



Many perennial salvia varieties have a long bloom season

Hot Salvia Selections

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Salvias are great for a number of reasons: There are annual and perennial varieties, they can circle the color wheel with shades of blue, purple, red, pink, white and even a yellow tinged variety and they have multiple uses. They are drought tolerant, have a long bloom time, aromatic flowers and foliage, insect and disease resistant and have very low maintenance requirements. Salvia, or more

commonly called 'sage', is a plant that has truly 'arrived' in garden popularity though Native Americans have used the indigenous sage for centuries in cooking, medicines and ceremonies. BOKAY NURSERY will surprise you with the number of sage species in stock and they are scattered. The culinary herb area, the benches of annuals, the one-gallon perennial stock rows and possibly even some large specimens in the native shrub section, that's a versatile plant!

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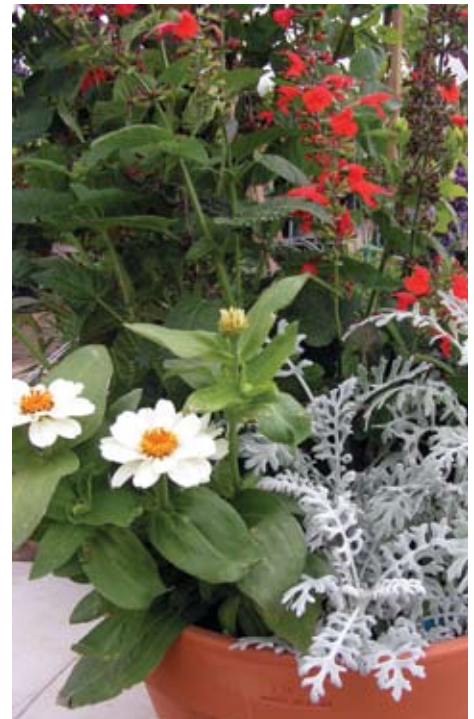
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PLANT FALL COLORS NOW for Lasting Combinations

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This is the perfect time to start planning for colorful planters that will last well into the late fall. The two important keys to success begin now, first the plants and colors you choose, second is to keep up a watering schedule that will develop healthy roots. One that billow over the edges, one that fluffs and fills the planter and one that will reach upward are the components to consider. Annuals that billow well into early winter are forget-me-nots, alyssum and Nemesia. To fill the containers center, summer selection at BOKAY NURSERY has never been better, try pansy's, Dianthus, African daisy and soon, Calendulas will be arriving with the primrose. Some spikes of colorful height can be obtained with tall grow-

ing snapdragons, fragrant stock, tall sweet William and Schizanthus. These suggestions are only the beginning but the list offers the full spectrum of colors to work with.



Create contrasts in foliage, texture and color for long lasting interest

EASY HARVESTS

Harvest Lavender blooms and allow them to dry for sweet, stress reducing fragrance all year long. Harvest parsley, basil, dill, cilantro and thyme for savory winter soups. Harvest pansy blossom and press into a book for stationary and packages in the dim of December and January.



Deep watering builds stronger root systems and healthier trees

WATERING TREES RIGHT

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Dry summer months can weaken trees and leave them more susceptible to insect and disease problem, premature leaf drop, thinning branches, stunted growth and damaging winter months. A cross section of ground would reveal that the sprinkler or watering with a hose similar to how the flower/vegetable beds are watered does not penetrate moisture further than a few inches. The tree roots go so much deeper and need to be kept healthy. Best bet for



watering trees is to set a garden hose that is running at a steadily dripping trickle, down about a foot from the trunk of the tree. Set a timer for 15 minutes and leave the hose at that spot, after 15 minutes, move the hose around the trunk to one third the circumference and again leave it running for 15 minutes and finally move it another one third and repeat. This deep water will help make a healthy tree and because the water was allowed to soak down deep, the tree will not need to be watered as often.

GARDEN DECORATING

The nursery can be overwhelming at times with the selection of plants available, where does one begin? Consider the garden area as a room in the house that you are furnishing, there is the backdrop, the main furniture pieces, flooring and one or two collector pieces to attract attention.

Some decorators/gardeners will begin the entire process with the focal point, in this case that would be a garden sculpture, a bench or a very specialty plant, then work their way around to the other features that will compliment that focal point.

