

Pay Dirt

HORTICULTURE
December 2023



Hello Horticulturalists!

It's hard to believe we're at the end of 2023!
I hope you have a great holiday season
and a happy new year!



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Not Just Poinsettias!

Poinsettias are everywhere this time of year, but there are a lot of other plant options that would be lovely in your home and make great gifts.

1. Amaryllis: This indoor bulb plant is very popular this time of year. The blooms are large and vibrant, and they come in colors like pink, salmon, white, orange, and red.

2. Paperwhite Narcissus: A delicate, upright flower, that is very fragrant. One thing about these plants is that they like cool temperatures.



Ornamental peppers

3. Ornamental Peppers: If you want to have a nontraditional plant in your home, ornamental pepper plants are the way to go. They produce peppers in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. And in case you're wondering, you can eat the peppers if pesticides have not been used.

4. Phalaenopsis Orchid: Orchids are a beautiful plant option. They come in many different colors, including pink, white, soft yellow, and light green.



Paperwhite Narcissus

5. Thanksgiving and Christmas Cactus: These are not your typical cactus plants! Thanksgiving cactus typically blooms from Thanksgiving to Christmas, while Christmas cactus blooms from Christmas through March. Holiday cacti are easy to care for; place them in a cool spot of the house, provide them with adequate drainage, and keep the soil moist.

Many of these plants can be found at garden stores or in the floral section of grocery stores. Don't have time to plant bulbs? These plants can be purchased in bloom as well. For more ideas, check out this publication from Mississippi State University Extension. http://extension.msstate.edu/sites/default/files/publications/publications/P2309_web.pdf

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Saturday December 2nd 10AM- 1PM

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Farmers' Market Updates!

Madison County Farmers' Market

To see updates on what the market is doing, check their Facebook page.

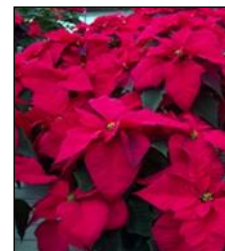
Berea Farmers' Market

The Berea Farmer's Market has moved to a new location for winter. They are now located at 207 N Broadway in Old Town Berea next to the skating rink. Their winter hours are 10 am to 1 pm. Check their Facebook page for updates.



When You Bring a Poinsettia Home...

- Do not allow the leaves to touch a cold window.
- Place your plant in indirect sunlight, preferably in a location that receives about six hours of light a day.
- Avoid warm or cold drafts from radiators, air registers, or open doors and windows.
- Water when the soil is dry. If there is foil around the pot, consider cutting slits in the bottom so excess water can drain out when you irrigate.



Snow Policy...

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