

# THROUGH THE *Grapevine*

**Gale's**  
WESTLAKE GARDEN CENTER

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## { Fall Bulbs from the Biltmore }



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### BILTMORE ESTATE COLLECTION

It's called "America's Largest Home" which is an understatement. Back in the 1890s, the grounds of the world-famous Biltmore House in the North Carolina Mountains were even more spectacular than the house. Today, most of the land is in the national forest system, but the estate still includes 8,000 acres, 250 of them magnificently landscaped.



So it's only fitting that today's expert garden staff at Biltmore would choose some of the bulbs they prefer to offer to the public. This is how the new Biltmore Estate Bulb Collection began. We are delighted to offer the bulbs, and we're sure you'll agree, the Biltmore gardeners chose well. For fall, there are truly magnificent daffodils, unusually

beautiful tulips, and of course, some exquisitely fragrant hyacinths. Each of these bulbs can add a bit of the excellence of the Biltmore gardens to your own.

### ALSO NEW AT GALE'S

- Tulips:** Rock and Roll, a red double early tulip and Sweetie, blush with pink tips
- Crocus:** Vanguard, purple with lilac outer petals
- Bearded Iris:** Savannah Sunset, intense orange hue
- Narcissus:** Flower Parade, very showy double ivory with an orange interior
- Amaryllis:** Limon, large stunning green blooms

# What's Hot!

Earthtones, greens, naturals

Witch's Brew

Pirates!

Ivy topiaries

Red, Harvest gold

Garden Gates

Vermont Castings Grills

Farmer's Markets

Garden Art

Waterside Lifestyle

Cocktail Hour

Fall Holiday decorating

Icicle pansies

Halloween wreaths

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 30th  
11am-4pm

Bring the Family!

\$5.00 Kid's Admission includes:

A day of games, pony rides, cornstalk maze, Tattoo Parlor, Face Painting, Inflatable Castle, Magic by Richard McClendon III, Jungle Bob, Music by Mud-in-Yer Eye, and our Scary Halloween Haunted Hallway. Proceeds benefit Angel Flight Mid Atlantic.

### ALL OCTOBER LONG!

A Spook-tacular Halloween

Wander the Haunted Hallway...if you DARE! Lots of ghouls, ghosts and ghastly gadgets! Everything creepy and crawly: "Witch's Brew", "Frankenstein's Laboratory", "The Vampire Graveyard" and (shiver me timbers, its pirates!) "Haunted Lake Eerie".

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

November 4 & 5th

Join us in November for our Annual Holiday Open House as we kick off the holiday season with your first peek at the City Streets of Gale's Westlake!

# { Product Spotlight }

## PROTECH BULB AUGERS



Make your planting of fall bulbs a breeze with Protech Bulb Augers. These large "drill bits" fit on an ordinary drill to make your planting holes. The 24-inch long and 2-inch diameter auger is great for larger tulip bulbs or daffodils (\$22.99), or use the 9-inch long and 1-inch size for small tulips and bulbs (\$7.99).

## WILT-PRUF ANTI-TRANSPIRANT



Protect your trees and shrubs from the drying effects of winter winds. Wilt-Pruf Anti-Transpirant forms a protective coating that holds in moisture on foliage and stems to reduce water loss. We strongly recommend this for new plantings and evergreens (except blue spruce). Apply in late fall when temperatures are above freezing. \$10.99 for the 14 oz. aerosol, \$11.99 for 32 oz. ready-to-use pump spray, and \$18.99 for 32 oz. concentrate.

## HARDSHELL KANGAROO GARDENING CONTAINER



Reduce time and effort spent on fall cleanup with the Hardshell Kangaroo Gardening Container by Fiskars. This 22-inch wide by 28-inch deep flexible container stands on its own, and holds 30 gallons of leaves and debris. Made of heavy gauge vinyl with a hardshell base that withstands dragging on gravel and pavement, just \$24.99.

# I N D U L G E N C E S



### Heartwood Creek by Jim Shore

Artist Jim Shore's beautiful line of handcrafted figurines and decorative accessories are the perfect way to celebrate the holidays.



### Willow Tree by Demdaco

The gift that communicates beyond words. New arrivals include Generation, Just for You, Birthday Girl and Love of Learning.

### Yankee Candle

Farmer's Market - Clear wax jam jars filled with your favorite fall fruits and more.



### 20% off Fragrance of Month

September.....Autumn Wreath  
October .....Pumpkin Pie

### Department 56 Celebrates 30 Years of Creativity

Limited Edition Village pieces, mid-year releases and of course, just in time for Halloween, the tricks and treats of Dept. 56 lighted buildings, accessories and decorations that add frightfully good fun to your home!

