



Bear Creek Press

'Freely feeling fall's fancy'

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October Glory

The name of a maple is a fitting title for our Fall newsletter. As October glows with the warmth of fall colors, we relax and hide summer's heat in the back of the closet, to wait for next year. We can talk for a while about the coolest summer in a century, then it's time to **Get Busy**. There is still plenty to do before we get out the snow shoes.

Fall is not just a pretty time of year. It is also a useful time of year. By now, most gardeners have learned that Fall is a great time to plant. Trees, shrubs, ornamental grass and many perennials can be installed at this time of year.

Why Fall? To put it in the proverbial nutshell, planting now is easier on the plants and easier on the planter. As usual, it is what you don't see that is most important. Those secretive root systems, working in the dark, in total silence, without fanfare, are growing in your yard and making a home for themselves. (They don't even need a convention to brag about it.)

Long after the leaves have

dropped and frost has tickled the bare branches, the root system is spreading, seeking out the nearest leaky faucet. By next year, those roots are ready for summer's spurt, when we will be rummaging around the back of the closet to find the heat that we left there.

Last month, once again, someone confessed and then expressed regret at having bought a plant at WallyLowe MartWorld last spring. They were remorseful, so were spared a lecture about trees with cramped roots sitting out in a parking lot. For penance, they had to read "On Walden Pond" and plant three trees.

Living plants need water, nutrients and newsletters gushing about their root systems. And you, dear reader, need to purchase those trees from people who have been around plants for so long that their noses are turning green. OK, I'll get off the soapbox now.

Enjoy the changing colors and (as if you need to be reminded), have a great Fall.

Adolescent Trees and Shrubs Grow Up

These are small trees, easy to fit in a car and easy to plant. Their health and vigor are guaranteed because we grow them here.

Burning Bush

Pink Dogwood

Pin Oak

Red Maple

Purple Leaf Plum

Jane Magnolia

Gingko

Red Dogwood

Kousa Dogwood

Flowering Pear

Autumn Blaze Maple

Saucer Magnolia

Oakleaf Hydrangea

Lots of Hollies

Many other shrubs, trees and evergreens are now in stock. We also offer large trees and planting services. Ask us about availability and special orders.

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Headlines

So much news, so little room. Here's the news without those pesky paragraphs.

Great Selection of Mums and Pansies Now Available

See them at the nursery.

Fall Comes to the Ozarks

Leaves change color, temperature drops.

Wildflower Seeds Now Available

Plant them everywhere.

Community Supports Local Nursery

Citizens shop discriminately at Bear Creek Nursery.

Nursery Thanks Citizens For Shopping Discriminately

Nursery Ships Products Anywhere

Just call and ask.

Fall Gardening Seminars

The Bear Creek Educate-the-Masses Division will offer five more garden talks this fall. These lively meetings are a chance to get together, compare notes, say howdy to friends, and generally yuck it up in the name of gardening.

On October 2nd, "Ornamental Grass in the Fall Garden" will be the featured topic. We will talk about suitability of grasses, a few grasses for shady areas, and meet some native grasses and their lobbyists.

"Putting the Garden to Sleep" was Donna's idea (Thanks, Donna.) What do you

do with the garden in the fall? Should the shrubs be trimmed? How do you protect tender plants outdoors? We will address these and other timely topics to tuck in the garden for its winter rest, on October 16.

The ever-popular "Hypertufo: Making Faux Stone" will be featured on October 23. We will demonstrate the tools and techniques of creating pots, bowls and other objects from this amazingly versatile material.

"Wildflowers and How To Plant Them" will be the object of discussion on October

30th. Learn about proper preparation and planting of wildflower seed and how to make your field look like southern France in the Spring.

And last but not least, we offer a presentation on, about and for Bamboo, on November 6. Come see us explode some bamboo myths, exploit their merits and encourage savvy gardeners to try this mysterious plant. For the die-hard bamboo lovers, we are also proposing a tour of the bamboos—over 40 different species in trial gardens at the Ozark Bamboo Garden.

See you at the Bear.

Wildflower Seed Now Available.

Poppies, mixes, make-your-own blends.

Pick them up or call and have us ship them to you. Do it now!

Fall Hours: Monday to Saturday (9-5). Sunday (10-4).

FALL GARDENING SEMINARS

October 2	The Short and Tall of It: <i>"Ornamental Grass in the Fall Garden"</i>
October 16	Putting the Garden to Sleep: <i>"Tips for the Fall Gardener"</i>
October 23	<i>"Hypertufo: Making Faux Stone"</i>
October 30	<i>"Wildflowers and How to Plant Them"</i>
November 6	Introduction to Bamboo and Tour <i>"Exploiting and Containing Bamboo"</i>

*All seminars start at 10:00 am at the Nursery
Call (479) 253-7466 for more details.*

Hypertufo

Demonstration

Learn the fine art of making faux stone.

Amaze your cohorts and impress your friends.

October 23, at 10 am



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