

# Happy Halloween!

Semi-Dwarf citrus, avocados and guavas are here and ready to be planted!

Brand new 2023 seeds are out on our racks waiting to be sown into the warm soil. Fall and winter

veggie starts are here and on our tables. A very large selection of herbs awaits your planters at home!

Onion bulbs are now in stock and ready to be planted!



Don't forget godetia will be coming in this month. If you want to plant a flat or

more call us to be put on our godetia list and we will call when they come in and hold them until end of business that day!

Camellias will also be coming in soon. If you have a full shade area that you are looking for winter color to fill, the camellia might just be the plant for you!

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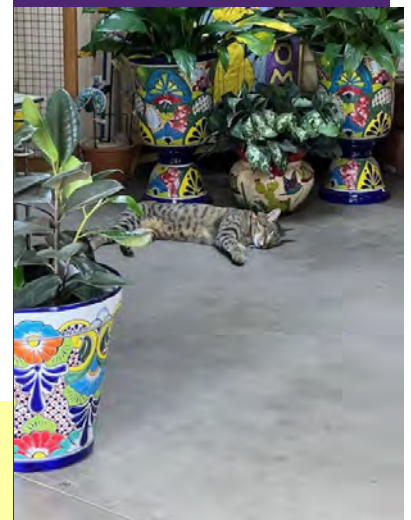
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## October Garden Checklist

**Grass:** The first two weeks of October is the average window for planting winter lawns. Perennial Rye will provide a deep green lawn. Mow existing Bermuda lawns to about one half inch. Sow at the rate of 10 to 15 pounds per 1,000 square feet. After initial soaking, water three or four times a day for 3-5 minutes to keep the seeds moist. Keep moist for about two weeks until the seed germinates and then water once a day. After mowing cut back watering to 3 times a week and deeper soak.

**Trees/Shrubs:** October is the best time to plant here in the desert. Water newly planted shrubs and trees everyday. Cut back the frequency of watering after temperatures have dropped below 80 degrees, continue to water deeply. Cleaning out dead branches from the interior of fruit trees will help when harvesting fruit. Make sure that suckers are all removed from below the graft line of citrus.

**Flowers:** This is the season for planting flowers such as: dianthus, geraniums, petunias, snap dragons, pansies, violas, and marigolds. Don't forget to get on our list if you want godetia it will be coming in soon and you don't want to miss it.

Lobelia and alyssum make great borders and help make other colors stand out. Continue to fertilize roses as the weather cools, they are going to send out another beautiful

display of color. Keep the spent blooms dead headed.

Sowing seeds for native wildflowers now will make sure you get your display of spring color!

**Vegetables:** You can now plant seeds for: carrots, radishes, lettuce, peas, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, and kale. There are many more veggies you can plant. Transplants are already arriving to get a head start on your garden. Cilantro will be in as soon as we are out of the 90s for good.

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# Plants for pollinators!

## Plants for Pollinators:

It has been a long summer and now with fall here, we can enjoy being outdoors more. We are getting our fall/winter vegetable gardens started, but we cannot forget about the particularly important pollinators. It is mesmerizing watching all the different pollinators, bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, ants, etc.



Some favorites that we have currently are:

Bat-faced Cuphea

Coral Fountain

Coreopsis

Tecoma

Lavender

Gregg's Mistflower

Sage (Russian, Autumn)

Milkweed (pineleaf, desert, and bloodflower)

Dill/Parsley

Gaillardia



We currently have native wildflower seeds, as it will soon be time to sow them, it is best to come get them before they're gone. There are options of assorted seeds in a large packet or pick out each individual seed packet that you desire.



It feels satisfying to be able to contribute to a small but important part of the world around us, the pollinators. Go out on hikes, sit in your garden, eat a meal with friends and family outside, enjoy the outdoors this fall!

