

# *BACK TO COOL SALE*



*September 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday*



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**PERENNIALS & NURSERY - 30% OFF**

**ROSES - 50% OFF**

**ANNUALS 50% OFF**

**(Excluding Mums, Asters, Pansies, Kale, and Fall Veggies)**



**The Flower Bin is celebrating 50 YEARS!  
This Bougainvillea has been growing for 28 YEARS!**

## **BACK TO COOL**

FALL! Wow, I can't believe it is here. Cooler weather, less bugs, all the fall colors I adore and planning for next season. As I sip on ice tea and look over my safe haven (ESP these last couple of seasons) I'm taking notes of what didn't work for me and what did. Adding to my garden journal what I need to do to prepare for winter. I want to plant some perennials over there and cool season veggies here. I need to make room for all the flower bulbs I want. I need a bold and strong display next spring. Tulips and daffodils dancing together gets me so happy and excited. If you are not ready for spring thinking fall is a great time to plant mums and pansies. Enjoy all that fall has to offer.

Come to *The Bin* and save at our **BACK TO COOL SALE!**

**Jeanette, Gift House Manager**

*“If you tickle the earth with a hoe, she laughs with a harvest.” Douglas William Jerrold*

It's that time of the year; the garden is bursting with beautiful flowers and delectable vegetables. As the summer winds down, fall is just around the corner.

Before we know it, frost will be here, and the show is suddenly over. Or is it?

Did you know that you can keep your vegetable garden going into October and even November? Here are a few tips to help you:

**Plant fall crops of you favorite cool season varieties.** Broccoli, kale, peas, spinach, cabbage, and lettuce do very well in the cool autumn temperatures. We will have many of these vegetable starts ready for you soon.

**Pay attention to weather forecasts.** Average first frost in our area (according to The Old Farmers Almanac) is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be ready to cover your plants if it is going to frost or freeze. An old sheet or frost blankets are fine for a frost, but heavier protection will be necessary if it's going to freeze. Dig out those old blankets and comforters for protection. Be sure to cover at night to keep the plants as warm as possible.

**Help your tomatoes ripen by stressing out the plant.** This forces the tomato plant to think it is going to die and it must reproduce before it does. Reduce water, pinch off all flowers, pick small fruit (to give larger fruit more energy), give the plant a good trim.

**Mulch root crops to extend the harvest well into the winter.** Later in the fall, put a 10-12" layer of mulch over the top of your root crops to keep the ground from freezing. You can go out anytime to dig up some fresh vegetables. Fresh carrots with Christmas dinner, anyone?

Happy gardening!

**Kim, Annuals Manger**



**We welcome Josh,  
New Head Cashier!**



**Sunnyflowers  
This "Happy" Flower  
They symbolize  
adoration, loyalty  
and longevity**

## HOME, SWEET HOME

The one place we feel the most safe and comfortable is usually at home or in our backyard. Over the past couple growing seasons we have spent more time in our yards and getting our hands dirty. We have added or removed, stuffed and filled every nook and cranny we could with color and anything that would bring us added joy. The fall is a wonderful time to continue to add shrubs, trees, and perennials to establish them for next season. Try something new you may not have grown before, like *Little Lemon Goldenrod*, a *Woods Aster* or an *Autumn Joy Sedum*, it may become your new backyard favorite!

For those of you who just want more splash of color and great pollinators, make sure you have some fall bloomers we carry. *Asters*, *agastache*, *chrysanthemums*, *echinacea*, *rudbeckia*, and *Russian sages*, all give you lovely fall color and are easy to grow and get established. The American cranberry bush, burning bushes or any ninebarks can provide you with a foliage you may be looking for to anchor your fall and winter interests. Do not forget about the wonderful ornamental grasses that provide not only interest but a winter habitat for pollinators. Happy planting and may you all have an outstanding fall!

**Billie Jo, Perennials Manager**

## A Splash of Late Summer Color!



## A Flare of Ornamental Grasses



### ROOM FOR MORE

Houseplants filling homes, door to door

Cascading in spaces ceiling to floor

Various shaped leaves refracting sunlight

expressive colors galore

Always discovering room for more

Some might beholden dearly as friends

Others may be considered an  
avenue to mend

A way to care, water and tend

Let us not pretend

We can always find room for more

*Kelsey, Houseplants*

# LOOKING FORWARD!

## August - MUMS



## September - BULBS



## October - PUMPKINS



### EXPRESS YOURSELF

*"Normality is a paved road: it's comfortable to walk but no flowers grow." - Vincent Van Gogh*

Express your individuality by listening to the plant that is calling your name, not just following what's trending on social media. There are so many reasons to be attracted to a plant, its shape, color, texture, growth pattern, aroma, flowers and the list goes on!

It is the season to keep your eye on the forecast. Make sure to bring in any houseplants that are vacationing outside for the summer before the night gets below 55 degrees. Inspect all the leaves and soil to make sure you are not bringing in any bugs. Spray plants with neem oil to make sure no bugs come in. Trim back any plants that need to be tidied. Re-pot any plants that look rootbound. Clean/ shower any dusty plants. Now be careful with watering. Overwatering is one of the most common mistakes, and it is easy to do come fall. With shorter days, plants get less light and grow more slowly, using less water. Most plants prefer the top inch of soil to feel dry to the touch before watering.

It is a great time of year to add something new to your houseplant collection. Here at *The Flower Bin*, we are always working on improving our selection and keeping it exciting for everyone! So come on in today and see what is calling your name!

*Corinna, Houseplant Manager*

## ***NOW IS THE TIME***

\*Take these steps to prepare your lawn for fall and winter.

\*Fall is a great time to seed your lawn. We carry locally-grown grass seed and we'll help you select the right seed for your lawn.

I. Apply ***Natural Guard HuMic***, a granular humate which will improve your lawn's soil structure and increase nutrient uptake.

II. use ***Revive*** to encourage strong root development and optimize water usage;

III. Around Halloween, apply ***ferti-lome Winterizer*** fertilizer. Doing these things will help your lawn survive the winter and be ready to green-up quickly in the spring.

\*Test your soil. Our do-it-yourself kits that will let you test soil pH and nutrient levels quickly and conveniently. Bring us the results and we can help you decide what to do.

\*Adding organic material to your tomato and vegetable beds is something you need to do every fall. We have locally-produced, bagged soil amendments in stock for your convenience.

\*You're always welcome to bring your lawn, garden and houseplant questions to our Diagnostic Center. We'll identify the problem and offer you solutions. This is a free service we offer year-round.

***Michael, Hard Goods Manager***

## ***Mark the Date!*** ***"Four Seasons of Dahlias"*** ***Dahlia Show, Sept 11-12*** ***Hosted at The Flower Bin***



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all of our customers.  
Thank you for  
your loyalty.  
The Flower Bin Staff***