



Fresh from the Garden September 2007

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Fall into Spring!

So much has been going on here this month, I could hardly find a minute to write this newsletter. Besides being the busiest gardening season of the year, we are also gearing up for lots of fall programs, shows and markets. And of course, the holidays are hot on our heels!

But wait, it's time to think spring! Plant now to enjoy later. I have found it is far more fun to think ahead a bit! Checkout our chores list for those tips to get you going.

We have several opportunities for folks to see first hand how to plant great fall and winter containers and to see fall gardening at its best. Join us for an "In the Garden" program, a Market demo or a public group program.

So, don't stow away your gardening stuff yet- the best is just beginning!

Kindest Regards,

Lisa Z.

Lisa on Talk Radio!

If you'd like to hear me on Grapevine Radio, you can follow the links and have a listen. To get started, click below, then select "Hear Lisa on Grapevine Radio", click "Listen Now", and select show #68. To go

straight to my segment on the link, move the green tab on the bar to 20:00. [To get started listening click here.](#)

TGW Coming to the Daily Press Newspaper:

Kathy Van Mullekom, garden writer with the Daily Press has paid us another visit. So, those local to Hampton Roads area keep an eye out for her piece about TGW and our fall flowers in a coming Sunday paper.

**A really, good garden store just got better
..... TGW has rolled back prices!**

Visit our Online Store for our favorite garden tools, supplies, bulbs and seeds. Grow like the pros!

Free local Monday deliveries now available! (See store for details)

[Click here for easy shopping!](#)

"In the Garden" Programs A Smashing Success!

Our programs are offered once a month from my home and garden in Newport News, VA. The topics vary to the season and usually include a garden walk and a 1-hour program. Although the programs are free, they do require registration. Seating is limited and the programs fill quickly, so register early and please let us know if your plans change.

It has been such a pleasure to meet and learn to know so many of our customers in a new way. I can't tell you how much Suzanne and I have enjoyed doing these programs and how much we have learned from you!

By special request, I have added a "Gardener's Workshop" program for December. This is a demonstration of the TGW tools, supplies, bulbs and seeds. This is a great opportunity to do some private shopping for holiday gifts and for yourself.

Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm "Organic Gardening Grows the Biggest and the Most Beautiful Flowers!" Includes the benefits of organic gardening, and how you can make the changeover. Very limited seating available. Registration required.

Thursday November 1, 6:30 "Have Blooms all Winter in Containers." Includes various planting ideas of indoor blooming Paperwhites and Amaryllis and also outdoor container ideas. Registration required.

Thursday December 6, 5:00-8:30, "A Gardener's Workshop and Open House" in Newport News, VA.

Open house will begin at 5:00pm with a Gardener's Workshop being held from 6:30 -7:30. Cash and carry shopping available before and after Workshop. Lisa will demonstrate The Gardener's Workshop tools, supplies, seeds and bulbs that will include some great holiday gift ideas. Workshop includes tips and solutions for gardening at every level. No registration required.

Registration is required, and seating is limited for programs. Confirmation along with directions will be emailed in response to registrations. [Click here to register.](#)

"One Container, Three Shows!!"

For a fabulous fall, winter and spring show, plant our Maine Cedar container following these instructions and you will have a low maintenance, easy keeper that is beautiful until spring!

[Click here to view this beautiful photo!](#)

The large size of this container along with the Rainbow Organic Slow Release Fertilizer and Rain-Gel Granules makes this a container to enjoy, not labor over!

Supply list:

- Cedar Buttermilk Tub [Click here to view and purchase.](#)
- Rainbow Organic Fertilizer Powder [Click here to view and purchase.](#)
- Rain-gel Granules [Click here to view and purchase.](#)
- 30 Jumbo Tulip bulbs [Click here to view and purchase.](#)
- Coco Fiber Potting Soil (4 bricks) [Click here to view and purchase.](#)
- Pansies, Johnny Jump-ups or other winter hardy plants of your choice.

Instructions:

1. Fill your container with 3" of potting soil, firm in, place your tulips bulbs firmly in the soil, and place them as close together as eggs in a carton.
2. Top with soil to make container 2/3 full. Mix in Rainbow organic fertilizer and Rain-Gel granules. The Rainbow will feed your plants all season and the Rain-Gel will reduce watering chores. Place your plants in the container with their neckline to fall about 1-2" below the rim of the planter. Continue filling the container firming to remove any air pockets. The finished containers soil line should fall 1-2" below the container rim.
3. Place in a sunny spot and water well. Your plants will put on a show all fall, winter.
4. Come spring the tulips will pop through for the grand finally!

Rest assured all winter that your Tulip bulbs are safe and sound from voles!

TGW "Grower" premium flower bulbs are available!

Professional flower growers know the biggest and freshest bulbs result in more big, beautiful flowers.

Now you can benefit from premium grower-quality bulbs just like the pros.

TGW offers the largest, handpicked premier bulbs used by the best professional growers in the country.

Get the most for your money- buy big!

- **Paperwhites**- low to almost no fragrance, 4-6 stems per bulb of 12 or more flowers each stem.
- **Amaryllis**- "Benifcia" has returned this yearthe deepest red available and ready to bloom for Christmas!
- **Fragrant Tulips!**
- **Heirloom Narcissus** that are fragrant and the bulbs are enormous!

Order early for the best selection: [To shop for bulbs click here.](#)

Is your Group Looking for a Fun and Informative Program?

