



August 23, 2022
 Contributed by Trish Reynolds

WHAT is GOING ON in MY GARDEN NOW

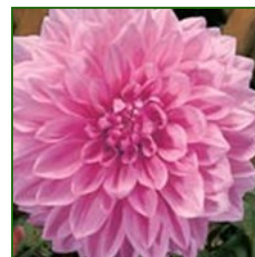
I just can't believe that summer 2022 is almost over.....here we are August 21 and already our gardens are looking a little tired....our summer perennials – day lilies, phlox, daisies and more — are done for the most part. And now we are starting to think fall. The sycamore tree leaves are getting crispy, and I have one or two Sugar Maples that are showing a bit of fall color.

So here are a few things to think about as we look at our gardens and decide what can we do to spruce them up for the fall!



Aster in Trish's garden

Plant some of the fall bloomers....but wait a bit before you run out and buy them....when you do be sure to follow Susie Middleton's advice from our last issue....check to be sure the plants aren't root bound. Some of my favorites: Sedum, pansies for containers, Japanese anemones, asters, chrysanthemums, dahlias (think District I Flower Show), goldenrod, sunflowers, and rudbeckia.



Pink dahlia¹

Fall soil will still be warm from weeks of summer sun. Roots will grow quickly and become well established before the ground freezes. **A fall head start** results in bigger and healthier flowers than those planted in the spring or summer!

Now is also the time to be **ordering your bulbs for the spring**: tulips, daffodils, iris, peonies. Also if you have divided your iris you should be planting those tubers for new plants next spring.

My favorite vendors are Colorblends, John Scheepers, Van Engelen, Eden Brothers, Tulip World. I have already placed my order but will not be planting them until November.



Daffodils in Trish's yard



For those of us who **plant fall vegetables**, we are at that point where we can get started....lettuce, beets, carrots, radishes.....and my favorite source here is Johnny's Seeds.

Figure 1 Photo Source: <https://flourishingplants.com/plants-that-like-to-be-root-bound/>