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Closed on Memorial Day

Custom Planters

Running out of time to plant up your annual containers? Let us do the work for you.

You provide (or purchase) the containers and we get our nails dirty.

Costs:

\$2.00 per scoop of soil includes labor

Plants (most common prices):

\$1.99/4 pack, \$4.99

4" annual container

\$.50 per scoop of fertilizer

The above moss ball was purchased and potted here by a staff member.

The Moss Balls are currently sold out, but be sure to let us know if you are interested for the 2021 season. We will be happy to special order in a certain size or quantity for your backyard oasis.

Unique Bleeding Heart

Bleeding Hearts could quite possibly be one of the easiest

perennials to grow in shade. They require almost zero effort other than a simple trim as they complete their die back during the warm summer months. These perennials are often thought of as a plant your Grandmother had while growing up, but you may want to take a second look at this family if you have deep shade.

Luxuriant Bleeding Heart

18" tall and 18" Wide

Also referred to as Fringe Bleeding Heart is a tidy little perennial that will bloom throughout the growing season. This unique leaf adds great texture and a soft blue green tone to the garden.



Enjoy the unique texture of the Luxuriant Bleeding Heart.

Valentine Bleeding Heart

30" tall and 30" wide

Zone: 3

This graceful arching plant will maintain blooms throughout the Spring months. You can prevent the Bleeding Heart dormancy by providing the plant with a little splash of water during the growing

season.

The red blooms pair well with the chartreuse tones of the Aralia perennial that also loves a shady location in your yard.



Luxuriant Bleeding Heart retains the pink flower throughout the growing season.



'Valentine' provides the shady spot in your yard with a red bloom and stem color.

Companion Planting

Annual Flowers and Vegetables Plants

Annual flowers are a great addition to your vegetable gardens. Whiteflies, aphids, ants and caterpillars can create big problems in our vegetable gardens.

One remedy that has been around for decades, is to combine the following flowers with your vegetable plants. You will often see this strategy along the edges of the spotless gardens of the Amish areas in Iowa.

It is said, Zinnia, Petunia, Marigold, Alyssum, Nasturtium, and Geranium can help deter insect pests while still drawing in beneficial insects such as bees and butterflies.

A few specific details of a few plants including herbs.

Marigolds are said to deter rabbits, deer, and ants.

The perennial Lavender is good for deterring whiteflies and moths.

And while mint might be good at deterring moths and aphids, be sure to be careful with this aggressive grower. Planted in the ground Mint can quickly run in a garden and quickly shade out other plants.

Oregano deters many pests and helps control the humidity for pepper plants.

Lemongrass, Citronella Geranium, and Basil will help with mosquito control.

Dill will aid in repelling aphids, squash bugs, spider mites, cabbage loopers and tomato hornworms. This plant is a happy self-seeder, so be ready for it to return in its location next year.

Thyme is good for repelling whiteflies, cabbage loopers, cabbage maggots, corn earworms, whiteflies, tomato hornworms and small whites.

The jury is still out on whether this plan truly works, but I have learned to not mess with the memories of what our grandparents have taught us. The herbs and flowers may not be able to deter every insect, but they may aid in drawing some of the troublesome

insects to their bloom rather than your vegetable plant. It would seem worth having a sacrificial flower to keep the productivity of your vegetable garden high.

Do you have good luck planting certain flowers with vegetables for pest prevention? Share your experiences with us! We love to learn and hear about new methods.

For more information, visit this great article.

<https://www.mnn.com/your-home/organic-farming-gardening/stories/12-plants-that-repel-unwanted-insects>



Plants like the Fireball Marigold sold out quick. Be sure to come in early next season to enjoy the bloom and potentially deter pests and critters.



Image Credit: Monrovia

Tree Highlight

Dura Heat Birch

Dura Heat Birch is a heat and drought tolerant form of this species. It also boasts a superior insect and disease resistance.

Dura Heat Birch still has the unique texture to the bark and excellent cold hardiness. This tree is great in a lower area in the yard where rain water may collect.

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Saturday 8:00-6:00, and Sunday
10:00-5:00**



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