TGW offers several different programs for groups. For more information [on programs click here.](#)

Fall Tips and Chores:

- **Plant lots of bulbs for spring blooms, but plant them where they will be safe and sound!** Our November "In the Garden" program will be full of bulb tips.
- **Squirrels digging your plants and bulbs?** Use gumballs from the Gum tree as mulch. These prickly balls annoy the squirrels as much as they do us! Place gumballs on finished container soil surface or garden bed 2 to 3 gumballs deep as a deterrent for the squirrels!
- **Use compost for your fall mulching.** It will suppress weeds and feed your soil.
- **Use your garden fork to open the soil** around the drip line and beyond of your shrubs and then mulch with compost. Your shrubs will be thanking you all next season. Don't have a fork? [Click here to view and purchase one.](#)
- **Plant now and enjoy next year!** Trees, shrubs and perennials have a better survival rate when planted in the fall/winter versus spring/summer planting.
- **This is lawn month.** Check your local newspapers and Co-op Extension offices for lawn clinics. Learn before you leap and your lawn will be greener!
- **Don't plant pansies and bulbs before the nights and soil begin to cool.** October, November and even December are the proper times. Soil test your garden every fall if possible. Soil test kits are available from your local Co-op extension office. This is a snap photo of your soil's health.
- **Soil preparation is far easier to do in the cool fall weather than in the heat of spring and summer.** Make and prepare beds now to be ready come spring. What a pleasure this is when it begins to warm!
- **Time to get busy starting seeds for fall planted plants.** Now is the seed-starting season for fall plantings such as snapdragons, sweet peas, rudbeckia, and foxglove.
[Click here to view all seeds planted in fall.](#)
- **There are many seeds that can be planted directly in the garden in the fall--no need to start them indoors.** No fussing involved! [View seeds to plant directly in the garden.](#)
- **Don't be too quick to tidy up your garden.** Birds will appreciate the flower seed heads and just might return the favor next spring by returning to eat some of those uninvited garden pests!
- **Compost all healthy refuse from your garden.**
- **Top off all bare ground with a layer of compost as a mulch to prevent winter weeds and soil erosion.**
- **There is never a need to send leaves to the landfill.** They are a valuable resource for the garden. Broken down leaves turn into the black gold known to gardeners as "leaf mold". An easy way to process leaves is to mulch the garden pathways with leaves in the fall/winter and then next fall/winter rake the pathways into the beds and repeat all over again. I won't go on and on here about leaves but they are priceless in our opinion!

Like TGW products? Rate them on "Garden Watchdog"

The Gardener's Workshop has been added to the "Garden Watchdog", a consumer-driven database of gardening-related organizations.

Consumers throughout the world are rating and commenting on the companies with whom they have done business.

If you would like to rate us or any of our products [click here](#).

TGW Community Discussion Board

Join our gardening community and chitchat on our discussion board. What could be more fun than sharing ideas, tips, experiences (good and bad) and asking for advice from other gardeners in the TGW community? Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

This is how it works; anyone online can read the posts on our discussion board. To add to a discussion by posting a message, you just need to register and you're in! You can also customize your profile to have any new postings in a specific category or all the categories emailed to your email inbox.

[Click here](#) to view the board.

Save the Dates

- October 4, 2007, 6:30 "In the Garden" program. **"Organic Gardening Grows the Biggest and Beautiful Flowers!"** Registration required. [Click here to register](#).
- October 6, 2007. York County Fall Extravaganza. Speaking program. Topic: **"Fall Planting is for Lazy Gardeners like me!"** Yorktown, VA. Registration required. [Click here for registration information](#).
- October 13, 2007 Saturday 9am to 1pm. **Yorktown Market Days at the River**. Living wreath and container demos. TGW retail vendor. The Market is located on Water Street at Riverwalk Landing in Historical Yorktown, between Ballard and Buckner Streets.
- October 27, 2007, 9am to 2pm **Fall Bazaar**, Warwick United Methodist Church 10 Matoaka Lane, Newport News, VA. TGW retail vendor.
- November 1, 2007:30 "In the Garden" program. **"Have Blooms all Winter in Containers."** Registration required. [Click here to register](#).
- November 3 & 4, 2007, Saturday 10-6 Sunday 11-4, **Merry Market Shopping Event**, Fredericksburg, VA. TGW retail vendor. The show will be held in the Augustine's Restaurant located in Historical Downtown Fredericksburg, featuring 41 vendors.
- November 5, 2007, 6:30PM **Gardener's Workshop Relay for Life Fundraiser** held at the Founder's Pointe Clubhouse in Isle of Wight. Great opportunity to shop for the holidays and benefit the American Cancer Society. Open to the public. Lisa will offer demonstrations of TGW products, gardening tips, and solutions.
- November 9 to November 11, 2007. Fri-Sat 10am to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm. **The Christmas Show at Williamsburg**. TGW retail vendor. Williamsburg Indoor Sports Complex, 5700 Warhill Tail, Williamsburg, VA.
- November 17, 2007, Saturday 9am to 1pm. **Yorktown Market Days at the River**. TGW retail vendor. The Market is located on Water Street at Riverwalk Landing in Historical Yorktown, between Ballard and Buckner Streets.
- November 29 to December 2, 2007. Thurs. to Sat. 10am to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm. **The Christmas Collection, Bizarre Bazaar**. Richmond, VA. TGW retail vendor. [For directions and more info click here](#).

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- December 11, 2007, Ware Circle of King's Daughters presents: **The Christmas Open House held at "Five Gables"**, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Barbee in Zanoni, VA. Hours: 12:30-2:00; 2:30-4:00; 4:30-6:00. Tickets are \$20.00. The Gardener's Workshop will be a vendor set-up outdoor on the grounds. All proceeds from the open house and a portion of all vendor proceeds benefit Children's Hospital of The King's Daughter's. Another great holiday shopping opportunity! Directions and more details coming soon.

Keep an eye on our Events Calendar, we are adding more shows and programs often. Visit our website for more details on our events. [View our calendar.](#)

Gardening is good for your body and soul!

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