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GET A HEAD START ON THE HOLIDAYS!

We offer an exciting array of items for the gardener on your gift list. We also stock a wide variety of feeders and birdhouses that are sure to make memorable gifts this holiday season.

We've just added custom and ready-made gift baskets to our list of popular offerings. Look on Page 3 for details.

If you're uncertain about what item to choose, consider a Habersham gift certificate. They allow the recipient to purchase any plant material or merchandise in stock at Habersham Gardens and are available in any dollar amount. Ask us about them!

EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH ART IN THE GARDEN

Is your garden a continuous riot of color, or is it a peacefully monochromatic shade garden? Plant materials are highly personal choices and go a long way toward dictating the overall mood of your outdoor space. But when it comes to true self-expression, nothing beats garden art. From classic statuary and Victorian gazing balls to whimsical sculptures and colorful folk art, Habersham Gardens has an adornment for every place and personality.

Among the embellishments we stock are handmade, one-of-a-kind items that are sure to be a wonderful addition to your garden, sunroom or home. We'd like to introduce you to a few of the talented artisans represented in our gallery and tell you something about the medium in which each one works.

William O'Callaghan

Though born in Ireland, this talented potter today lives in Massachusetts and sells his artwork in his own shop, "The Mad Potter."



O'Callaghan's unique clay creations have a special appeal to anyone who loves primitive art. He uses ancient Celtic motifs in his pottery, blending

them with designs from what is known as the megalithic style. Dating back to the late stone age, megalithic art refers to a tradition that once flourished in western Europe and is characterized by spiral and circular designs carved in stone.

Michael Suter

Known as "Catfish Man," Michael Suter is a young North Georgia folk artist. He often paints on wooden surfaces, incorporating both patterns and figures into his work.

His colorful compositions reflect whimsy and humor and can be displayed either indoors or out. (Continued on Page 2)

COUNT ON CAMELLIAS!

Not only are camellias evergreen and shade tolerant, but planting a variety of different cultivars could provide you with a succession of blooms from November through April. Flowers are large, beautiful and showy. What gardener could resist the opportunity to enjoy a colorful landscape during the grey days of winter?

Two species of camellias are commonly available; *Camellia japonica* and *Camellia sasanqua*. *Sasanquas* range from 5 to 10 feet and (cont'd)



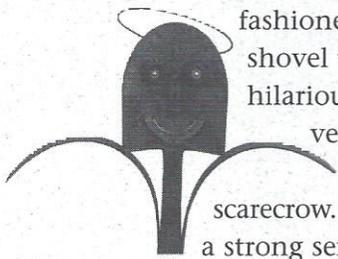
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Jim Shores

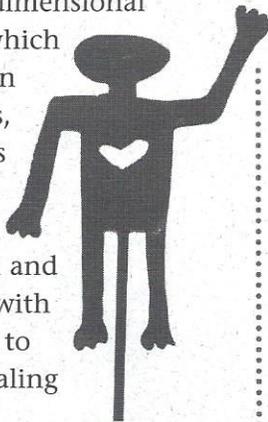
If you want to endorse the recycling movement in a light-hearted way, nothing beats the sculptures of artist Jim Shores. A native Georgian, Shores works primarily with found objects, most of them metal. He finds a special enjoyment in creating a new life for society's throwaways.

Many pieces are caricatures and figures, like "Earth Angel," cleverly fashioned from a shovel to create a hilariously modern version of the traditional scarecrow. Others convey a strong sense of spirituality. All are perfect for introducing the elements of humor or surprise into a garden.



Judie Bomberger

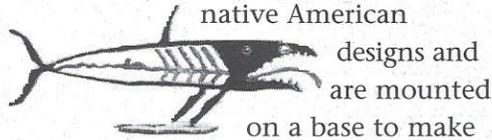
Wit and whimsy are the specialties of self-taught artisan Judie Bomberger. Although she works in several mediums, Habersham carries Judy's line of two-dimensional metal characters, which make perfect garden ornaments. Rabbits, cats and caricatures of human figures are humorously represented in iron and have been treated with an oxidizing agent to give them an appealing weathered look.



Because these characters are wonderfully simplistic and inexpensive, they work well as a collection – whether you cluster them in a group to make a vignette or scatter them throughout the garden.

J.R. Peterson

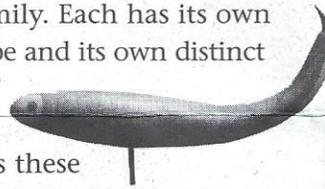
This talented artisan works exclusively in metal, using a variety of techniques to vary the texture of its surface. His pieces often include



native American designs and are mounted on a base to make them free-standing. Peterson is a graduate of both Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design. He currently lives and works in a rustic cotton mill.

