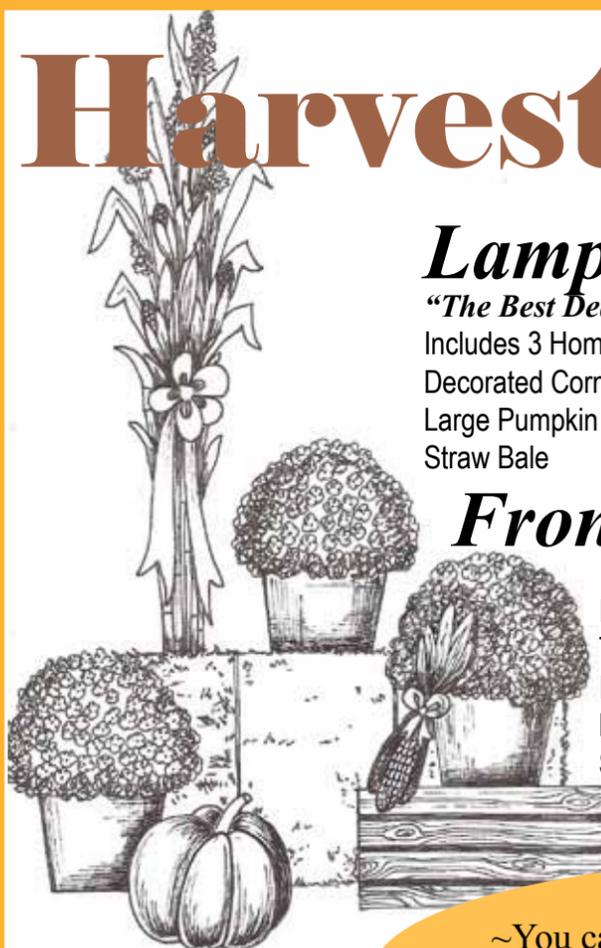
Front Porch Edition!

"Based on Customer Requests"

- Includes 3 Home-Grown Mums
- Two (2) Decorated Cornstalks
- Indian Corn
- Large Pumpkin
- Straw Bale

NEW for 2012

\$49.99



Did You Know?

- ~You can order our Harvest Special online!
- ~Harvest Specials can be delivered!
- ~The Harvest Special makes a great gift!



Rutgers: Flowers Boost Seniors' Well Being



Everyday, America's aging population - 40 million and rising - faces the challenges of growing older, including depression, memory loss and social withdrawal. As a concerned nation, we are continually exploring new means to ease daily-life anxieties. Recently, researchers at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, released the results of a six-month behavioral study on the health effects of flowers on senior citizens. The study demonstrates that flowers ease depression, inspire social networking and refresh memory as we age.

"The results are significant because as our nation grows older and life becomes more stressful, we look for easy and natural ways to enhance our lives - and the lives of our aging parents," said Dr. Jeannette Haviland-Jones, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Lab at Rutgers. "Now, one simple answer is right under our noses."

This research follows a study conducted in 2000, which links flowers to greater happiness and life satisfaction in women. In 2001, Rutgers set out to explore the effects flowers would have on senior citizens, who experience different living situations and greater life changes.

Prevention in a Bud, Not a Bottle

More than 100 seniors participated in the Rutgers research study, in which some received flowers and others did not. The results shed new

light on how nature's support systems help seniors cope with the challenges of aging. The results are as follows:

~Flowers Decrease Depression. Study participants showed a significant increase in happiness and positive moods when flowers were present.

~Flowers Refresh Recent Memory. Seniors performed higher on everyday memory tasks and experienced enriched personal memories in the presence of flowers.

~Flowers Encourage Companionship. Seniors who received flowers re-engaged with members of their communities and enlarged their social contacts to include more neighbors, religious support and even medical personnel.

"Instinct tells us that flowers lift our spirits, but, their effects on seniors are especially profound, if not surprising," said Haviland-Jones.

New Evidence Sprouts Up

Specifically, 81 percent of seniors who participated in the study reported a reduction in depression following the receipt of flowers. Forty percent of seniors reported broadening their social contacts beyond their normal social circle of family and close friends. And, 72 percent of the seniors who received flowers scored very high on memory tests in comparison with seniors who did not receive flowers.