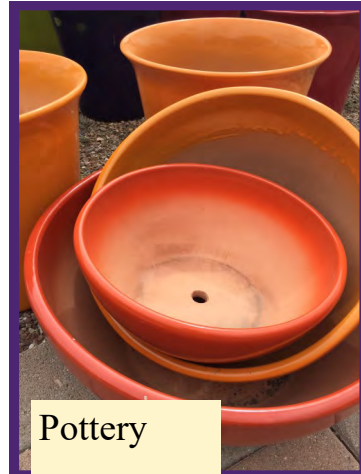
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Roses



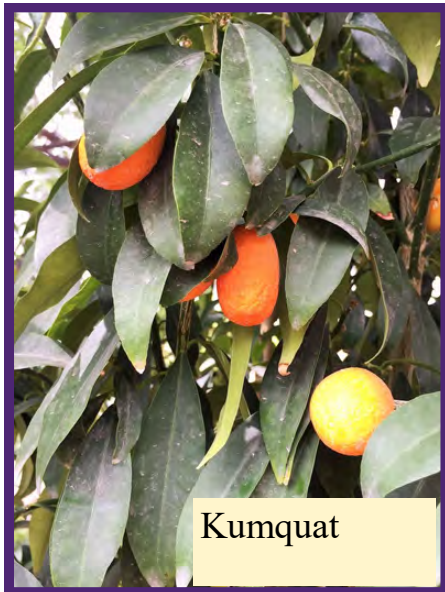
Purple Leaf Plum



Pottery



Purple fountain grass



Kumquat



Succulents



Fringe Flower



Lantana



Calendula



Tecoma

Purple Heart



Lotus

## Plant Profile: Purple Heart

**Size: (H x W):** 1' tall– 4-5' wide

**Blooms:** Pink

**Exposure:** Morning sun afternoon shade

**Minimum Temperature:** 32 degrees F

**Water:** Moderate –low

**Pruning:** N/A, or for propagation

**Growth Rate:** Slow-moderate

**Fertilizer:** 20-20-20 all purpose occasionally



## Plant Profile: Kumquat

**Size: (H x W):** 6' tall-8' wide

**Blooms:** White

**Exposure:** Full Sun

**Minimum Temperature:** 10 degrees F

**Water:** High

**Pruning:** N/A

**Growth Rate:** Moderate– Fast

**Fertilizer:** Organic Happy Frog Citrus and Avocado once a month.





## Staff Picks: Salvia

Picked by: Olivia K

Salvia plants, commonly known as Sage, are long-blooming, deer resistant and easy to care for. Salvia are essential garden perennials for feeding honey bees and are a favorite of hummingbirds. Salvia comes in a large selection of varieties and colors! This family is heat and eventual drought tolerant with some varieties preferring morning sun afternoon shade.

This is a favorite plant of pollinators due to the long blooming period of spring-fall.

Container gardening works beautifully for many sages, including salvia greggii cultivars. Pots offer portability, which helps when sun exposure or weather conditions change significantly. For example, as a mellow spring becomes a hot summer, containers can be



rearranged to take advantage of shade. Potted plants, in general, need more water than in-ground plantings.

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# Recipe from the garden: Pumpkin bread

I love pumpkin breads and pie in the fall! I made this recipe the other day and brought it in to share with the staff! Everyone loved it! I always add a little more spices than the recipe calls for because I like stronger spice, feel free to add more or keep same as the recipe!

## Ingredients:

2 cups all purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 1/2 sticks (3/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened  
2 cups sugar  
2 large eggs  
1 (15oz) can 100% pure pumpkin (I like the Libby's brand).

## Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degree F and set an oven rack in the middle position. Generously grease two 8 x 4 inch loaf pans with butter and dust with flour (can use cooking spray like Pam and flour instead of butter).
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Whisk until well combined; set aside.
3. In a large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugar on medium speed until just blended. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating until very light and fluffy, a few minutes.

Beat in the pumpkin. The mixture might look grainy and curdled at this point-that's okay.

4. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed until combined.
5. Turn the batter into the prepared pans, dividing evenly, and bake for 65-75 minutes\* or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let the loaves cool in the pans for about 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.



\*Please note: every oven will cook differently, my loaves were completely cooked in 50 minutes.