New! Dr. Lunatic's Laboratory, Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow Salon, Runaway Monster and Bride, and Witch Ride.

### Colonial Candle Fragrances for Fall

Yummm....Maple Pecan Pie, Pumpkin Patch and Cranapple Cider. Jars, votives, tea lights, pillars and tapers.

W I L D L I F E  
N O T E B O O K

# autumn 2006

Autumn is the last chance to enjoy the outdoors in relative comfort, especially after sundown. There is no better way to enjoy the last spell of warm weather than with a traditional fall bonfire. The amber glow of burning logs is really the release of stored sunshine – the energy that these trees converted years ago from sunlight into wood. This



glimmer from years past mutes the chill of autumn winds, while folks that sit around the campfire spin their own tales of summers long ago. Crackling embers add to the chorus of crickets and katydids in the surrounding woods, with an occasional interjection from a great horned owl or a whippoorwill. A scuffle in the brush and a glimpse of

shimmering eyes shows that raccoons, possums, or porcupines have come to investigate this nighttime blaze of bygone summer sun.

Any dry and aged hardwood will burn well, but some are more prized than others. Ash is always an excellent burner, and oak, maple and beech burn steadily with picturesque flames. Elm and chestnut

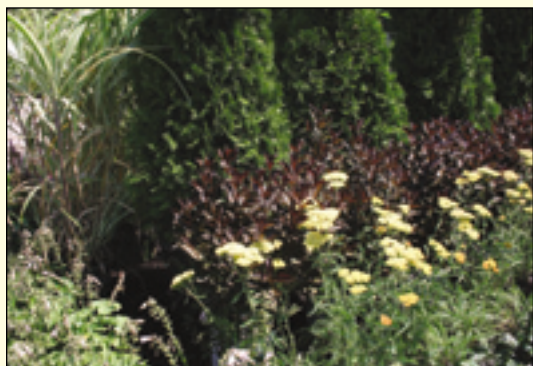
logs tend to smolder, while birch blaze up very quickly. Pine and spruce burn well, and produce a refrain of staccato pops and a shower of rising sparks that recall last summer's fireworks. The wonderful fragrance of evergreen logs reminds us that winter holidays will soon be upon us. Apple and cherry give off a fruity perfume, and hickory's savory smoke is sure to whet the appetite.

Be sure to build your fire at least fifteen feet from any structure, and even farther if the fire will be upwind. Contain it with a metal ring or dry stone, and clear all debris from the general area. Keep a bucket of water or sand nearby, or at least a shovel to smother the fire with soil. Use dry kindling and paper to start the fire - never liquid fuels. Stay with the fire the whole time, and don't leave it until all the coals are out and cold. Supervise pets and children.

Please buy your firewood where you plan to make your fire. Transporting firewood easily spreads exotic insects and disease that are damaging Ohio's forests, including gypsy moth and emerald ash borer. The US and Ohio Departments of Agriculture will levy fines of up to \$4,000 if firewood is moved from quarantined areas. Since these quarantines expand each time a new infestation occurs, it is best to be safe and buy your firewood at your destination.

*By Roger Bolger*

## Fall is for Planting



Yep! It was a scorcher! The summer heat may have prevented you from installing the trees, shrubs and perennials you've dreamed of adding to your landscape. But with the shorter days and cooler weather, Fall is the ideal time to plant - more in-tuned to the plants' well being...and to the gardener's as well. Right now we have a beautiful selection of nursery stock and some great discounts. Plant now to develop root systems that will withstand colder weather, and get a jumpstart on a beautiful display next spring! Our nursery experts will be glad to help you find the best plants for your landscape needs.

GALE'S PREMIUM

## POTTING SOIL



Whether you're potting mums, icicle pansies, or repotting houseplants indoors, we've created what we think is the best garden soil for the best price you can buy. 1.5 cubic feet only \$7.99! And if you buy one you get another bag for 50% off. Offers valid through 10/31/06.

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## *Fall Decorating:* In and Out

The rich colors of autumn make it a fun time of year to decorate both inside and outside, mixing natural elements with Thanksgiving and Halloween novelties. Rustic mums and icicle pansies are vibrant additions to landscapes and pots. A new wreath makes a warm welcome on your front door. Add a friendly scarecrow and it all comes together.

And plant! Now is the time when you give new trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs their best chance of developing hardy root systems to survive the winter, getting enough beauty sleep for a great show next spring.



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for our Annual  
Fall Festival!

Saturday, Sept. 30th  
Bring the Kids for an  
afternoon of fun and games!  
*(Details inside!)*



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