Go For the Gold

The Rio Olympics were a spectacular way to end our summer! We are super proud of our USA athletes for their hard work and perseverance in bringing home so many gold, silver, and bronze medals! They can inspire us to GO FOR THE GOLD as we persevere and work hard in our gardens to have spectacular landscapes! Let us COACH you in how to have a top notch green and lush lawn, healthy trees and shrubs, and beautiful, blooming color! AND FALL IS THE BEST TIME FOR PLANTING! We can coach you as far as selecting which plants will be your best performers. If you are new at gardening, we have the play-book and can tell you what plants will thrive in your situation. Some of you are distinguished Olympians at gardening, but with time your growing conditions may have changed. We had a customer come in recently saying they used to have lots of shade but now neighbors have cut down trees and they have full sun so they need to have a new play strategy. Others voice concern that their once sunny yard has grown off and is now shady. That is part of the fun and challenge of gardening. You are constantly making adjustments to your game, taking your cues from weather, pest, critters, disease, and growing conditions. It can be like a game of chess figuring out what move to make next to come out in the winner’s circle! Remember, Fall is a great time to plant and we would love to be your coach! Also remember when planting to use ferti-lome ROOT STIMULATOR and install trees and shrubs using GREEN THUMB PLANTING MIX to assure your success. To encourage your efforts, we have put GTN PLANTING MIX on sale: 3 bags for $13.99!

If you’re in the market for HYBRID TEA, FLORIBUNDA, OR CLIMBING ROSES, they are on sale; if you buy two, you get one FREE! We are your go to gardening store. We have rakes, gloves, sweatshirts, tools, annual and perennial color, shrubs and trees in many sizes, sod, fertilizers, organic products, soil amendments, seeds, compost bins, rain barrels…

Let us also help you decorate and set the stage for Fall. We have Terra Cotta pumpkins, wheat straw, Crotons, and decorative items. You can even plan ahead and do some early Christmas shopping. We have unique gifts and gift certificates! You may even want to take one of our reindeer home with you! Y’ALL COME!
HIBISCUS, MANDEVILLA, DIPLADENIA, AND ALLAMANDAS ARE ON SALE – BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!

The BULBS you admire in Spring need to be planted in Fall! In Spring we have visitors come in asking for Paperwhites, Daffodils, Grape Hyacinths, and other bulbs that they admire blooming around town. But those bulbs had been planted in the Fall. So now is your chance! Remember to apply Hi-Yield BULB FOOD when planting and also apply it to enrich your existing bulb beds.

“Anyone who has a bulb has Spring.”

SNAPDRAGONS are another favorite that is best planted in the Fall. We have trailing, short, medium, and tall snapdragons to choose from. Trailing Snaps give a beautiful cascade to pots or window-boxes. Upright Snaps can give you just the height you need for your pots or beds. You have a rainbow of colors to choose from or you can select mixed colors! Snapdragons will bloom in Fall. Then during the extremely cold days of winter, Snaps will stop blooming, but the plants tolerate the cold very well. As the days begin to warm again, Snaps will start to bloom again. Don’t forget to plant these great and long-lasting performers! They will reward you with months of color!

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DO YOU WANT A GREEN, LUSH LAWN? If you apply the prescribed ferti-lome product every other month, you will be amazed how gorgeous your lawn will be! Your lawn is like a green welcome mat – it’s really not hard or expensive to have it plush! Let us help you! If you did not apply ferti-lome LAWN FOOD PLUS IRON in August, apply it as soon as possible to get your lawn lush and thick. Then in mid October apply ferti-lome WINTERIZER WITH WEED PREVENTER to keep those Fall weeds from germinating. These products are effective and safe to use on Bermuda, Centipede, Zoysia, and St. Augustine sod.

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MAKE YOUR HOME WELCOMING and improve your indoor air quality by adopting HOUSEPLANTS. Many varieties of ferns adapt well to indoors including Button Ferns, Rabbit’s-foot Ferns, and Plumosa Ferns. We also have a great selection of pots and saucers for houseplants.
START A FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN

Enjoy the cooler temperatures and plant a FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN! What fun for children to go out and pick Lettuce leaves for a salad for supper. Carrots and Spinach are also great cool weather crops that you can grow from seeds. We have many Fall vegetables available for you to transplant into your garden including Cauliflower, Broccoli, and Brussels Sprouts. Edible Cabbage, Kale, Swiss Chard, Mustard, and Collards are also delightful delicacies!

Want a tasty, healthy, easy recipe? Rinse fresh Kale leaves, pat dry, and toss them with olive oil. Place them on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle with salt then bake them in a preheated 200 degree oven for about 30 minutes. Our grandchildren love these paper-thin, crisp chips; they call them “green chips.”

WHEN DO THEY ARRIVE?

New FRUIT TREES arrive in the Fall! Come get the pick of the litter. We have a great selection and this is the perfect time to plant! We have Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Persimmons, Pecans and Figs. We also have a super selection of citrus trees. Ask about our small fruits like Blueberries, Blackberries, Raspberries, Grapes, Muscadines, and Kiwi—we will be happy to show you!

THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Have you met the new kids on the block? Meet DISTYLIUM! If you have not already been introduced to the Dystylium family, please give us the pleasure. We are excited about these relatively new plants. Two of our favorites are Dystylium “Vintage Jade” and Dystylium “Blue Cascade.” They like full sun and grow 2-3 feet high by 4-5 feet wide. They are lovely spreading shrubs with dark green, evergreen foliage that form a low spreading mound in the landscape and offer a refreshing touch of green throughout the year. They bloom in late winter with small, reddish maroon flowers.

BRINGING PLANTS INDOORS

Spray houseplants and citrus with ferti-lome BROAD SPECTRUM INSECTICIDE to prepare to bring them indoors for winter. It will kill insects that want to ride piggy-back on your plants into your home. Also spray the top of the soil to get soil insects.
Ferti-lome OVER THE TOP II GRASS KILLER is a systemic, selective herbicide that kills weedy grasses without injuring desirable plants. It controls Bermudagrass, Crabgrass, Foxtails, Quackgrass and many other weedy grasses. It is not safe to use on all plants but the detailed label gives a long list of plants that can be safely sprayed with Over The Top. It can save you lots of time and the effort of bending over and pulling these pesky grasses.

As this GAZETTE goes to press, we are being inundated by requests for a product to combat the invasion of ARMYWORMS. If your neighbors have armyworms, but they have not yet marched into your yard, apply Hi-Yield TURF RANGER INSECT CONTROL GRANULES. If you have an active infestation, you may rather spray with ferti-lome BROAD SPECTRUM INSECTICIDE to win the battle immediately. Both are effective products to win the war against armyworms and many other pests!

Give your trees and shrubs a boost! If you are trying to get your trees and shrubs healthy going into winter, apply ferti-lome WINTERIZER so your plants will be ready to withstand cold in the winter and will be ready to grow in Spring.

It is about time to install annual “Winter/early Spring” color that will last until you are ready to put out “Spring/Summer” flowers. There are so many colors and color combinations to choose from. We love Pansies, Violas, Dianthus, Snapdragons, and Dusty Miller.