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Summer 2019



Gardener

Celebrating Over 87 Years of Bloomin' Joy!

Spring has certainly sprung! Days of beautiful, warm sunshine and days of unwanted cold and rain have led us to what should be an outstanding gardening season. The flurry of spring planting is ebbing and now allows us time to enjoy the fruits of our labor. It's also a great time to fine tune our gardens. Perhaps a new piece of garden art, an eclectic piece of pottery or a serene fountain will help frame your plantings in a new way.

The staff at Bayport Flower Houses' are here to assist you on all your gardening needs throughout the summer months. We carry a great selection of beautiful blooming annuals to fill in empty spots and our perennial plant

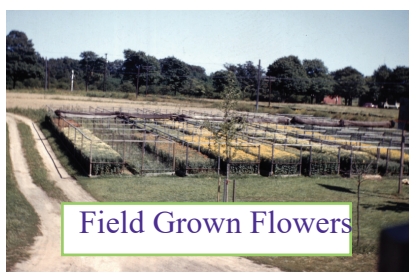
selections are vast. Don't forget that summer is a great time to plant trees & shrubs and we've included an short article on the whys and hows in this issue. We've also include some great weekend sales throughout June & July be sure to check them out!

So enjoy your summer with your family and friends (both human and furry!) and thank you for your continued business!

Cheers!
Karl Auwaerter



In the Beginning...The beginnings of Bayport Flower Houses and the Auwaerter family's connection actually trace back to the early 1920's, when a Captain Carl Muller acquired three and one-half acres at the southwest corner of Montauk Hwy and Fairview Ave. On this property, Muller planned a flower growing operation, a scheme which was certainly not out of the ordinary for the Bayport area at the time.



Field Grown Flowers

In the winter of 1923-24, Carl Muller built his first greenhouse on the site. This greenhouse (known as #1 House) still

stands today and is filled with seasonal flowering plants.

The first crop in the greenhouse was carnations and he was successful enough to build an identical house next to the original (known today as #2 house or the geranium house). Muller eventually

built one of the largest greenhouses in Bayport in 1928... it measured 62 feet wide and 280 feet long (known today as #3 house or "the Big House). A large boiler room was built to heat this new greenhouse. The large chimney was a fixture on the Bayport horizon for over 70 years.

With this expanding greenhouse range Muller needed more skilled growers...of which he hired Paul Auwaerter in the winter of 1928... and so the story begins... (*Excerpt from John Auwaerter's History of Bayport Flower Houses, 1992*)



Original Shop Entrance

We're Bloomin' All Summer Long!

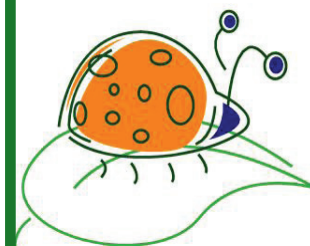
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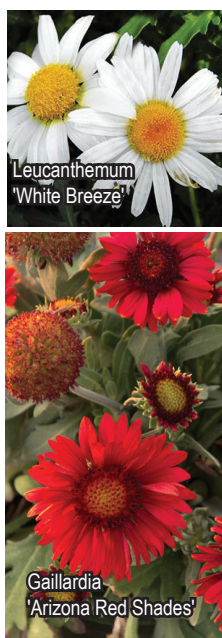
Friday, June 28
& Saturday, June 29
at 9 am
(\$5 per family)



2019 Ladybug Breakfast

Join us at our annual release of our beneficial insect friends, the Ladybugs at Bayport Flower Houses! Please join either on Friday, June 28 at 9 am and Saturday, June 29 at 9 am. We're asking a \$5 per family donation to help support the Cornell Children's Garden at the Yaphank Farm.

Our event includes a breakfast treat, water or juice, a very exciting (and educational) play about Ladybugs, a craft and a cup of live ladybugs to spread on the plants and flowers at Bayport Flower Houses. Join us and **BE SPOTTED** at the 2019 Ladybug Breakfast!



Perennial SUCCESS!

Perennials look fabulous because somebody **Feeds** them. Espoma's **PLANT TONE** or **MILORGANITE** are some great options for perennials.

Deadheading perennials encourages plants to produce more flowers, so snip or pinch off dead blooms throughout the season. Although this isn't necessary on varieties that don't set seed. When growing perennials, be patient. The expression, "First year sleeps, second year creeps, third year leaps" refers to the rate at which a newly planted perennial will grow. The newer hybrids are more vigorous, but it will still be at least a year before they look like the picture on the tag.

Think Positive. If your plant dies for no apparent reason, don't assume it's your fault. Nature can be cruel, and so can insects, squirrels, deer, bunnies, assorted plant diseases, and of course, the weather. Instead of tossing in your trowel, use it to exhume the dearly departed and bring us the remains. Chances are good that we will have the answer before you've finished asking the question. Then ask for help selecting a new plant to take its place. Gardeners are the ultimate optimists. Not only do we believe there will be a tomorrow, we are certain there will also be another gardening season.