"Happier people live longer, healthier lives and are more open to change," said Haviland-Jones. "Our research shows that a small dose of nature, like flowers, can do a world of wonder for our well-being as we age."

It's Back...

Vase Recycling Program*

Bring in your gently used vases and receive a **\$5.00** voucher for any purchase at Bayport Flower Houses
*one voucher per visit please

Autumn Spotlight

Japanese Maple 'Oshio Beni'
(*Acer palmatum* 'Oshio Beni')

Japanese Maples are a tree you must have in your landscape. The variety 'Oshio Beni', which means 'great red tide', is one of the best. A perfect sized tree for our suburban landscapes, this tree grows between 12'-18' and has beautiful branching habit. This low maintenance tree works well in both full sun and partial shade. What makes this variety special is that in the spring the new growth comes out as bright orange-red and it finishes up in the autumn with a great scarlet fall color. We have beautiful trees available from



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News Flash

Did your impatiens not perform well this summer? You many have Impatiens Downy Mildew on your plants. You can read about the disease at Cornell Cooperative Extension Bulletin:

<http://ccesuffolk.org/assets/Horticulture-Leaflets/Impatiens-downy-mildew.pdf>

We are looking forward to Spring 2013 and will offer many great substitutes for impatiens if you choose to change up your shade annual varieties.

\$30 Gift Card With Any Tree/Shrub Installation

See Store for details - Gift card is for future use. Not to be combined with other offers.
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Bayport Flower Houses, Inc.

September & October Fun at Bayport Flower Houses

Registration required for classes to ensure we've got enough supplies for everyone. Please call 631-472-0014

September 12 **Good Neighbor Day** - Stop by on Wednesday, September 12 for our annual **GOOD Neighbor Day** - Get 6 FREE Roses, Keep one for yourself then pass them on. It feels good to make someone's day!

September 15 at 10 am or 3 pm **Autumn Porch Pots** with Karl \$38.00 material fee, Take the ordinary to Extraordinary. Refresh your entryway or back deck with a fall container garden that will look great throughout the season. This class will include the container, soil, time-release fertilizer, fall blooming plants, instruction and we do the cleanup!

September 22 **First Day of Fall!** In-store Specials!

September 22 at 10 am **Fall Gardening for a Spectacular Spring** \$10.00 per person, Donuts & Java for all! Our tips, tricks, secrets and more of Fall Gardening which will lead to your best Spring Garden ever! Includes a BFH "Bag O' Bulbs" for you to take home and plant.

October 6 at 10 am **Spring Bulb Lasagna** \$38.00 material fee, Learn to layer bulbs for a wonderful spring container display. Technique can also be used in your home flower beds.

October 6 - October 14 **Annual Tent Sale**

It's Tent Sale Time!

Sale begins Saturday, October 6th through Sunday, October 14th



Items added daily but they go fast, so stop by early and come often! Up to 90% Off!



Don't Miss the **Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce** 2012 Community Business Expo Meet Your Local Businesses, Always a fun time! Something for everyone! **Wednesday, October 10th from 4 - 8 pm** at Bayport Flower Houses

October 10 **Bayport Blue Point Chamber of Commerce Community Expo!**

October 13 at 10 am **Pumpkin Arrangement** - \$38.00 material fee - Beautiful Autumn flowers in a real live pumpkin! Step by step instruction makes everyone a floral artist for the day!

October 27 at 8 am **Bayport Blue Point Chamber of Commerce South Shore Halloween Duathlon at Corey Beach** visit www.bayportbluepoint.com for more information.

Super Saturdays for Super-Kids



We're A Ton of **Bewitching** Fun!
Classes are **\$8 per child** begin at 3:30 pm and include the

class & activity, **Tractor Hayride**, **Spooky Walk**, the ever popular, **Halloween Maze** and a visit to the **Bubblin' Cauldron** for a treat! **Registration Required** to ensure we've got enough supplies for everyone.

September 22 Absolutely Autumn!

