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JUNE & JULY 2025 Newsletter

COLORADO GARDENING

As a Colorado gardener, I've learned that success in the sunniest parts of my yard comes from choosing plants that thrive in our unique high-altitude environment-hot days, cool nights and often unforgiving soil. One of my favorite combinations include Sunset and Coronado Red Agastache, both of which provide stunning color and magnets for pollinators. These tough yet beautiful plants bloom for most of the summer and handle the dry heat like pros, adding warmth and movement to my garden with their upright flower spike and soft fragrant foliage.

Alongside them, I love growing Carolyn's Hope or Red Rocks Penstemon. Carolyn's Hope, with its soft pink blooms, not only adds a gentle elegance to the garden but also supports breast cancer research- a cause close to many of us. Red Rocks bring a vivid burst of magenta, holding up beautifully even in the summer heat. Both penstemon are long-blooming and do well in well-drained soil, which is achieved by mixing in a compost and soil pep. Their hummingbird appeal and ability to bounce back after intense sun exposure make them reliable standouts.

To anchor the beds and provide year-round interest, I rely on Blonde Ambition blue grama or Korean Feather Reed grass. The seed heads catch the light beautifully and sway in the breeze offering a contrast and texture for all four seasons. These grasses create a dynamic, water-wise landscape that reflects the spirit of Colorado-bold, beautiful and built to thrive in the sun.

Billie Jo, Perennials Manager



*Left: Carolyn's
Hope or Red Rocks
Penstemon*

*Above: Coronado
Red Agastache*

*Right: Korean
Feather Reed Grass*



The Summer Magic of Scented Geraniums

Bringing Beauty, Flavor, and Fragrance to Your Garden & Kitchen

Summer is just around the corner, and one of our favorite plants to celebrate this season is the **scented geranium**. Often overlooked in favor of flashier flowers, these quietly charming plants are bursting with personality, versatility, and – most importantly – fragrance!

In the Garden: Fragrant Companions

Scented geraniums are a gardener's dream. Their lush, textured leaves come in a variety of scents – from rose and lemon to nutmeg and even chocolate mint. Whether planted in containers or tucked into borders, they offer:

- **Natural pest repellence** – their aromatic oils help keep mosquitos and other pests at bay.
 - **Attractiveness to pollinators** – bees and butterflies love them!
 - **Low maintenance** – they thrive in full sun, well-drained soil, and are drought-tolerant once established.
- Plus, they make excellent **companion plants**, especially in herb gardens or with vegetables like tomatoes and peppers.*



In the Kitchen: A Culinary Secret

Yes, you can cook with scented geraniums! Their leaves aren't typically eaten raw, but they can be infused into recipes to add subtle and unexpected flavor. Here are a few favorite ways to use them:

- **Flavoring sugars:** Layer leaves with sugar in a jar, seal for a few days, and enjoy delicately perfumed sugar in teas, cookies, or cakes.
- **Infused syrups and jellies:** Simmer the leaves in simple syrup or with fruit when making jelly for an aromatic twist.
- **Desserts:** Line a cake pan with leaves (rose or lemon-scented work well) before pouring in the batter – they'll release their essence as the cake bakes.
- **Herbal teas:** Steep a few leaves with mint or lemon balm for a refreshing homemade tea.

Come Visit Us!

If you're curious about trying scented geraniums or want to see different varieties up close, stop by our herbs section. We'll be featuring them all season with fresh starts ready for your garden.

Wishing you a fragrant and flavorful June

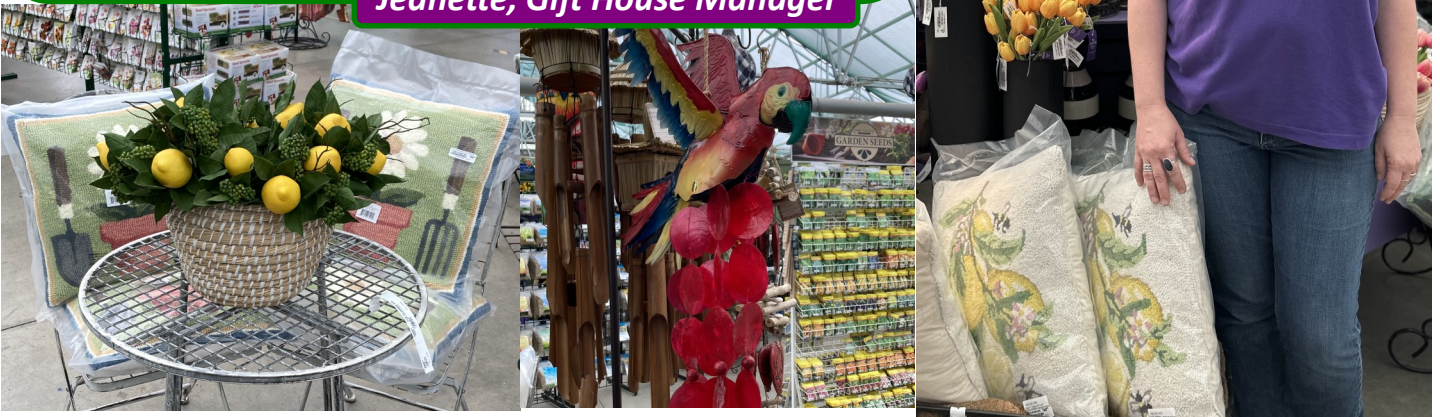
Jen, Herbs Manager

Happy Summer!