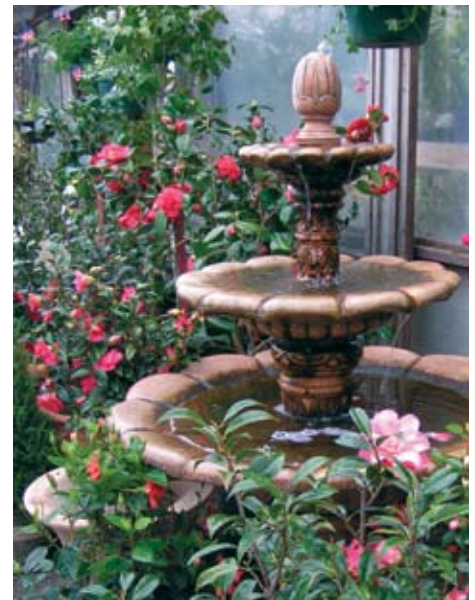
Another approach to garden decorating is start with the biggest, or furthest item, that being the backdrop, and work your way forward. Choose tall, constant plants or trees that look good year round, they are the walls of the room. Carpeting, wood or tile floors are replaced



Seating areas invite garden reverie

with decisions on groundcover plants, mulch or stone. The furnishings of a garden room are the perennials and shrubs, these parts can be different in shapes, bloom colors and foliage traits. The final touch is the focal point, a prize rose bush, a productive citrus tree, a piece of garden art, a fountain or inviting seats.

Although BOKAY NURSERY staff usually will not call themselves decorators, they are all experienced exterior decorators who will be able to help direct you with decision making and plant selection for your outdoor living room.



Fountains create mood and focal point in your garden room!

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All Bug Killing Sprays ARE NOT Created Equal!

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No one wants bugs chewing all the buds off a prize rose bush or taking bites out of each and every apple or making skeletons of all the leaves along your front entry path. If the bugs would limit their intake, most of us gardeners would be willing to share some of what we have planted but the garden can sometimes feel more like a war zone, a battle with the bugs. There are so many different sprays available that it makes sense to select one that focuses primarily on the offending insect, has a limited residual that breaks down readily and will not be a threat to people and pets that come in contact with it. BOKAY NURSERY staff is familiar with the products that are on the shelves and are happy to make recommendations but it is helpful if you bring in a sample of the insect if possible or at

least the damage that has been done such as chewed leaves or tomatoes with holes.

One of the most popular recommendations currently on the market is NEEM oil spray. Several different companies market the product under their



Effective and safe new products available at Bokay Nursery

own company names but the active ingredient, NEEM oil is safely harvested from sustainable forestry practices.

The main mode of action of Neem oil is anti-feedant. Insects pests usually refuse to eat any plant covered with the oil.

NEEM oil is a natural, safe and biodegradable product which is extensively used in various parts of world as an insecticide.

B.T. (Bacillus thurgicide) is another product that has gained much greater popularity in the past few years. One company's market name is Thurgicide and this organic product is very effective in keeping any caterpillar-type culprits off of plants.

B.T. is a naturally occurring virus that gets into the digestive tract (B.T. must be ingested) and destroys from the inside out. B.T. has been termed safe for humans and insects that do not feed on leafy material.

The high demand for these two products in the past year has doubled in demand. This is good news because it indicates two things, it works and gardeners are seeking out more environmentally friendly alternatives to solving garden pest problems.



Freesia is a hardy South African native that will naturalize readily

BECOME A FREESIA FANATIC

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A tiny bulb that packs a huge punch with colors to choose from, a fragrance to swoon over and cut flowers that will last for a week or more of colorful scented enjoyment. Freesias were much too overlooked for far too long in their history. BOKAY NURSERY has large size, fresh bulbs that are ready for planting. They can be especially enjoyed if placed in a bed near a front entry that has shrubs and a mini-

mal amount of seasonal digging that would damage them. Their fragrance will be the most divine greeting that any visitor could possibly receive.

Freesia bulbs get planted in a sunny location with the pointed end upward and about one inch of loose soil over the top. They can handle some dryness between watering and are not fertilizer needy. As a 'naturalizing' bulb, they do not need to be dug out of the ground and stored during the winter and they will multiply each season although they are not invasive.