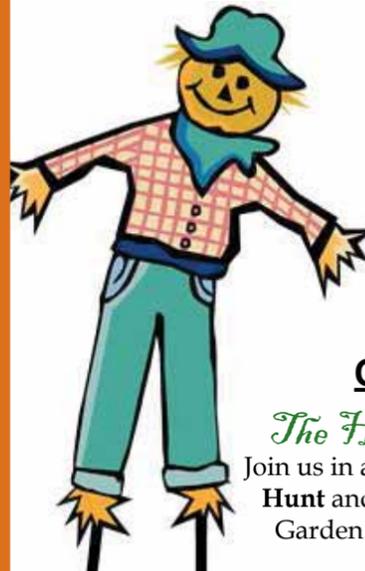
It's the first day of Autumn, also known as the Autumn Solstice! Let's Celebrate as the Native Americans did long ago!



October 6

Build A Scarecrow

Bring Your Favorite Flannel Shirts and Old Jeans-we'll provide the hay and some fun "extras" and build your own Scarecrow for the Halloween Season!



October 13

The Hunt For October

Join us in a fun **Autumn Scavenger Hunt** and end in a fun filled Fall Garden Party! Goodies for all!



October 20

Creative Pumpkin Carving

Traditional Jack O'Lantern? Crazy Witch Pumpkin, Cute But Spooky Pumpkin? Your choice! We'll provide the tools, the pumpkin AND you get to leave the guts with us!



October 27

Creepy Garden Creatures

Just in time for Halloween, what will we find in the garden this year...oh my! They're helpful, really...learn while you "meet & greet" some of nature's creepiest creatures!

Mark Your Calendars For Winter Fun!

Bayport Flower Houses' Holiday Open House

November 17th & 18th

Tree Lighting & Santa Visits December 1st



Bayport Flower Houses Annual Holiday Bus Tour To **Longwood Gardens** Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012

\$69.99 per person

includes admission, bus and gratuities.

A Cafe Lunch Voucher is available for an additional \$18.00. This includes appetizer, entree, dessert, and fountain drink/coffee in Longwood Garden's Terrace Restaurant (must be paid for when ticket is purchased)

Late Summer – Early Fall is great for...

Planting. Spring flowering bulbs, trees, shrubs, perennials, mums, pansies and more. Sow some seeds in September, enjoy these fresh veggies in October/November...lettuce, spinach, peas, kale.

Fixing your Lawn. If your lawn has taken a beating from the summer, now is the time to repair it. The air temperatures are cooler, but the soil is still warm...this is great for seed germination and for avoiding sweating! There is little weed seed germination in the fall and there is much less of a need to water frequently.

Some Earth Friendly Lawn Care recommendations: Jonathan Green seed blends that have fescue grasses...they perform better and need less care.

Fertilizing your Lawn. If you are going to only fertilize your lawn once a year...make sure it is in the fall. Slow naturally occurring nitrogen releasing fertilizers rely on the soil's microbial population to release the goodies. In the fall most of the nutrients are used to foster strong root development that will pay big dividends in the spring. **Some Earth Friendly Lawn Fertilizer recommendations:** MYKE, Espoma Organic Lawn Food



Dividing Perennials. Iris, Daylilies, Peonies, Hosta, etc. In general, it is best to divide spring and summer blooming perennials in the fall, and fall bloomers in spring. Just don't divide ornamental grasses in the fall...they hate that.

Decorating! Get into the spirit...give your house a harvest look. Our Harvest Special is just what you need...

Bringing the Outdoors In. Liven up your home with life! Indoor houseplants add a natural feel to your home. They are also excellent at filtering certain harmful chemicals and dusts out of your home's air.

Enjoy Local Cut Flower Bouquets - sunflowers and more abound during this harvest season. Bouquets starting at \$9.99

ATTENTION

PLANT LOVERS...

Send Your Plants on a Tropical Vacation this winter to the lush greenhouses of Bayport Flower Houses' Plant Camp.



From Tropical Hibiscus to Gardenias and Lemon Trees and much more, the plants are given the proper growing environment throughout the winter. They are fed and pruned properly to insure top performance when they return home.



Most Plants/Shrubs/Trees spend October through May with us.

For more information, fees and scheduling, please call **(631) 472-0014** or email us at greenhouse@bayportflower.com



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September 1- 30, 2012 ONLY

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Large 2-Wick Tumblers

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