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Beneficial Garden Pests

Information For Adults which, by the way, is much less fun than the stuff we learn at the Ladybug Breakfast!

Ladybugs will take care of a lot of garden problems but probably not all of them. They like soft-bodied pests like aphids, scale, mealy bugs, boil worms, leafhopper, and corn earworm, but they like aphids best and will travel to find them.

There are other Beneficials who have a broader appetite including Green Lacewings and Praying Mantids. In fact Praying Mantids can be put out before you have a problem, they will hatch out in spring and look for all sorts of other bugs to eat, keeping the garden pretty clean. Green Lacewings control aphids, mites, whiteflies, meal bugs, leafhoppers, thrips, all types of moth and butterfly eggs, and caterpillars. Like Ladybugs it is best to put them out after you see a problem so they have something to eat right away, if you put them out too early and there is nothing for them to eat they may travel out of your garden to find food.

Another good way to keep bad bugs at bay is to make sure your garden is healthy, well fed and watered properly. It seems silly but often bad bugs are not attracted to healthy plants, they go after the stressed ones. Worm Castings are a great fertilizer, helping the soil and the plant plus they have been known to repel or decrease populations of Whitefly.

Using a beneficial insect is a natural way to control the bad bugs on your plants or in your soil. You can't get more organic than one bug eating another bug—it's nature at work. Since the beneficial bugs don't harm the plants you are not replacing a problem with a problem. Look for a balance: you don't want so many bad bugs that you're disfiguring beautiful flowers or reducing harvests, just enough to keep the good ones around in case there is a spike in populations. If all the bad bugs are gone the beneficial insects will leave also to look for more food. Not unlike house guests or teenagers.

Another benefit to using beneficial insects is you don't have to worry about the bad bugs building up a resistance to the spray or chemical. Even organic sprays are essentially chemicals, just from natural sources and bad bugs can build up tolerances to them as well. Bad bugs can never build up a tolerance to being eaten.

Also you don't have to worry about storage, leakage or kids getting into sprays or bottles with a beneficial insect.

Praying Mantid (2 Egg Mass) - \$14.99

Ladybugs (500 LIVE!) - \$12.99



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Care of Container Plantings

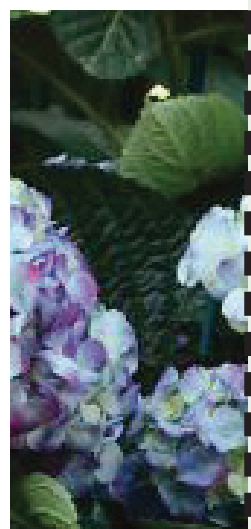
#1- Water everyday during the summer. Do not rely on the rain to water unless it is multiple days of rain. Be sure to water thoroughly so that the water goes all the way down. On the larger containers this would mean about 2 gallons of water each per day.

#2- Look over for dead blooms or foliage and remove to keep planters looking their best. Feel free to pinch to improve branching and flowering.

#3- Best to fertilize with a slow release fertilizer so there is no need to fertilize for most of the season. You can give a little boost every month or so with a compost tea or liquid fertilizer.

#4- at the end of the season- remove all plant material... you can remove soil too if possible and store pots out of the rain for the winter season.

#5- Handle pots with care- will crack if handled roughly.



JUNE 14 - 16, 2019

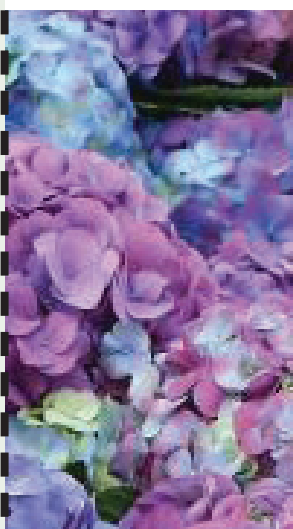
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SOS for your Soil Compost

Made in St. James!

What does one use compost for?

Compost is a great organic alternative to fertilizers and mulch. Using compost on lawns (top-dressing) is one of the best ways to feed your lawn. Twice a

year, just spread a very thin layer of compost across the whole lawn then water so it falls between the blades. Mulching all flowerbeds will suppress weeds, retain moisture and feed your plants, all while looking very well kept.

Our premium compost is made simply from horse manure, fine wood shavings, hay and grass clippings. All items are organic, no synthetic fertilizers or pesticides are used on the farm.

So when you use our compost on your veggies, lawn and even trees, you can rest assured that you are helping to keep your family and pets safe from chemicals. Available at BAYPORT FLOWER HOUSES in 2 Cubic foot bags

Celebrate With Flowers



Dance Recitals



Teacher Gifts



Graduations

Sunflower Bouquet

\$15 *regularly \$24.99*

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Party Time Special!

\$100 Five (5) Beautiful Flower Arrangements

available in either a pastel or bright color palette in a bubble bowl! flowers will vary based on availability

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JUNE 28 - JULY 7, 2019

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& TROPICALS

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BLOOMING ANNUALS

*keep them healthy and beautiful
all summer long, follow these steps:*

1. Water thoroughly...
2. Deadhead blooming plants...
3. In a mixed containers or hanging baskets, **replace** plants as needed...
4. Fertilize...we recommend OSMOCOTE, Indoor/Outdoor Slow Release Fertilizer.
5. If necessary, **soak** dry soil with a COMPOST TEA (make your own by running water through SWEET PEAT)
6. Cut back leggy plants.



