## News from the Farm

September 2024

Gardening Friends,

Hoping this newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. Fall is a great time for our gardens as the heat begins to break and many plants start to recover. It's also much more enjoyable to be out in the garden.

All of us here at Bustani are excited for everyone to come visit the nursery and tour the display gardens. In addition to checking out plant performance, visitors can observe the new displays and plant combinations. We took out the wattle fences. They had been in place for four seasons, we had hoped to only get two or three years out of them. In place of the wattles we constructed a new vine garden. It features two rows of 9' tall wooden structures adorned with different types of flowering climbing plants. There is a pathway through the center of the vine structures with two borders of colorful plants at their base.

A few years ago, we planted a garden with a dark foliage theme that was very popular. We repeated that theme again and have another ebony hued garden featuring plants of black, brown and bronze. We also revamped a narrow-raised bed in the center of the garden and made it more colorful than it has ever been.

We are excited to announce that our rock garden that we constructed 10 years ago is going to be featured in the Journal of the North American Rock Garden Society. I can't even begin to tell you how honored and elated I am to have our work highlighted by this international organization of rock gardening enthusiasts.

We all welcome you to come visit our nursery and garden this fall.





Fall Season September 5th to September 28th Tuesdays thru

Saturdays 9AM to 6PM





## **Fall Plants**

It's always fun to put together a crop of plants to offer for spring and fall. Of course, fall is an excellent time to add hardy plants to the landscape because they get well established due to the warm soil temperature and cooling air temperature. We are all excited to present this fall's offerings.

For the first time we are offering a Japanese False Nettle called 'Glow Light'. It is a much more elegant gold colored plant with broader leaves and better branching than the other Japanese False Nettle we've been offering. Another popular perennial for shade gardens is White Spotted Bellflower. Its foliage works great as a ground cover and it's hard to miss its huge blooms in late spring. The brilliant flowers of Golden Columbine will also brighten up shaded areas. We are happy to have Max Frei Soapwort returning to this fall's lineup. I usually tell people to buy this pink-blooming plant when you see it because we may not have it again for a while. An excellent crop of Galaxy Blue Perennial Lily of the Nile awaits everyone visiting this fall, as does an excellent batch of our native Fall-Blooming Allium.

Fall is usually when we have our biggest selection of shrubs available. American Beautyberry dazzles with its huge clusters of bright purple berries but can also be used a mosquito repellant. All you have to do is crush the leaves and rub them on your skin. Another gorgeous native shrub we offer mostly in the fall is Button Bush.

A number of Asters will be available during our fall season. The gorgeous Bluebird Aster along with Pink Star Heath Aster are sure to liven up the sunny parts of your fall garden. Blue Mound Salvia is one of our favorite perennials that we usually have more of in the fall. If you are looking for vines to plant this fall, be sure to check out our native white-flowering passion vine as well as our lovely native wisteria. American Goldrush Black Eyed Susan is a former Perennial Plant of the Year and probably the best and most disease resistant selection available.

We have a few native Perennial Sunflowers to choose from this fall. One of my favorites is the beautiful Ashy Sunflower. The tiny little succulent known as Rock Pink is also in this fall's lineup of plants. The plants mentioned here are just a small fraction of what will be available this fall, including several new and unique surprises. Again, we all welcome you to come visit our nursery and gardens.



Glow Light False Nettle



White Spotted Bellflower

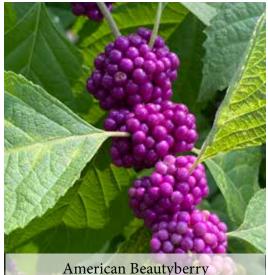


Golden Columbine





Fall Blooming Allium





Button Bush





Pink Star Heath Aster



Blue Mound Salvia



Native Wisteria



White Flowered Passion Vine



American Goldrush Black Eyed Susan









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**Fall Season** 

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