

Summer is winding down, school buses are back on the road and cooler days are ahead. It's the PERECT time for planting and we've got EVERYTHING you need! PRSRT STD U.S. Postage PAID Bayport, NY Permit No. 9





We've Got It All This Fall!

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

Harvest
Special
"The Best Deal In Town"
Includes 3 Home-Grown Mums
Decorated Cornstalk
Decorated Indian Corn
Large Pumpkin
Straw Bale

S30,00

(AND We're Close To Home)

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Last night, while sitting outside, I considered putting on a sweatshirt. That one consideration triggered a whole flood of thoughts of the autumn season to come. The change in season is a welcome change...it's what makes living up north special. From decorating with rich fall color mums to planning ahead for spring by planting tulip bulbs...we become a little more aware of the landscape we live in. People come back into town from vacation, head to school or back to work and reconnect with their community. This reconnection is special and makes for strong bonds that allow us to endure these turbulent times. A simple flower bouquet or pot of pansies can open the door to filling someone's day with joy.

Over the summer we've been working on improving our business and strengthening our bonds to our community...you! My wife Amy and I were at a conference in Chicago, which brought together many of the independent Garden Centers throughout America, so that we could learn the best information and see the newest products. There were hundreds of thousands of products and hours and hours of meetings and seminars. My brain filled up quickly and the rush was on to filter and use only the best. I got back on the plane and as I usually do I asked myself what was the most useful nugget I could take away from this conference. I am sure many of you have been to events like this and struggle with using all the information you just learned...as I say execution is the hardest part of learning. Well the nugget came from a speaker named Larry Winget (I think his nickname is the Pitbull of Personal Development). He said there are only 2 important rules to follow for a successful life...Take Responsibility and Be Nice. Wow! After all that I learned for countless hours, the nugget I took away from the conference was one which we already know but all need to do a better job at. Try it on your kids, co-workers and

family. Heck, maybe if our political system adopted these two simple rules we would be a little further ahead.

I really like the "Be Nice" part...it's simple, infectious and reaps great rewards. So stop in at Bayport Flower Houses and hang out with some nice people...we'll be waiting.

Enjoy, Karl



a single flower stem with sentiment

To help you in your quest to "Be Nice", we've designed a bee-themed single stem flower. Available daily.

Greet your little one after the first day of school! Surprise the bus driver. Say "welcome home" to a neighbor.

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do



We've Got Spirit, How 'Bout You!

Home Grown Fall Mums - 9" Pots

Introducing School/Town Spirit Bouquets starting at just \$14.99, name your school, we've got your colors! Perfect for Homecomings, Great Report Cards, Sport Stars, Teachers!

Also Available Medium bouquet - \$24.99, Large Bouquet - \$34.99

What We Love This Fall



Karl Auwaerter

Peegee Hydrangea 'Limelight' cut flower of the year!

cold hardy, full sun



Pumpkin Chimneas & Lanterns



Weather **Pansies**



Ornamental **Native Grasses** Little Bluestem 'The Blues' With its bluegreen leaves during the growing season and attractive rusty color with white fluffy seedheads in the fall, little bluestem is useful in ornamental plantings.



Pussy Willows Plant now for Winter Interest & stems for cutting

It's Back *Until September 30, 2011

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

Lavender Fire Starting Bundles

This is a project that adheres to the philosophy of waste not, want not. After pruning your lavender plant, why not put the stems to good use? These dried lavender bundles help get winter fires started and sweeten the air.

Materials

•Dried Lavender Stems, Raffia, Gift wrapping tissue cut into strips, Paper clip

Instructions

- 1. Gather lavender stems in a bundle.
- 2. Wrap a tissue strip around the middle of the bundle. Use a paper clip to temporarily hold the strip in place.
- 3. Wind raffia around the tissue strip and tie to secure. Remove the paper clip.
- 4. When you are ready to start a fire, place the lavender bundle between the logs in your fireplace. Fire can be a fickle mistress, so be sure to use caution & common sense when lighting the lavender bundle.

