

# Collie Flower Farm

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## Petal Postings

Welcome flower friends!

It has been a crazy and short spring. 80 degrees in March and the heat and dry conditions lately have been playing havoc with flower growers across the country. I had planned on using my perennials and late bulbs to start our season while waiting for the annuals to mature and blossom. Unfortunately all my flowers are blooming at least 3 weeks early. I have 75 dahlia tubers and 100 lilies coming up. I had to construct chicken wire protection for them after the rabbits started munching on the lilies. I lost a dozen lilies to those rascals.

Meanwhile, the newly expanded beds are fully planted and drip tape installed to irrigate. Thank goodness for the drip tape and our well water! Ron Doetch of Beaver Creek Gardens has set up the irrigation system in the meadow. I pump water out of the pond sending it to a retaining tank at the top of the hill. Gravity sends it downhill to water the beds through the drip tape, wonderful thing that gravity!

We also have two Daisy Girl Scout troops learning about flowers and the Girl Scout Law. The girls are 5 and 6 years old and they have each planted a 70 foot row of California Giant Zinnas.

As we start the season, here is a list of the pick locations and times:

Woodstock—Collie Flower Farm, 1104 Alpine Lane, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays

Beaver Creek Garden Farm pick up—Fridays from Noon to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to noon Saturdays

McHenry—White River Junction, 1242 Green Street, from 3 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Crystal Lake—First Congregational Church, 461 Pierson Street, from 5 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays

### In your Bouquet

Monarda 'Bee Balm' (red & purple)

Pink Hydrangea

Hosta flowers

Ferns

Asiatic Lilies

Yarrow

Butterfly Weed

Fern Leaf Delphinium

