
Ferguson's Garden Club



September flew by in a flash! It was a busy month here at the garden center. We loved getting to go out and about in the community to plant fall planters and nursery stock! We were also busy preparing for next year. September is when we look back to reflect on the season and make adjustments for the next year. One of our favorite things about September was starting Garden Club! We absolutely loved hosting our first meeting and sharing our love for plants. It was a joy to meet with some of you to talk about your gardens! We loved hearing about your successes and the challenges you faced this year. Your gardening journey helps us learn and improve to ensure success all around!

All About Bulbs!

One of the happiest signs of spring is that first tulip or daffodil emerging from the ground. When you see the tips of the leaves pop out, you know a beautiful bouquet is not too far behind. And even if snow falls on those leaves, the bulb is safely buried and protected from all that Mother Nature can throw at it. Flowering spring bulbs (planted in the fall and then waiting to put on their show) attract pollinators, reduce garden maintenance, provide years of cut flowers, add diversity without taking up too much space, and provide abundant rewards for minimal work. With so many colors of tulips available along with the sunny yellows of daffodils and the whimsical purple of the giant allium you will be so thankful that you took the time to dig a few holes and drop in a few bulbs.

Follow these simple tips to ensure your labors bear the flowers you want:

- Purchase your bulbs as early as you want and dream about spring, but don't plant until after October 10. This allows the ground to cool enough that they won't try to grow leaves that would be damaged by winter.
- Choose a location that gets plenty of sunshine and has well-drained soil. Fortunately, the leaves of these bulbs do most of their food-manufacturing before the trees create too much shade, so you can plant in spaces that you might not normally be able to. Bulbs do not like to be too wet, so make sure you choose a spot that doesn't sit under water as the snow melts or where the surrounding concrete warms the soil on sunny winter days to keep it from freezing solid.
- Dig the hole two to three times deeper than the bulb is tall and place the bulb pointy-end up (for allium bulbs, look for the roots and place those at the bottom). You can either plant individual bulbs with a small trowel or bulb auger, or you can make a bigger statement by planting in clusters of five or more.
- Fertilize with a good bulb fertilizer such as Espoma Bulb Tone or Bone Meal and protect tulip bulbs by soaking them with RepelsAll Animal Repellent. Daffodil and Allium bulbs are naturally unattractive to scavenging rodents.
- Water deeply to settle the bulbs and soil and get the roots started. Make yourself a cup of tea or hot chocolate, sit back and wait for spring :)



Preparing Your Landscape for Winter

Did you know that preparing your landscape and garden for winter is not as labor-intensive and complicated as you may have been led to think? We fervently believe that you should put down your pruners and all the visions of a pristine flower bed lying dormant under the snow and enjoy your fall by walking through the woods; planting new trees, shrubs and perennials; transplanting existing perennials; and visiting your local pumpkin patches and apple orchards.



By not pruning, you are actually allowing the plant to protect itself as the foliage collapses in on itself and the branches catch blowing leaves and snow. Decomposing leaves add nutrients to the soil and provide habitat for over-wintering pollinators and beneficial insects. We do recommend cleaning up things like peony, phlox, and rose leaves that have had disease problems this growing season to help avoid problems for next year. Fall mulching in your gardens will help to conserve moisture and cut down on late season and early spring weed growth. Just remember to leave a little space around the plants so they can breathe. One of the most beneficial things you can do in the fall, especially when it is as dry as this year, is to continue watering deeply at regular intervals until the ground is frozen.

This is particularly important for plants that have been in their current location less than three years.

Once the ground has chilled and the plants are dormant, it will be very helpful to add some additional wood mulch around new plantings or shallow-rooted perennials. When there is little or no snow and it is a dry fall, the upper layers of soil are more prone to freeze and thaw which disturbs the roots of these plants and can even trigger early growth causing the plant to die during the winter.

In conclusion, you can enjoy your time in your yard this fall with a Pumpkin Spice Latte instead of pruners while you are watering and appreciating the color-changes and fall bird and butterfly migrations. Tuck your babies in and get them ready for a nice winter nap.

Mandarin Orange Spider Plant

Mandarin orange spider plants are a delightful variation of the classic spider plant, known for their vibrant, variegated leaves that often feature striking shades of green and orange. These hardy houseplants are not only visually appealing but also easy to care for, thriving in bright, indirect light and adapting well to various humidity levels. With their air-purifying qualities and cheerful appearance, mandarin orange spider plants add a touch of warmth and liveliness to any indoor space.



Upcoming Events

Houseplant Happy Hour

October 24th
4-6pm

Garden Club

October 19th
10:30am

Winter Planter Design Classes

November 2nd @ 11am

November 9th @ 11 am & 2 pm

November 16th @ 11am & 2pm

November 17th @ 2pm

November 21st @ 5:30pm

November 23rd @ 11am

December 7th @ 5:30pm

Please call or message us to sign up for Winter planter classes as seating is limited. Or give us a call to set up a private class! (Min. 5 people) Feel free to bring in one of your own pots or use one we provide for you! We will have pots you can drop into your own planters or decorative ones!

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