

Perennials For Fall Planting



Perennials are the more permanent plants around which most flower gardens are built. When annuals are combined with perennials, to give summer brilliance while perennials bloom in their various seasons, the most colorful gardens result. Many perennials are as easy to grow from seeds as any annual.

Among these are alyssum, carnations, calliopsis, painted daisies, Shasta daisies, gaillardias and columbines. A packet of each kind of seeds will furnish sufficient plants for even a large garden.

For flowers next year, seeds of perennials should be planted this fall. If you have a cold frame, sow in that. Otherwise choose a sheltered location that gets some shade each day and make a seedbed there. Prepare the soil on the top inch is very fine because seeds of many perennials are tiny.

Sow seeds in rows or broadcast them over a small area, but try to sow as evenly as possible. Press seeds to (not into) the soil with the palm of your hand before

covering them lightly with additional soil.

After planting, the seeds are dependent on an even supply of moisture. Watch to see that they do not lack water and, if sun is hot, provide shade during the heat of the day.

When seedlings have sprouted and I grown their second set of leaves they may be transplanted to another, larger bed and spaced 6 to 8 inches apart.

Water well. Shade for the first week after moving. Then gradually remove shade and water only as needed. Protect from rabbits and from extreme winter cold. A chicken wire fence around the bed will keep rabbits off. A light covering of straw will protect the young plants. Move them to their permanent places in the garden in spring.

4-H Clubs Observe 4-H Week

About 150 4-H Club members in Franklin County are observing National 4-H Club Week, which began September 26 and will last through October 3. The head-heart-hands-health youth are among 21.4 million members of 94,700 clubs in urban, suburban and rural areas throughout the 50 states and Puerto Rico. With the goal of "4-H for more in '64," current emphasis is on the program's flexibility--club projects and activities adaptable to fit needs of youth from any background or circumstance.

Among the special 4-H Club Week activities planned for Franklin County are store window exhibits, posters, radio program and Grace Cards in some of the lunchrooms. There will be two exhibits in Louisburg at Leggett's and Murphy's.

A major local and national aim of this year's 4-H Week observance will be to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Extension Service, of which the 4-H Youth Program is a significant part. In 1914, when the Smith-Lever Act authorized the Extension Service, the same federal legislation provided funds for 4-H Club work. For this reason, 4-H also celebrates a Golden Anniversary.

To date in Franklin County there are eight 4-H Clubs and eighteen adult leaders. These clubs are located in Centerville, Epsom, Hickory Rock, Justice, Louisburg, Moulton-Ingleside, Needmore and Wood.

Other local and national aims of this year's 4-H Week observance are to: Stress career exploration and the importance of wise vocational choice; encourage capable, youth-minded men and women to become volunteer 4-H leaders; and provide opportunity for clubs to honor their local 4-H friends and express appreciation for their valued assistance.

Aiding club members with 4-H Week events in all states will be 362,400 volunteer 4-H leaders, who guide 4-H work in local communities across the country.



Franklinton Homecoming Candidates

Front Row, left to right: Debbie Garkett, Monogram Club; Donna Thweatt, Beta Club; Alice Green, Freshman Class; Elaine Blackley, Senior Class. 2nd Row: Nancy Barnette, Sophomore Class; Gwynda Ramey, F.T.A.; Sandra Echols, Sophomore Class; Jenny McGhee, Junior Class; Janet Dixon, Freshman Class. 3rd Row: Cynthia Dickerson, F.F.A.; Kay Forsythe, F.H.A.; Ann Denton, Junior Class; Judy Kearney, Glee Club; Elaine Smith, Senior Class.

Equinox Brings Autumn Weather

Washington--Awe-struck Indians who watched nature's greenery burst into flaming reds and rusts and yellows called the season "fire in the trees."

Few parts of the world can boast such brilliant leaf colors as those in the woods and on the sloping hills of the eastern United States, which at 7:17 p.m. EST on September 22 marked the time of the autumn equinox.

At that brief moment each year, according to astronomers, the earth reaches the point in its spinning orbit where its axis leans neither toward nor away from the sun, the National Geographic Society says.

In both hemispheres, day and night have the same length. The term "equinox" comes from the Latin words for "equal night."

Its orbit, and its northern half tilts increasingly away from the sun. Nights become longer and colder.

As temperatures drop, leaves that have hung in modest green array all summer burst into brilliant color.

Some hardwood species wear such a characteristic fall dress that foresters can estimate the timber content of an area by merely examining aerial color photographs.

Despite scientific study, no one fully understands the secret alchemy that transmutes green leaves into hues ranging from gold to purple.

According to early American Indians, fall's foliage was the work of a tribal god who turned the treetops to flames as a fearsome reminder of his omnipotence.

Botanists explain, however, that in early September a layer of small cells forms at the base of each tree leaf. These cells block off the flow of water and nutrients to the leaf. The green pigment, chlorophyll, bleaches away, exposing to other pigments.

Trees turn scarlet when excessive sugar is trapped in the leaves, causing production of the red anthocyanin pigments. The brilliance of the swamp maple is a fine example of this process.

Combinations of pigments make the infinite variation of color in autumn leaves.

Autumn is a time of activity as well as color. In the country, farmers are busy with their fall harvest. Some work even at night under the glare of floodlights. Squash and pump-

kins, apples and cider are heaped on a multitude of roadside stands.

Animals also prepare for the rigors of winter. Groundhogs and bears combine prescience with pleasure as they devour stomach-stretching meals to tide them through the long winter sleep.

In the far south, autumn

is not such a matter of serious consequence to animals. There is usually enough food for all, including the migrant birds that come south to winter.

Bird watchers "down south" rival each other to see the first robin of the season, a sure sign that winter is not far away--up north.

Window Dressing

"Could I try on that red dress in the window?" asked the bright young thing.

"There's no need to do that," the elderly shop-assistant answered coldly: "we have several fitting-rooms."

Total Loss

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Revival Services To Be Held

The Sandy Creek Baptist Church will have their fall revival October 4 through 9 with services starting at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

There will be special music and songs each night. Come to hear and meet our new pastor, Rev. Joe Hughes.

Plan now to attend. Bring your family and neighbors. The nursery will be open.



REV. JOE HUGHES

Leah's WSCS

The WSCS of Leah's Methodist Church will meet Friday night, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charlie Lambert, Jr.

Thanks

I want to express my thanks to everyone who remembered me with cards, flowers, visits and other deeds of kindness during my illness and stay in the hospital.

Lonnie House Franklinton



CHEESECAKE '64 -- Cotton stockings go glamorous for fall. Typical of the new trend to textured hosiery are these all-cotton stockings with a hand-crocheted look. Called "Beautiful Bryans," they come in exotic colors as well as neutrals.

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He'll Find Out

A neighbor tried to comfort the deserted husband.

"It was a terrific shock to hear that Smithers ran away with your wife. I'd always thought he was your best friend."

"He is," replied the husband with a happy smile, "only he doesn't know it yet."

Nary A Word

Several days after his father died little Johnny was stopped in the street by a kindly neighbor. "And what were your poor father's last words?" the neighbor asked.

"He didn't have any," Johnny replied. "Mother was with him to the end."



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