



FACEBOOK LIVE SEMINAR

Our Favorite Fall Blooming Plants

Fall is in full bloom here at the garden center and we are just budding with anticipation to show you all of our fall flowering faves! From pansies to peppers and so much more, there is a great variety of plants to consider for your fall garden and containers. Join Mike Westphal, the Garden Guru, as he discusses the beautiful bloomers of the season as well as his top flowering picks for your fall garden.

ANNUALS

These types of plants you will plant seasonally in the fall, each time the season comes back around. Depending on which USDA zone you are in, some fall annuals can last through multiple seasons.

- **Pansies and Violas** - These cool-weather annuals are consistent fall and winter bloomers. In the Hampton Roads area, these blooming beauties can last through the fall and in most cases, the entire winter as well. There are a variety of colors and styles to choose from, so you can never go wrong with this fall favorite. Pansies and violas come in packs, 6-inch pots, hanging baskets, and bowls. For more information on the variety of pansies we carry in stores, check out our pansy horoscope blog and see which one fits your personality best!
- **Snapdragons** - As one of the most unique shaped fall annuals, snapdragons are great for the gardener that wants to put on a show. They come in multiple colors of red, pink, purple, and white with tinges of yellow and green throughout. Snapdragons grow through cool weather, but don't really like temperatures below 40°F.
- **Plectranthus Mona Lavender** - This fall annual is incredibly interesting when it comes to leaf and bloom texture. The blooms of the plectranthus are small and bright purple in color. If you are looking for a unique look in your planters or garden beds, this is definitely the annual to go with. You will want to protect this plant from frost by bringing it inside on cold nights or laying a frost cloth over the plants for the evening.
- **Dianthus** - Annual dianthus is an incredible bloomer. Occasionally deadhead your spent blooms to get the most out of this annual during the fall season.
- **Celosia** - Traditionally a late summer annual, these gorgeous bloomers can make it through some cooler fall temperatures as well. The best aspects of celosia are their intense color, as well as being a pollinator favorite!
- **Ornamental Peppers** - These annuals are particularly special for fall plantings due to their incredible "blooms". Although we tend to not eat these small accents of color, ornamental peppers can provide a great addition to any container or fall combination. Occasionally pick off any expired peppers to keep the flowers blooming.

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- **Ornamental Cabbages & Kales** - Even though these are not technically bloomers, these annuals add excellent color and texture accents like they are fall flowers! These plants are perfect for containers, as their color intensifies over the cooler months of the year.

PERENNIALS

These types of plants will last you for many years to come, as you can keep pruning them back for the next season of blooms.

- **Mums (Chrysanthemums)** - Garden mums come in a variety of colors and when they do bloom, their dome of color is jaw-dropping. These blooms last mostly until the end of November and the root ball of the mum can be used later in winter garden projects. If you are looking for more information on garden mums, check out Mike's webinar here.
- **Coneflowers & Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)** - These popular late-summer perennials can last into the fall season beautifully before they go back into dormancy for the winter. Their dried blooms can also be a great addition to a fall flower arrangement or wreath.
- **Heuchera (Coral Bells)** - These shady perennials can bloom in the fall as they grow vertically from the foliage. Although they are mostly loved for their foliage, their blooms can add a whimsical look to your fall containers and garden beds.
- **Ornamental Grasses** - With their wide variety of colors and textures, ornamental grasses are perfect bloomers for fall to fill the landscape with cloud-like or wheat-like grass blooms.

SHRUBS

Although there aren't many fall-blooming shrubs, the ones that do can make your yard pop with color all season long.

- **Encore Azaleas** - As a very popular plant to the Hampton Roads area, these shady shrubs provide blooms not only in fall, but in the spring and early summer as well. They are available in a wide variety of colors, so you can customize your fall bloom look to a "T".
- **Fall-Blooming Camellias** - Camellias are broken up into 2 categories: fall-blooming and spring-blooming. Fall blooming camellias tend to have smaller leaves and blooms than the spring-blooming varieties, but they do not skimp on quantity of blooms. Fall-blooming camellias like to be grown in basically any environment, sun or shade.

HOUSEPLANTS

Even though many of our houseplants can be grown year-round, there are some that stand out particularly in the fall.

- **Bromeliads** - Coming in a variety of colors, this easy-to-care for plant is great for adding fall color to your space. Make sure you are watering with a wet-to-dry cycle.
- **Anthuriums** - These bloomers are perfect if you are looking for amazing fall color in your home, especially the bright orange and maroon varieties.

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- **Florist Mums** - Florist mums, unlike garden mums, are generally grown indoors although they can be just as hardy as garden mums. They have generally taller, mostly stem-like blooms, as they are often used in floral arrangements. They also come in a variety of colors and bloom shapes to suit your fall look perfectly.
- **Gardenia** - Generally known as a shrub, we also carry gardenias in smaller sizes as houseplants. These blooms are sure to stun with their gorgeous scent that can fill an entire room.
- **Kalanchoe** - These easy plants are very fun to grow, as they like medium to bright light and a simple wet-to-dry cycle. These also come in the perfect selection of fall colors with red, orange, and yellow.
- **Orchids** - Moth orchids are not only easy-to-grow houseplants, but they also bloom for multiple months and are a great way to add living color to your indoor space this fall. For more information on orchids, check out Mike's seminar [here](#).
- **Citrus** - Even though we normally look citrus for their fruits, their blooms always come before fruits. Citrus blooms smell incredible and can fill a room with their aroma, just like a gardenia.

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