Janie Wright

This artist's medium of choice brings new meaning to the term "garden art." Janie Wright paints on gourds, many of them grown by her own family. Each has its own unique shape and its own distinct "blemishes,"



and Janie incorporates these into her painted patterns, adhering to Mother Nature's own design.

A specialty of hers is playfully painted fish, which follow the natural form of the gourd and are mounted on a rod and base. These are meant to be displayed indoors, and they make a splendidly unusual gift for vegetable gardeners and fishermen alike.

CAMELLIAS

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are the more sun tolerant of the two, accepting up to three-quarters of a day of sun. They are also less hardy than *Camellia japonica*, so plant them in a protected spot. The flowering season ranges from September to December, depending on the cultivar.

Camellia japonica can reach 12 feet at maturity and partial shade is an essential cultural requirement. Bloom time ranges from November through April. While buds are frost-tolerant, open flowers are not – a hard freeze will turn them to mush. Luckily, flowers open slowly over a long period, so once the weather warms again, more buds will open.

Plant camellias in acid soil (a pH of six or under), mixing in plenty of organic matter. Mulch heavily to boost cold-hardiness. You'll find camellias to be low-maintenance shrubs, seldom needing spraying. A light pruning or shaping can be done, if needed, right after flowering. Why not plant a camellia this fall in anticipation of spring?

Habersham currently has in stock these named varieties of *Camellia japonica*:

- ❁ 'Daikagura.' Double flowers of rose pink with white blotches. Blooms mid-season.
- ❁ 'Prof. Charles Sargent.' This mid-season bloomer features brilliant red blossoms.
- ❁ 'Reverend John Drayton.' Semi-double, pink flowers. Blooms mid-season.
- ❁ 'Kumasaka.' Double, rose pink blossoms with white streaks. A cold, hardy, mid-season bloomer.

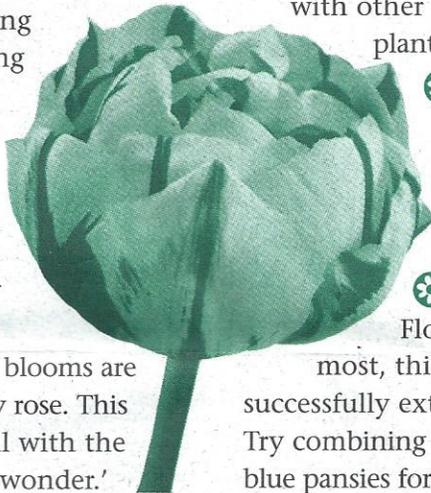
"Under the influence of all this loveliness, almost I am persuaded to love autumn best, and forget a life-long allegiance to the springtime of the year. Such infidelity could be brought about by nothing less than a month like this... Michaelmas daisies glory in it."

-E.V. Boyle
October, 1899

DOUBLE FLOWERING TULIPS!

A New Look for an Old Favorite

Habersham invites you -- even dares you -- to try something different in your spring garden! It's bulb planting time, and we've decided to limit our line to double flowering tulips. Exotic and intriguing, these April bloomers are also known as peony tulips and they're definitely on our list of favorites. We suggest that you plant plenty -- some for the garden and some to bring indoors. The extra-strong stems of these double flowering hybrids make them especially good for cut-flower arrangements. Here's a few named varieties -- come in to see the rest!



❁ **Angelique.** Fragrant blooms are a pale shade of dusty rose. This variety pairs off well with the deeper rose of 'Maywonder.'

❁ **Carnaval de Nice.** White flowers striped with red. Add a few bulbs of the brilliant red 'Miranda,' and watch your spring garden shine!

❁ **Gold Medal.** Pure yellow flowers are a natural to pair with Johnny-jump-ups.

❁ **Lilac Perfection.** Softly shaded, lilac blossoms will absolutely shimmer when underplanted with purple pansies.

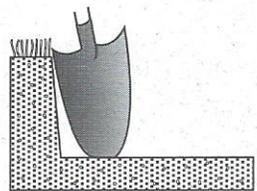
❁ **Mount Tacoma.** Creamy white flowers to mix and match with other colors, or to under plant with bi-colored pansies

❁ **Miranda.** Brilliant red blooms on one of the fullest doubles. Plant with deep blue pansies.

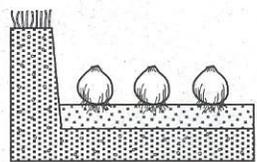
❁ **Renown Unique.** Flowering later than most, this pale pink variety can successfully extend the spring season. Try combining these bulbs with pale blue pansies for more pastel shades.