Summer Planting Can Be Successful!

Spring is definitely the best time to plant, and we always hear that 'Fall is for planting' too, however, with today's modern plant material, you can plant in the summer as well. The history of planting in only the Spring or Fall harkens back to a time linked with the ability to successfully dig out plant material and have it not go into 'transplant shock.'

Years ago, the only way to avoid the stress from shock was to dig

it only when the average temperatures were on the cool side such as the Spring time or in Fall. Today, however, much material is pre dug or containerized (grown in pots) and as a result eliminates the shock associated with digging plant material during warm periods.

This 'modern' type of plant material really only requires water in order to survive when planted in the summer. Year in and year out, our Landscape Division has found that as long as the plants have proper irrigation, they can be planted anytime. We are so sure, when we install them we guarantee their survival for at least a year regardless of when we plant them. So, go ahead and plant a tree this summer, or better yet, have us do it for you!



NEED AN EXCUSE TO PLANT A TREE?

Here's a couple....

- You might need hammock supports in 10 years!
- You'd like tall, spring flowers!
- You'd love to reduce your carbon footprint!
- You'd like to celebrate a memory or an event

**Unsure of what's wrong with your tree,
shrub, perennial, annual, tropical,
houseplant, vegetable, herb????**

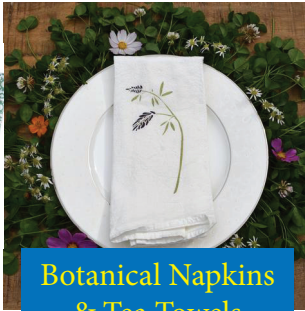
Bring us a sample or a picture, and all the details you can gather (light, water, etc.). We'll gladly try and help and if we don't know the answer, we'll be sure to get you in touch with someone who knows! You can also email Karl Auwaerter at karl@bayportflower.com with pictures!

Hostess Gifts

Summer is Party Time! Say "Thanks" to your Hostess with a gift from Bayport Flower Houses



Seashore Themed Giftware, Candles, Soaps & Lotions



Botanical Napkins & Tea Towels



Beautiful Orchids



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Succulent Container Gardens



Have you noticed how a container garden can really jazz up a front entryway, back deck or porch? Perhaps you've thought twice about including this addition to your landscaping because you just don't have time every day to water.

Cheer up! You can plant a container with succulents (plants with fleshy, or thickened, leaves, stems or roots) and you will not have to worry about watering frequently. Succulent container gardens are relatively carefree. They're so easy that you don't have to limit yourself to just one. Remember, if one container makes a statement, several will create a conversation!

Exposure - Full sun is a must for all succulents! If your viewing location has less than adequate sun, place your succulent garden in a full sun area for the majority of the day and move to your desired location when you have company or time to enjoy it yourself. Remember to move it back out into the sun when company leaves.

Soil - All succulents need fast draining soil. We carry pre-mixed soil used specifically for succulent container plantings. You may also use a general all-purpose potting mix and add additional perlite and/or sand.

Containers - Because succulents do not have extensive root systems, your chosen containers may be shallow. Too much soil can hold excessive water causing the succulent's roots to rot. Perhaps a strawberry pot would make the perfect focal point at your front door, although many front doors look great with a single shallow round planter sitting on the stoop. If you have several steps to the door, try a pot on each step. How do you want your front entrance to say "hello?"

Think about varying the heights of your containers. Perhaps your containers will require a pedestal or something else for elevation. This could be an inverted pot, a table, shelf or even pot feet. You may even consider hanging your container. Whatever you choose, it's important to remember succulents require excellent drainage. Therefore, the containers must have holes.

Plants - When making your plant selection, let your imagination go wild. Use a thriller, a filler, and a spiller... and you'll never go wrong. Succulents come in an extensive variety of colors, striking shapes, and varying sizes. Evaluate plant color, texture and shape when making your selections. You may feel overwhelmed when choosing your plants. If you can't decide, here is a simple "recipe" for planting one 16" container to be seen from all sides. Maybe it will give you some ideas:

1-thriller (Euphorbia tirucalli 'Sticks on Fire') planted in the middle.

3-fillers (Kalanchoe blossfeldiana) to surround the thriller and provide texture or color contrast

5-spillers (Sempervivum arachnoideum) to drape over the container's edge.

As an extra bonus, many succulents bloom, adding extra beauty.

Topdress - After planting, gently brush off any soil from the leaves. Add more interest by "topdressing." This layer of material will give your container garden a finished appearance. Desert type plants look great with a thin layer of light tan-colored gravel. Create sparkle with sea-glass top-pings or add a clean contemporary look to Zen-like or Asian inspired plantings with smooth black river stones. Stop by and look for other materials to add bling to your container garden.

