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Monthly Newsletter

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AMARYLLIS BULBS ARE IN !



This year's selection includes in White: Christmas Gift, Picotee & Snow Drift, in Pink: Charisma, Novella, Elvas, LaPaz & Paris, in Red: Splash, Cherry Nymph & Red Peacock, and in Orange: Orange Sovereign.

We also have Stargazer & Gironde Lilies.



NOVEMBER MEANS 25% OFF ALL POTTERY !

Raintree has a large selection of pottery, including Talavera.



A brief history of Talevera pottery:

The art of Talevera dates back to the 16th century town of Talavera de la Reina, Spain. Spanish monks living in Mexico sent for craftsmen to teach the indigenous people how to work the clay to decorate their monastery in Puebla, Mexico. Although each piece is unique to the individual artist, you can see the Italian, Spanish, Arabic & Chinese influence in the designs & techniques.

No other discounts apply for the 25% off pottery sale.

NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS

Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) is one of the easier trees to identify by its leaves. Sassafras leaves can have a mitten shape, with either a left thumb or a right thumb, or the sassafras leaf can be three-lobed, as shown in the photo. It can also have an oval, unlobed leaf. Usually, you'll see all three shapes on the same tree. The sassafras tree is a member of the laurel family so it has aromatic foliage.



The early Cajuns learned to use file' from the Choctaw Indians. File' is ground, dried sassafras leaves.

FALL HERBS

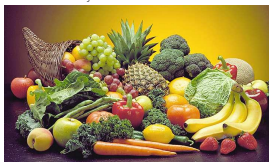
Excellent information to be found in your 'Get it Growing' Calendar. In case you haven't had the chance to glance, some of the herbs to plant this month are: Borage, Chervil, Cilantro, Dill, Fennel, Parsley, Bay, Beebalm, Burnet, Catnip, Chives & Garlic Chives, Lemon Balm, Mexican Tarragon & French Tarragon, Mints, Oregano, Pennyroyal, Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Marjoram, Thyme, Winter Savory, Feverfew, Lavender and Chamomile.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE and WINTER HOURS

THANKSGIVING: We will be closed from Wed, Nov. 25 through Sunday Nov 29.

(Please call 1st on Mon & Tues, Nov 23 & 24 in case our plans change.)



WINTER HOURS: When we re-open, Monday Nov 30, our winter hours will be:
Monday, Thursday, Friday, Sat ...9 - Dusk
Sunday ...NOON - 4pm
Tuesday, Wednesday ...Closed

SARRACENIA



Sarracenia, pitcher plants, are native perennials with hollow leaves modified as passive insect traps. The typical pitcher plant habitat is nitrogen poor, acidic, and at least seasonally saturated. In the Southeastern U.S., pitcher plants are most common in bogs, and savannahs, and artificially created sites such as ditches and very shallow borrow areas. Sarracenia produces a graceful curved inflorescence with a single, large, terminal nodding flower.