

## Blooming At Joe's Greenhouse

Few people get to experience the number and variety of blossoms available at Joe's Greenhouse daily. I do. And this spring I was almost overwhelmed with the number of plants bursting into unique color and fragrance.

Although we chose to focus on two really great color choices in this newsletter, I wanted to share some of the other beautiful blooms I experience here at Joe's. Warm weather, bright colors, new growth....it just makes me smile. Hope it does you too! Thanks for sharing with me!

Happy Spring!  
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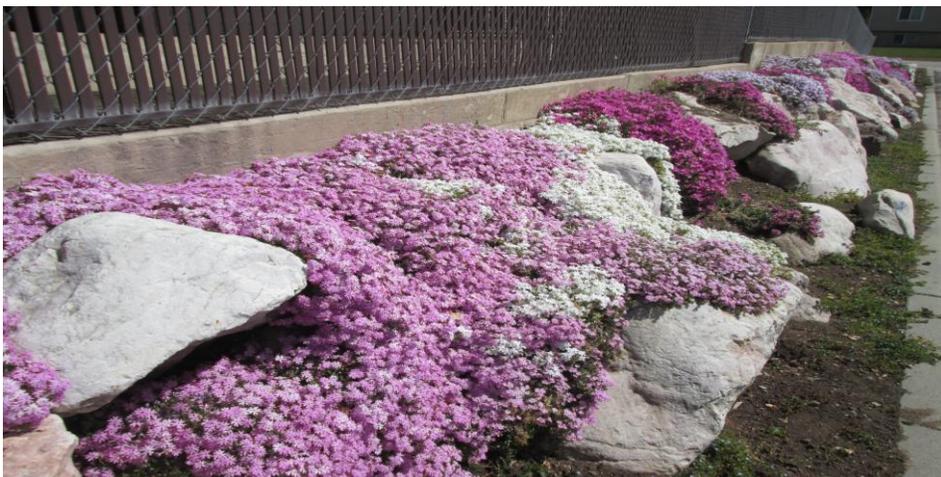
# Creeping Phlox

## The Color of Spring

Spring is the perfect time to start getting out more around the neighborhood. Walks around the block, taking the kids to the park, maybe driving home from work with the windows rolled down for the first time this year are all pieces of the springtime mosaic in our community.

As you have been paying a little more attention to the sights and sounds around you this season, have you noticed the gorgeous bunches of star-shaped blossoms spilling out of your neighbors' rock gardens or borders? If so, you have been admiring creeping phlox, an early spring perennial favorite for our area, famous for its exquisite spring color and delicate prettiness.

Creeping Phlox forms a dense carpet of color around rocks, pavers, and borders, hides unappealing slopes, and cascades from low walls from about mid-march through June. It is a sun loving, easy-going ground cover that is fairly low maintenance. The plants can grow to about 6 inches tall with a 2 foot spread, allowing the foliage and blossoms to fill in unsightly areas without being overly aggressive. The best time to plant creeping phlox is now and it is available at Joe's Greenhouse in pink, purple, white and blue. Already blooming in beautiful masses of color, creeping phlox is a stunning shout out to early spring!



# Gaillardia

High Impact Blooms, Low Impact Care



Gaillardia has been chosen by the National Garden Bureau as its perennial highlight for the year 2015. And for good reason. This eye-catching cousin of the sunflower blooms heavily from summer through fall, doesn't mind the heat, and prospers with less water than most other high-performance flowers.

Gaillardias are unparalleled companions to ornamental grasses and you don't need many to make an impact. They also work well as bright, long-flowering fillers in young shrub beds. Gaillardia blooms can also bring unmatched color to annual and perennial flowerbeds.

Also, because each flower head grows on its own stem and lasts long, all gaillardia make great cut flowers.

**“Blooms June through frost”**

All gaillardias need full sun, good air circulation, and light, fast-draining soil. Gaillardias bloom from June through frost. You can get the most out of plants by nipping flowers off as they fade. While butterflies and native bees love gaillardias, deer and rabbits usually avoid them.

At Joe's Greenhouse we offer two excellent varieties of Gaillardia, Gaillardia "Burgundy" and Gaillardia "Goblin." For more information about Gaillardia, visit the National Garden Bureau's link at [http://ngb.org/year\\_of/index.cfm?YOID=40](http://ngb.org/year_of/index.cfm?YOID=40) or stop by Joe's Greenhouse today!



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