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# A LETTER FROM THE Floral Studio

I consider myself a lifelong flower ambassador. This time of year is my favorite; I especially love taking the time to walk from home to work. I feel incredibly lucky to spend my days with such an amazing, hardworking, dedicated team, surrounded by a beautiful neighborhood, colorful greenhouses, and extensive displays of annuals, perennials, tropical plants, trees, and shrubs. It's as if the plants know just how to entice the soul.

As the season gets busier, many of us find ourselves pausing to appreciate nature and recognize how essential flowers are for our well-being. At Bayport Flower Houses, we embrace that every day.

Our talented floral design team—Omar,
Joann, Stephanie, Mary, Jill, and Jen—crafts
beautiful arrangements daily in our shop.
With support from our outstanding delivery
team—Mark, Sam, Nico, and Grant—our
breathtaking floral gifts reach homes across
Long Island. Stop by in person, give us a call
at (631) 472-0014 Monday through Friday, or
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<a href="https://www.bayportflower.com">www.bayportflower.com</a> to explore even
more floral options.



Whether you're looking for same-day pick-up or delivery, near or far, our flowers speak for themselves. They're designed to lift moods, celebrate milestones, and show you care.

Did you know you can become a fan of our Flower Shop? With every purchase, you earn loyalty points that go toward future orders—just ask our friendly staff for details. We're honored to be part of your most meaningful moments. Whether it's a wedding, graduation, home décor, or a simple gift of love, our floral designs are handcrafted expressions of beauty and care, each one created to celebrate life in all its forms.

With love and gratitude,

CHRISTINE SAROKA
OWNER & FLORAL DESIGN MANAGER



### **Upcoming Workshops**

To secure your spot register online at shop.bayportflower.com, by phone at (631)-472-0014 or in-store 7 days a week.

### **Register Now 7**

SAT MAY 24 AT 10 AM

\$65 PP

### **Patriotic Porch Pots**

Get ready for summer by creating a porch pot overflowing with beautiful red, white and blue blooms.

SAT JUNE 7 AT 10 AM

\$65 PP

### Kitchen Garden Pots

Cultivate a delightful mix of herbs and vegetables ideal for your back patio in a simple and organized pot!

SAT JUNE 14 AT 3 PM

\$25 PER CHILD

### **Summer Garden Pot**

Kids will choose from flowers and herbs/vegetables to make their garden in a pot. SAT MAY 31 AT 3 PM

\$25 PER CHILD

### **Create a Fairy Garden**

Kids will create their own fairy Garden using potted plants and a little magic!

SAT JUNE 14 AT 10 AM

\$65 PP

### **Flowering Porch Pots**

With the help of our savvy team, you can design your own lively and colorful flower pot—perfect for jazzing up your home!

SAT JUNE 28 AT 3 PM

\$10 DONATION PER FAMILY

### **Annual Ladybug Breakfast**

Kids will learn about the role of ladybugs in the garden and even help us add some to ours!
Proceeds will go to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Children's Garden at Yaphank Farm.

### **MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY MAY 11, 2025**



# Homegrown Combination Pots

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# Plantings

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### Soulful Floral Designs

Breathtaking designs featuring flowers so stunning that they reflect the beauty of their soul.



**Light of My Life Bouquet Deluxe** 

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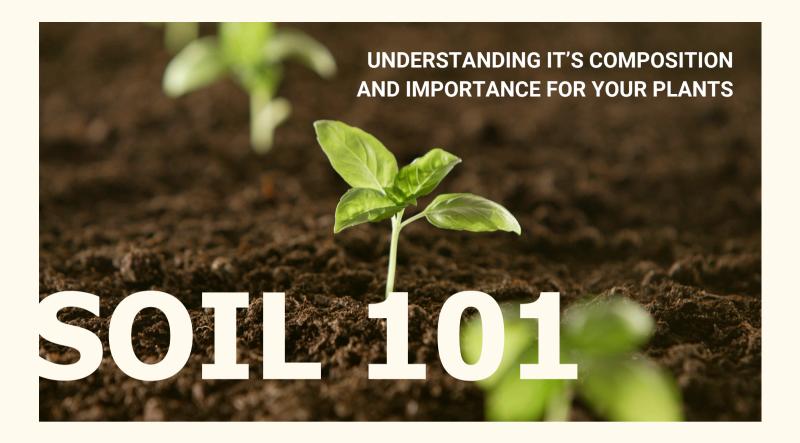
**Embraced Bouquet Deluxe** \$124.99



**Beautiful Spirit Basket** \$94.99



**Breezy Meadows Bouquet Deluxe** \$149.99



How well do you understand your soil? Soil is more than just dirt. The better you understand your soil, the more effectively you can care for it, leading to a stunning landscape, a healthy lawn, and a productive garden.

**ALL ABOUT SOIL** 

Soil consists of four key elements: minerals, water, air, and organic matter. Different combinations of these elements create the four main categories of soil: sand, silt, clay, and loam. Ideally, we all want loam—rich, vibrant soil filled with beneficial bacteria and a smooth, crumbly texture that is perfect for root growth. Unfortunately, loam soils are rare, especially when construction or renovation leads to the compaction of topsoil and remaining soil. Many of us work

with clay soil, which contains finer particles that compact easily into a dense mass. Clay soils retain more water and can quickly become too soggy or waterlogged for healthy plants. However, just because your soil may be clay does not mean it has to stay that way!

