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Newsletter
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Petal Postings

Welcome flower friends!

Exciting News! I have begun work on my own cooler at Collie Flower Farm. Cheri has one at Beaver Creek Gardens and I have been taking the flowers over to the walk in cooler on Tuesdays to make bouquets on Wednesdays for you. Having that cooler time helps the flowers last longer and having my own cooler means I can pick the flowers at their peak each day.

Our goal is to have your arrangement last 5 to 7 days. Not all flowers will have the same vase life. To keep your flowers looking great, change the water daily and add a few drops of bleach and remove any dead flowers. Placement also is a factor in the vase life of your bouquet. Flowers placed in direct sun will shorten the life of your arrangement. Ethylene gas which is given off, by ripening fruits and vegetables, can effect the life of your flowers. Placing your vase on the kitchen table with ripening bananas on the counter could affect the life of your blooms.

This is the last week for Lilies. I have my eye on several new varieties for next that will extend the bloom season from June to August.

Also notice the unusual striped seed pods of the flower "Love in a Mist" (Nigella). I also hope you enjoy the first Sun Flowers of the season.

In your Bouquet

Nigella Seed Pods

Statice

Oriental Lilies

Bells of Ireland

Blupleurum

Rudbeckia— 4 types*

Verbena bonsariensis

Purple Texture

Zinnia

Baby's Breath

Sun Flowers

Russian Sage

*four types of Rudbeckia are pictured to the right,
Prairie Sun, light yellow petals with green center
Gloriosa—brown center
Autumn Colors—deep rust colors
Cherry Brandy—deep red