Good to Know: Pruning Lavender

Lavender benefits from a light pruning every year to keep the plants full and bushy, which means more leaves and blooms to harvest. You can cut the plant back in spring, summer or very early fall. I generally do this task right after the flowers fade because it will help promote new bloom. If you cut your plant back in fall, be sure to give yourself time before the first hard freeze. Cold temperatures will kill resulting new growth. Remove about a third of the height of the plant. Avoid pruning back into woody stems where there aren't any leaves growing because the stem won't survive.

courtesy of P. Allen Smith

\$5 Off

Any Fall/Halloween **Decorating Purchase** of \$25 or more

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25% Off

Any Tree and/or Shrub Purchase of \$100 or more

not to be combined with other offers. not valid on past purchases. in-stock items only. expires 10/31/11 code: NLF112 Bayport Flower Houses, Inc.

\$2 Off

Any Spring Bulb Purchase of \$5.00 or more

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Plant Clearance Area Now Open Good Plants for A Great Price

All Clearance Sales Final. Bayport Flower Houses' Guarantee/Warranty not applicable.

aut umn Classes & Events

<u>September 11</u> **Grandparents' Day!** Our Tussy Mussy is perfect for little hand to carry and show their love.

September 11 Patriot Day Never Forget Bouquet, \$24.99

September 17 at 10 am Autumn Porch Pots with Karl

\$30.00 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!

SUNDAY, September 18-at 10 am Everlasting Tabletop

Topiary- \$35.00 material fee Learn flower drying techniques for your own garden, then create a beautiful Autumn tabletop topiary to take home.

<u>September 21</u> **International Day of Peace**. Peace Lily Special \$19.99

September 23 First Day of Fall! In-store Specials!

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

October 1 at 10 am Spring Bulb Lasagna \$30.00 material fee, Learn to layer bulbs for a wonderful spring container display. Technique can also be used in your home flower beds.

October 8 - October 16 Annual Tent Sale

October 8 Plant Auction at 3 pm (preview from 8am - 3pm)

October 10 Columbus Day! Discover yourself a new plant!

October 15 at 10 am Fall Gardening for a Spectacular Spring Free of Charge, Donuts & Java for all! Our tips, tricks, secrets and more of Fall Gardening which will lead to your best Spring Garden ever!

October 20 **Sweetest Day!** Yellow Rose Bouquet for someone sweet, \$39.99

October 30 at 8 am Bayport Blue Point Chamber of Commerce South Shore Halloween Duathlon at Corey Beach visit www.bayportbluepoint.com for more information.

It's Tent Sale Time!

Sale begins Saturday, October 8^h through Sunday, October 16th



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

Join us for our 2nd Annual **Plant Auction**,

Sat. October 8th at 3 pm (you're welcome to preview the plants from 8 am - 3 pm)

Mark Your Calendars!

Holiday Open House November 19th & 20th

Longwood Gardens Bus Trip November 29th - \$69.99 pp

Poinsettia Fashion Show November 26th & 27th

Tree Lighting & Santa Visit

December 3rd

Super Saturdays for Super-Kids



We're Bewitchingly Better Than Ever This Year!

Classes are \$8 per child begin at 3:00 pm and include the class & activity,

Tractor Hayride, Spooky Walk, ever popular, Halloween Maze

and a visit to the **Bubblin'Cauldron** for a sweet treat! **Registration Required** to ensure we've got enough supplies for everyone. With your registration, you'll get a ticket to ride...

October 1 Gardening Sand Art

Come play in the sandbox!
With plenty of sand to go
around, kids will plant up a
succulent in their own creation...

October 15 The Stars of Fall

The night sky like you've never seen it before. Learn about the Autumn constellations and make your own star finder.

