



# CHRISTENSEN'S PLANT CENTER

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### Shorter days, longer nights, is it that time of year? Already?

You betcha! And there is no greater proof than the perennial lot. As many plants are getting trimmed back after summer bloom for fall, there are those that have waited patiently all season in their pots, their foliage just skimming the rim. I have weeded, watered, and cared for these little pots of nothing. As their summer flowering neighbors are starting to die back these little guys are starting to flourish, waiting for cooler days to come into their own. We have many varieties of fall flowering perennials to brighten up the landscape.



**'Hot Lips' Chelone**



Anemone, Asters, Sedum, Heliopsis, and the cheery yellow of the Goldenrod Solidago are all preparing for their season. Chelone (Turtlehead) is a snapdragon-like spikey flower that grows well in many types of soil. It prefers wet roots and filtered shade to shady location.

Will accept full sun if the soil is boggy. Perfect for areas where soil is problematic. A fun fact for Chelone, in Greek Mythology, she was a nymph or a mortal woman who was changed into a tortoise by the gods. "Khelônê" means "tortoise" in Greek, and the tortoise was a symbol of silence in ancient times. Another option for a shady spot is any variety of Tricyrtis (Toad Lily). Always a great choice with their Orchid-like bloom and glossy green foliage.

If you are a regular at the Plant Center you will notice an upcoming shift happening. Plants are starting to be moved into different locations. The ground cover house will start to be emptied. You know what that means!! MUMS!! The beginning of September is our big Mum time. These Belgian Mums are specifically grown for us at the nursery, guaranteeing them to be sturdy, hardy, and colorful and just what we all want!

Fall is also the time for your bulb order. Flyers have been mailed and there is an order form located at our main counter. Early bulb orders are always at a discount so don't delay with your order!



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