Hot summer days bring a lot of different challenges. Plants need extra water and food. Bugs are starting to take over. Weeds are creeping everywhere. Time to stop by the Bin to get help for it all. Set yourself up with the tools to conquer. While here grab the cute turtle statue you've been thinking about before it's gone. Or the fun embroidered pillow to brighten your space. Definitely check out the light weight Sunday Afternoon hats to help beat the heat. At the Bin we are still growing a ton of beautiful flowers to fill in the spots you have. Stop by to spruce up your garden.

We would love to see you.

Jeanette, Gift House Manager



Kaffir Lime

Meyer Lemon

Orange Moro

Nagami Kumquat

THE NEW TREND??? CITRUS!

Did you know that Colorado has a great climate for growing citrus trees on the patio? Did you know that dwarf varieties do very well in the house over the winter? It's true! Here at the Flower Bin, we have many varieties and sizes of dwarf citrus trees, all handpicked to do well in your home. Here is a sampling of what we carry:

Limes: We carry both the Bearss Lime (true lime, 6-8 ft tall) and the Mexican Lime (also known as Key Lime. Small, very tart fruit).

Kaffir (Makrut) Lime – hard to get ahold of this lime is a staple in middle eastern cooking.

Grapefruit Oroblanco – 4-8 feet. Intensely fragrant flowers and sweet, seedless yellow fruit.

Lemon Eureka – 8-10 feet. Large crop of fruit all year long.

Lemon Meyer Lemon Improved – 8-12 feet. Very juicy and sweeter than most lemons. Flowers and fruits all year.

Orange Dwarf Washington Navel – 6-8 feet. Best orange for indoors. Delicious seedless fruit.

Orange Moro Blood: deep blood red flesh. Juicy and delicious.

Nagami Kumquat: small orange oval fruit is eaten peel and all.

All citrus, here in Colorado, prefer a partial shade position on the patio, and a nice bright south or west window in the house. Allow the tree to dry out a bit in-between watering. Feed with a citrus fertilizer every 3-4 months. Please keep it from frost and freeze and you will have fresh citrus for years to come!

Kim, Annual House Manager

LAFAYETTE OLD TOWN GARDEN TOUR

Since 2011 the Lafayette Old Town Garden Tour has showcased over **50 of the best homegrown gardens** throughout the historic center of Lafayette, Colorado.

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www.LafayetteOldTownGardenTour.org

Proceeds go toward a garden improvement grant program

Soaking up summer, one golden minute at a time.

Summertime! The days are long and filled with sunshine, it is such a wonderful time of year. The added warmth and light encourage a lot of new growth from houseplants. This is the time of year to fertilize your plants to give them what they need to support robust, vibrant growth. My favorite fertilizer is Jack's Houseplant Special; it really gives plants a boost. Remember that regular watering is important as warmer temperatures can cause plants to dry out more quickly. For the Summer Festival we are offering 20% off Houseplants! Come check out our selection and see if there is something calling out to you. We have something for everyone from super tiny to really big and all the in between.

Corinna, Foliage Manager

THE COLORS OF SUMMER



BE PROUD OF YOUR GARDEN - HOWEVER IT GROWS

NOW IS THE TIME

-Prepare your lawn for the summer season with Natural Guard HuMic and granular Revive®. These two products will encourage strong root development, enhance nutrient uptake and help your lawn use water more efficiently and stay greener during the upcoming summer months. Good for trees and shrubs, too.

-Apply ferti-lome Weed-Out Plus Lawn Fertilizer to control visible weeds and feed your lawn.

-Prune lilac and other spring flowering shrubs within two weeks after they bloom, to avoid removing next season's blooms.

-Cut back the foliage from spring blooming bulbs once it starts to turn yellow. Feed one more time with Hi-Yield® Dutch Bulb Food.

-Feed your tomatoes, peppers and vegetables with organic Foxfarm Tomato and Vegetable Food.

-Apply MWP Soil Pep as a mulch around tomatoes and vegetables. This will conserve water and help reduce weeds and disease problems.

-Get rid of grass growing in iris, phlox and other perennials safely and easily with ready-to-use GrassBGon®

-Keep your Legendary Flower Bin Grown Hanging Baskets blooming strong all season long with ferti-lome 20-20-20.

-Control algae in fountains with [Fountec](#). It's the product we use.

Take care of mosquito larvae in fountains, ponds, flowerpots and anywhere water accumulates with Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits. It helps control fungus gnats in houseplants as well.

-Bring a sample of your lawn or garden problem to our Diagnostic Center. We will identify the problem and help you find the best solution.

Michael, Hard Goods



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