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is Growing

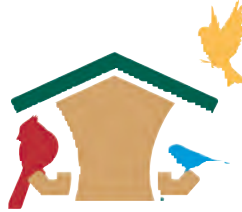


SMITH'S
GARDENTOWN FARMS

and

Wild Birds Unlimited

Nature Shop



4940 Seymour Hwy. • Wichita Falls, TX

November - December
2011 Newsletter

Poinsettias

The crop of Smith's-grown poinsettias looks wonderful this year, with several varieties of red, plus white, pink and multi-colored blooms also. Make your shopping easy – send us your list and we'll deliver wrapped poinsettias for you!

Go to our website at www.smithsgardentown.com to see photos of the colors and prices. Select the poinsettias you would like to be delivered and where they should be sent. Or FAX your list to (940) 692-0149. Call for special pricing for churches and groups.

Keep your poinsettias fresh for months by keeping the soil evenly moist – not soggy and not too dry. Remember that they must have a constant room temperature, so keep them away from drafts, heat vents or fireplaces, and don't put them on top of the television.

Poinsettias don't ship well. If they get too cold on the way, it really shortens their life span. That's why our locally grown poinsettias are always the best choice.



TERRARIUMS

See our selection of terrarium plants and containers and create a unique indoor garden with its own ecosystem. Great for school projects or gifts!



Join us for CASA Day at Smith's. Saturday, Nov. 26, between 10:30 & 3:00

Santa Claus will be in our greenhouse to pose with your youngsters. Proceeds from the photos and a portion of our poinsettia sales that day will benefit Child Advocates of Archer, Clay, Montague and Wichita Counties.

FALL BULBS

You'll see the beautiful tulips and daffodils blooming early next spring and then you'll kick yourself because you didn't get out to Smith's to buy the bulbs this fall so you could enjoy them in season.

We still have a good selection of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, narcissus, amaryllis and others.

Tulips and hyacinths need to be refrigerated for six weeks before being planted here, so buy your bulbs now, put them in a paper sack in the crisper drawer of your refrigerator, then plant in December. Daffodils and other fall bulbs may be planted any time after Thanksgiving.

There is still time to have amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus in bloom for the holidays if you start them indoors now. We have the bulbs to plant in your own containers or kits that make great gifts. Just plant them, place them in a sunny window and start watering. The bulbs will begin blooming faster in a warm place, or if they are growing too fast, keep the room a little cooler to slow them down. It takes about 6 to 8 weeks for these bulbs to be forced into bloom.



CHRISTMAS SHOP



Artificial Christmas Trees Keep Getting Better And Better

We've had the beautiful artificial trees with lights for a number of years now. Last year we added the iTREE which plays Christmas music and puts on a light show in time to the music.

Now there's the "Instant" tree. The lights are all wired through the central trunk, so you don't have a lot of wires or plugs to deal with. Just plug the tree base section into the outlet, then place the top sections into the trunk, and "voila!", all the lights come on. Plus, the foliage spring into shape as soon as it comes out of the box, so very little "fluffing" is required. The tree is up lighted and ready to decorate in 5 minutes! SEE COUPON ON BACK

Fresh Cut Trees

Our fresh cut Christmas trees from Oregon are due to arrive just before Thanksgiving. We'll have the best, most desirable types of trees – Noble fir and Douglas fir. These trees start fresher and will hold their needles better than most varieties. We can't say it enough – this tree farm has sent us the nicest trees we've ever had for the past two years, and we expect the same this year! We've ordered more of the REALLY LARGE trees for your homes with high ceilings – see us early for the best selection.

Lights

Before you climb up on the roof, remember to check your outdoor light strings and make a trip to Smith's for:

- Commercial grade light cord
- Light strings and replacement bulbs and fuses
- Shingle tabs to make hanging your lights EASY

Hand-tuned windchimes



Gardening tools

– Pruners, trowels, rakes, etc. from the top manufacturers



An Advanced Pole System and bird feeder



Garden flags and windsocks

Bionic gloves -

great for anyone with arthritis



Bulbs

gift boxes of amaryllis, paperwhites or hyacinths, or let us fix a gift basket with bulbs, bulb food and gardening gloves



Stones with an inspirational message

– use them as stepping stones or plaques



THE Legend of the Christmas Nest

– Old World Legend says that if you are lucky enough to find a bird nest in your Christmas tree, Happy, Healthy & Prosperous you will always be.

Decorative pots



GIVE THE GIFT OF A WONDERFUL HOBBY

Watching backyard birds at a feeder can bring many hours of enjoyment. Check out our Wild Birds Unlimited store for a great variety of bird feeders and bird food, even an Advanced Pole System to hold feeders. We'll have gift baskets with feeders, bird food and accessories. What a great gift for someone who has everything!



SNOWMAN SEED FEEDER

Did you know that some snowmen are not only "jolly, happy souls," but they can also help you attract and feed your backyard birds? It's fun and festive and attracts a variety of birds. It's easy to hang and fill, and it makes a great holiday gift.





WATER WISE

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, we suggest you turn the system OFF for the winter. Just set the system on manual and turn it on when the yard is dry – go by the weather conditions, not by the calendar.

If you have pansies or newly-planted shrubs that need more water, try running just the stations that water that area.

Remember that plants that are stressed by drought do tend to suffer more freeze damage when the weather gets extremely cold, so if we are expecting a hard freeze and it's been dry for a couple of weeks, that is a good time to thoroughly water your lawn, trees and beds.

Other common-sense tips include preparing your soil with lots of organic compost before planting and covering the soil with a good layer of mulch after planting to conserve moisture.

TO DO THIS MONTH:

- *Plant perennials, trees and shrubs
- *Mulch beds to protect tender plants from winter damage
- *Plant pansies, ornamental cabbage and kale
- *Order poinsettias for seasonal giving
- *Plant spring-blooming bulbs after Thanksgiving

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Just go to www.smithsgardentown.com and we'll send your newsletter by e-mail. We award a gift certificate each month to a new subscriber. Remember to check our website for gardening tips and information, special events and unusual plants and accessories.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, TOO.

IS THIS PLANT DEAD?

When Is The Best Time To Replace It? What Should I Replace It With? How Do I Plant It?

Many people are asking us these questions after the summer drought and heat. We'll hold another seminar entitled:


**“Drought recovery 101”
to answer these and similar questions
on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.**

Cost of admission -- Two non-perishable food items for the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank.

If you like, bring in photos of the plants you are worried about and we'll help you evaluate them and discuss your options.

We ask that you sign up at
www.smithsgardentown.com
so we'll know how many to expect.

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW- a gardeners dream



If you love beautiful flowers and gardening, the Chelsea Flower Show is probably something you have dreamed of. Since it happens in May, I've never been able to leave our business to attend.

But if you would like to enjoy this trip, I can make it happen for you. I can also arrange escorted tours of some of the most beautiful gardens of the United Kingdom.

If you are interested, please e-mail me at ksmith325@yahoo.com, and I will send you information.
Katherine Smith

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE COUPON

Take 15% off the regular price of one off our pre-lighted artificial Christmas trees

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