

# Collie Flower Farm

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**Newsletter**  
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## Petal Postings

### Welcome flower friends!

Here at the farm, the collies and I have really enjoyed the break in the weather! We have had some rain and welcome cooler temps.

The Rudbeckia's continue to bloom like crazy. We had visitors and they enjoyed seeing these in the field. I've read they bloom when the days are long, ( day sensitive), so it will be interesting to see how bloom production is affected as the days get shorter towards fall. I find these flowers fascinating. The color variations are beautiful. I have even found 2 more varieties to try next year, Cappuccino, and Cherokee sunset.

The Zinnia's are also coming on strong. I am trying a new organic post harvest treatment to the Zinnia's as they are cooling in the 5gal buckets in Cheri's Coolbot. These flowers are susceptible to bacteria so good practices are essential! Clean buckets, clean tools, and cool, clean water. The treatment acts as an anti- bacterial and food to help increase water to the stems. Let me know any feedback. Do change the water often and re-cut stems as needed.

We are starting to harvest several types of sunflowers. The larger a gold/red bi-color, a rusty autumn hue, and a gold powder puff called "Teddy Bear" I love the bright Zinnia's, but the autumn colors of Rudbeckia and Helianthus,( sunflower), are pretty showy too .

### In your Bouquet

**Foxglove**  
**Statice**  
**Zinnia**  
**Rudbeckia— 3 types**  
**Russian Sage**  
**SunFlower -**  
**Bi-color**  
**Teddy Bear**  
**Autumn Gold**

### At Parker Hannifin Health Fair