### **IMPROVING SOIL**

Improving soil is relatively easy. Products like Bio Tone, which are enhanced with beneficial microbes and mycorrhizae, add essential minerals and organic materials to your soil. **Bio Tone** helps balance the overall components of the soil structure, facilitating faster establishment of plants, deeper root growth, and larger blooms. Before adding minerals, it's important to test your soil to determine its pH (acidity or alkalinity) and



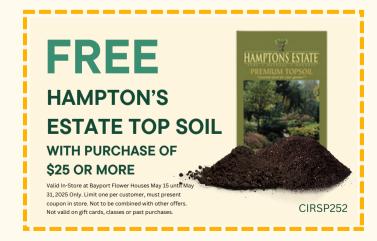
address any mineral deficiencies. Lime can decrease soil acidity, gypsum adds calcium and helps break up heavy clay, and sulfur can increase acidity. Other amendments for improving clay soil include sand, cottonseed meal, and peat moss, all of which help improve drainage and structure.

Organic matter refers to decomposed plant or animal materials, often found in compost or "humus." This residue comes from leaves, plant materials, and certain animal wastes. We recommend purchasing finished compost made on Long Island, such as SOS Compost. If you prefer to create your own, you can use bins to combine materials until they decompose. Ideal materials for composting include grass clippings, paper, and certain decomposable food waste. The quality of your compost will depend on the origin of the biodegradable matter used.

Composting is an excellent way to release essential nutrients for healthy plant growth while creating an environment rich in organic matter, which is ideal for beneficial bacteria and microbes.

### THE MAGIC OF MULCH

Mulching is another effective technique for adding biodegradable materials to the soil. Materials such as Hampton's Estate Mulch, evergreen needles, tree leaves, lawn clippings, and chicken manure can be used as mulch and worked into the soil for decomposition. This process helps improve the spaces between soil particles and rearrange sand, silt, and clay to create an optimal soil structure. The result is a better balance of water retention and drainage, making nutrients more accessible to plants. When soil possesses proper structure and adequate nutrients for healthy plants, optimum health is achieved. Great soil leads to beautiful landscapes, lush turf, and thriving gardens. Congratulations, and keep on growing!





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#### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**



Joanne Ohman
Assistant Greenhouse Grower

Growing With Us Since 2019

As a dedicated member of our greenhouse and growing team since the spring of 2019, Joanne brings both passion and precision to every season at Bayport Flower Houses. With a background in the software industry and a horticultural degree from Farmingdale College, she blends technical insight with a deep love for plants. Whether she's nurturing vibrant seasonal blooms or guiding customers to the perfect additions for their gardens, Joann's friendly nature and horticultural know-how help create the magic that Bayport is known for. Her journey from customer to team member speaks to the special connection she has

with this place—and we're so fortunate to have her as part

### Tell us about when you started at Bayport Flower Houses...

of our Bayport Flower Houses family.

After working within the software industry for many years, I took the opportunity to go back to college to earn a Horticultural degree from Farmingdale College. I then found myself applying to Bayport Flower Houses because I was always so impressed during my shopping visits and it turned out to be a great decision. So happy to part of this magical place, and work with so many talented people along with being part of the BFH extended family!

I started at Bayport Flower Houses Spring of 2019 and been here for Six years. Being part of the greenhouse/growing team has been such a great experience. It is exhilarating to grow beautiful plants for all different seasons along with assisting customers to find their perfect plants and flowers.

### What is your favorite memory of working at Bayport Flower Houses?

My most memorable moment was the reopening after Covid19 closures. We were so inundated with customers coming in wearing their masks, and so enthusiastic to start their own victory food and flower gardens. In additional to our savvy gardeners, we had so many customers that were new to gardening and it was so gratifying to help them in their pursuit to get back to some normalcy.



### What are your favorite blooming shrubs and annuals?

My favorite blooming shrub is a Dappled Willow. It doesn't have flowers but has beautiful attractive foliage. Its tri-colored foliage has a stunning combination of pink, white, and light green and the weeping branches move with the breeze. I love that it looks like a pink puff ball. This deciduous shrub also has attractive bright red / pink stems for winter interest.

Picking a favorite annual is challenging for me, I love too many. Since I love attracting hummingbirds and butterflies to my own garden, I tend to favor **Cuphea Vermillionaire.** Hummingbirds can't get enough of it; they love the orange tubular shaped blooms which flowers all season long. I also love Zinnias, they come in so many colors, and are a great cut flower and the Butterflies love them.



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We look forward to welcoming you to our certified garden center, where we are eager to help you choose new Proven Winners plants that will enhance the beauty of your garden this year.



Thank you for being a part of our community. Here's to *growing* together!

### **Spring Hours**

Monday - Saturday 8 am to 6 pm Sunday 9 am to 5 pm

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