

SEPTEMBER 2023 HORTICULTURE REPORT

- Plant chrysanthemums. If you get them in early they may have enough roots to come back next year!
- Order and plant bulbs. Order amaryllis bulbs now for the best selection.
- Divide bulbs such as hostas, daylilies, peonies, irises etc. because they will have months to establish new root systems.
- That Christmas amaryllis that you planted in May can be dug up now. It can come into a cool, dark place. Don't bother watering it. Let it dry out and then pot it up in November.
- Remember to keep peonies planted only an inch or two deep-they won't flower if they don't get a good freeze.
- Spread a little slow release 5-10-20 fertilizer over planted bulbs.
- I like to separate my perennials now. They get Sept., October, and Nov. to set out roots.
- If grub spots in your lawn are annoying you, put down some beneficial nematodes. I don't mind killing Japanese beetle grubs, but I can't tell a good grub from a bad so I just seed a new patch next spring and keep pinching the d___ beetles when I find them.
- This is also the time to overseed the lawn and/or to top dress lawns. Get a rake and scratch up the soil first.
- Let rose hips form on your roses. This is a good signal to the plant to get ready for winter.
- Keep cleaning up the yellow and diseased leaves off of roses.
- Get soil tested and amend accordingly. It can take a few months for lime and the like to work.
- Clean and put away hummingbird feeders.
- Cut peonies way back. Cut iris leaves way back, too.
- Keep some perennials uncut so birds can enjoy the seeds.