



# Bear Creek Press

*'Dishing out a little more dirt.'*

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## Wildflowers

Thanks to the efforts of Georgette Garner of the Eureka Springs Garden Club and Donna Gardner of the Arkansas Highway Department, Carroll County was awash in wildflowers this spring. Fortunately, there was room on the wildflower bandwagon, so we jumped right on. The response (and requests for seed) was overwhelming. Everyone was talking about poppies, coneflowers, black-eyed Susans and bachelor's buttons. You'd think we had never seen wildflowers before!

Bear Creek Nursery is now offering wildflower seed for fall planting. The poppy and Queen Anne's Lace seeds are hand collected from our gardens. The wildflower mix includes poppies as well as over 20 other wildflowers. Coneflowers, baby's breath, coreopsis, yarrow, larkspur, blazing star are just a few of the varieties in the mix. If you want more poppies added to the mix, check the box and we will throw in some extra seeds for that saturated Mediterranean look.

*Select wildflower plants  
are available at the Nursery.*

## Landscaping 101 — Just Add Water

Thinking of planting, digging, trimming, transplanting, berming, mulching, fertilizing, or planning a landscape this fall?

Let us help you out.

Bear Creek Nursery has the ingredients for your complete landscape recipe. Stop on by so we can dish the dirt.

Or better yet, let us do the work. We have the experience to quickly, quietly make your yard into a

garden paradise. Or, at least, a mini Shangri-la. Weeds quiver when we come near; all good plants sigh in relief. We'll take care of everything. You just add water.

Our landscapes fit well with the home and the homeowner, are sensitive to the many subtle nuances of gardening, and create lush growing environments for the plants.

Yes, dear, as long as the plants are happy.

## How to plant 'em

These wildflower seeds are best planted in the fall. A few simple procedures will ensure the best display next spring and in the following years. Remember many perennial seeds will take 2 years to flower; the assortment of annual seeds will provide plenty of color in the meantime.

Before planting, it is important to reduce competition from grass and other weeds. Spraying with a non-selective herbicide will take care of fescue and other cool season grasses and weeds. After one week, the planting area can be mowed or

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## Celebrate cooler days and fall colors —

## Harvest Days at Bear Creek Nursery

*Mums, pansies,  
fall bloomers,  
ornamental grass and  
lots of specials to help  
with your fall garden.*

**October 11 and 12  
Saturday and Sunday**

*Be there or  
be quadrangular.*

## Wildflower Seed Order Form

Please fill out this card and let us know what you want, how much you want, enclose a check or money order and mail.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) lb. Mixed wildflowers         | _____ x \$35.00 plus \$3.00 S/H = _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) oz. Mixed wildflowers         | _____ x \$4.00 plus \$1.00 S/H = _____  |
| One (1) oz. Mixed wildflowers with                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extra poppy or                        | _____ x \$5.00 plus \$1.00 S/H = _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Anne's Lace seed                | _____ x \$5.00 plus \$1.00 S/H = _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) packet poppy seed             | _____ x \$1.00 plus \$1.00 S/H = _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) packet Queen Anne's Lace seed | _____ x \$1.00 plus \$1.00 S/H = _____  |

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## How to plant 'em

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weed-eaten, cutting as close to the ground as possible. All clippings and debris should be cleaned from the area. If your planting is newly disturbed or fresh soil, you may happily ignore this paragraph.

The rest is easy. Spread the seed lightly or heavily, depending on desired effect. One pound of seed mix will cover one-half acre. An ounce of mixed seed will do up to several hundred square feet. A packet of poppy seed will cover a hillside, induce "oohs" and "aahs" from all your neighbors and may even attract a French impressionist or two.

An inert carrier can be added to the seed to aid in more even distribution. Sand or potting soil should be well mixed with seed at 4 parts carrier to 1 part seed. Throw half the mix out into the planting area in one direction. Then distribute the rest of the seed in a perpendicular direction.

Regular watering during germination will increase the health and vigor of your new planting.

Now sit back and relax — next spring everyone will be talking about your wildflowers.

## Crop Circles in Carroll County?

Large circles of fallen grass have appeared in a field in Northwest Carroll County. The mysterious circles, reminiscent of large circles created by aliens in England's countryside, have baffled local horticulturists. The location of the site was only recently revealed to be just north of Eureka Springs on Highway 23.

"It kinda looks like a tractor dragged a brushhog through the lespedeza, but you never know," one of the landowners intoned.

Are these crop circles a mixed message from an unseen force? Or could they be a hoax designed merely to attract attention to a local business? Only thyme will tell.

### *Our Secret Revealed*

*We are often asked at the Nursery why our plants look so healthy. This got me thinking, "Is it true, are our plants really better than the others?"*

*How could that be? After all, a plant is a plant. And with a little water and fertilizer, any plant will be happy and grow well. What could be the Bear Creek difference?*

*Well, these thoughts resulted in further speculation about all the great folks who work here and help us out. It's not just that these friends are good with plants or are savvy gardeners. It has to do with the way they communicate with the plants.*

*For instance, Loren, who probably is the most experienced horticulturist in the County, caresses the plants with his soft voice and thoughtful responses to questions. Sally, our very own puddle princess, chats with the plants,*

*ever sensitive to their individual needs.*

*Mila's charming, lyrical voice just tickles the roots of any living thing and has a particular effect on the local orchid population.*

*Samantha, who helped transplant a million babies this summer and who seldom actually talked to people, sang softly to her charges. (I am not making this up.) Billie Jo, who manages the greenhouse at home, so rarely seen at the Bear, will yammer on about anything when she visits. And Gordon is usually heard merely mumbling to all of the above.*

*Now, the truth is out, our secret revealed — all this collective chatter does help the plants.*

*So, come on by and see what the noise is all about.*

### SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**September 5, 6, 7**      **Japanese Fall Festival**  
Nathaniel Greene Park, Springfield, Missouri

**September 13-14**      **Customer Appreciation Weekend**  
Bear Creek Nursery  
*20% off EVERYTHING*

**September 20-21**      **Botanical Garden Society of the Ozarks  
Fall Festival**  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

**October 11-12**      **Harvest Days**  
Bear Creek Nursery  
*Join in the celebration of cooler days and fall colors.*

**October 25**      **Holiday Island Fall Festival**  
Holiday Island, Arkansas

*Call your friends at the Bear (479-253-7466) for details.*

### Customer Appreciation Weekend

It's here! It has arrived!  
Mark your calendars!  
Yes, folks, it's the first  
Customer Appreciation Weekend  
at Bear Creek Nursery.

To express our gratitude for your support and constant questions, these 2 days are for you.

***Everything*** will be 20% OFF,  
(Everything? Yes, everything!)  
on September 13 and 14.

So please come by and take advantage of us. Thanks again for your support.