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## Newsletter July 11, 2012

### Petal Postings

Welcome flower friends!

This week marks the first appearance of Statice and Zinnia. Zinnia is an old fashioned flower that is too often over looked. The colors are so bright and cheerful. The Zinnia in your arrangement this week is California Giants. We have three more varieties that are ready to bloom any day now. Take a look at the petals on the Zinnia in your arrangement. It never ceases to amaze me that from one tiny seed comes such a work of art in color and form.

Statice is another hard worker—it is beautiful fresh or dried. We are so pleased with this flower that we intend to grow huge beds of these next year. The flowers are so tiny and unique, they are a joy to look at.

The Rudbeckias are starting to bloom and this week we have for you Prairie Sun with Cherry Brandy and Autumn Colors up and coming. The most common Rudbeckia is the Brown Eyed Susan. We have chosen cultivars that are much larger in size with a broader color spectrum.

Verbena is a small but mighty flower that adds an airy purple glow to our bouquets. This flower has been a favorite of mine for years.

You know, it is so easy in this weather to over compensate for what Mother Nature is not delivering. In an attempt to "baby" my gladiolas, I introduced diseases by over watering. Fortunately my partner, Cheri, had just the thing in her organic arsenal to take care of the "rusty" look to the leaves—I applied a copper mix and the Glads seem to be coming out of it as the first few flower spikes have appeared—thank you Cheri.

### In your Bouquet

Hydrangea (pink & white)	Nigella
Snapdragons	Statice
Oriental Lilies	Queen Anne's Lace
Liatris	Zinnia
Bells of Ireland	Coreopsis
Blupleurum	Phlox
Rudbeckia—3 types	Russian Sage
Verbena bonsariensis	