Painting statiOn

October 22

Creepy Garden Creatures what will we find in the garden this year...oh my! They're helpful, really...learn while you "meet & greet" some of nature's

For Your Convenience...
Our Creative PumPkin Carving &

will be open every October Saturday from 12-4 pm

Leave the guts with us!

Enough said...\$10 per person includes pumpkin & everything you need to create your masterpiece

Bayport Flower Houses Annual Bus Tour

Longwood Gardens

Featuring the Annual Christmas Displays







The Beauty of Bulbs!

We LOVE Bulbs. They are just such a simple pleasure after a long cold winter. No other types of plants will give the gardener more beauty, or a wider range of variety, color and flowering times than flowering bulbs. They produce flowers of incredible colors from one end of the growing season to the other. Nothing else will reward you with so much pleasure for so little effort...at least in your garden.

Plan ahead-Color and time of bloom are two of the most important elements to consider when planning your bulb and garden planting. It can be very helpful to make a sketch of your garden before planting.

Soil prep-Good soil preparation is the first step to successful bulb gardening. Make sure the soil is loose and porous.

How deep?-The depth of planting for bulbs depends on their size. A good rule of thumb is that the depth should be three times the diameter of the bulb.

After planting...-Cover bulbs with soil, water well and mulch with shredded leaves. In the spring, when the first shoots appear, remove the mulch and sprinkle again with bulb food.

Gotta Haves This Year...



Tulip Mascotte -Lush double flowers are 5 inches or more across! Each petal is delicately fringed along the edge and the color is a mesmerizing purple with blue under-tones.



Hyacinth Aladdin -Bluish-lavender flowers with strong stalks



Daffodil Goose Green This tall Daffodil has small
white flowers with diminutive bright yellow cups.
Each cup has an applegreen eye and rim of bright
orange that becomes more
pronounced over time.



Iris Lion King - This exotic flower is a sister seedling of 'Eye of the Tiger' and shares similar exquisite coloring. This flower ups the standard with larger expanses of gold in petals lightly shaded with lavender.



Mangia, Mangia..

Join us and plant up some

Bulb Lasanga

and learn how to keep those babies bloomin.

Saturday, October 1 at 10 am,

\$30 material charge.

more info on pg. 3



Whether you're brand new to bulbs, know a little bit about them or a lot, let the

www.DigDropDone.com ladies expand your knowledge and enrich your enjoyment of planting bulbs! From Marcy's simple tricks to Juliana's beautiful tips and Evelyn's surprising ideas, bulbs have never been so much fun...or had so much personality. This is a great website is packed with both information and inspiration.

A Tip from **The Ladies**...Grab your favorite fashion magazine and check out the coverage from Fall Fashion Week. It's a great way to preview the hottest trends and colors for spring. Then take that style to the garden! Go buy your favorite bulbs in runway hues and get ready to wow your friends when they bloom next spring.

Did You Know...

That we take our 'show' on the road? We are available for talks on gardening, flower arranging and anything else horticultural! Give us a call for your next meeting - we'll grow on you.

Royal Wedding Update

The 'William and Catherine' rose shrub made its debut at the Royal Horticultural Society Chelsea Flower Show recently. These creamy white blossoms should be available to U.S. gardeners in 2013.



Fall Lawn Care

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.
- There is much less of a need to water frequently for germination.
- Use seed blends that have fescue grasses...they perform better and need less care.

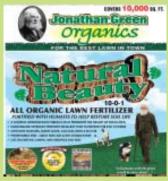
Fertilizing your Lawn. If you are going to only fertilize your lawn once a year...make sure it is in the fall (and before November 1 - it's the law!). Slow naturally occurring nitrogen releasing fertilizers rely on the soil's microbial population to release the goodies. In the fall most of the nutrients are used to foster strong root development that will pay big dividends in the spring.

We recommend...



Bradfield Organics

Jonathan Green - Natural Beauty



MYKE Turf



Also Jonathan Green - Magi-cal