- ✓ A general rule is that planting depth should be three times the diameter of the bulb. With tulips this will be about five inches.
- ✓ In the South, plan to have your bulbs in the ground by the first of December.
- ✓ Don't line up your bulbs like tin soldiers all in a row! For the best effect, plant in generous drifts (at least 20 bulbs).
- ✓ Try overplanting tulip bulbs with pansies or violas of a complementary color. Tulips will easily push their flowering stalks through these annuals, making a stunning spring show.
- ✓ Since tulips are, at the best, short-lived perennials in the South, you can plant them very closely together -- even bulb to bulb -- for the effect of abundance or to allow extras for cutting.

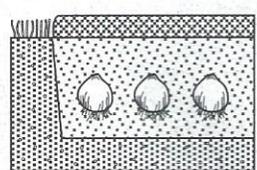
TIPS FOR PLANTING YOUR TULIPS THIS FALL



Dig to a depth of 3 times the diameter of the bulb.



Plant the bulbs after the bottom layer of soil is broken into a fine consistency.



Cover the bulbs, water thoroughly & mulch to minimize fluctuations in temperature/ moisture.

In the South, it's best to regard tulips as annuals that must be replanted each fall, just as we do with pansies. Atlanta's climate does not provide sufficient cold to force tulip bulbs into dormancy, so the bulbs are prematurely depleted of stored food and typically flower poorly or not at all the second year. Planting new bulbs each year, however, gives you the opportunity to experiment with different color schemes and companion plants.

It's so easy to plant tulip bulbs while you're planting other fall annuals that the pay-off is well worth the effort. Consult with the Habersham staff for specific planting tips.

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS IN STOCK!



Habersham now offers attractively packaged gift baskets with a gardening theme. We keep a few ready-made baskets in stock to accommodate busy, "last-minute" shoppers, and we also create custom baskets to your personal specifications.

If your favorite gardener is hooked on perennials, consider plant markers, gardening gloves, hand cream and knee pads for your basket. Or, if you're giving a gift to a container gardener, consider packaging it in an unusual pot and including small hand tools, small pieces of garden art, windchimes and paperwhite bulbs. We can also help you carry out a theme that's based on a particular season or holiday. The possibilities are endless!

Extra-Early Bloomers... Plant Them Now and Avoid the Late-Winter Blues

Believe it or not, it's possible to have flowers in your garden during every month of the year. Habersham currently has in stock a variety of shrubs and perennials that will bloom for you from late January to March, depending on the weather in any particular year. It's not too late to plant, so why not add one of the following to your garden?

Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis x intermedia*).

These can be grown as a small tree or large shrub, depending on the cultivar and how you prune. Since witch hazels are deciduous, the fringe-like flowers stand out well on the leafless branches. As an added bonus, they are very fragrant. Witch hazels can be grown in full sun or in partial shade.

Habersham Gardens offers the following named varieties:

- 'Arnold Promise.' Hybridized by the Arnold Arboretum, this fragrant cultivar features bright yellow flowers. With petals nearly an inch long, this is one of the showiest of the witch hazels.
- 'Diane.' Richly colored fall foliage precedes coppery red flowers on this lightly fragrant cultivar.

Winter Daphne (*Daphne odora* 'Aureo-marginata').

A choice, low-growing (to three feet), evergreen shrub for the shade garden. Leaves have creamy white edges and are attractive year-round. Rosy red buds appear in January and are nearly as beautiful as the flowers, which open to a lighter shade of pink in February or March. This shrub is intensely fragrant, so plant it near a walkway or entrance where you can

enjoy its perfume. Though sometimes temperamental, once you've had daphne in your winter garden, you'll agree that it's worth replacing if need be.

Lenten Rose (*Helleborus orientalis*).

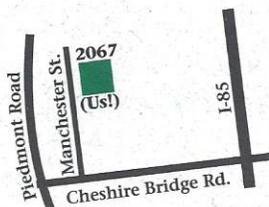
Evergreen, shade-loving and one of the earliest spring perennials to bloom – what more could any gardener ask for? Three or four plants will quickly turn into a large clump, making an attractive, year-round groundcover – especially in those difficult northern exposures where little else will grow. In good soil, this hellebore will reseed itself, extending your collection even further. Plant height is 12 to 18 inches.

The flowers can vary greatly, from near-white to pink or plum, but are nearly always speckled inside. This low maintenance plant requires only shaded conditions and an occasional watering during extended dry spells.



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