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PLANTING GUIDE

<u>Genus</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Blooms</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spacing</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Light</u>
Allium	flowering onion	May/June	varies	4-6"	4-6"	sun/p. shade
Amaryllis	amaryllis	6-8 weeks	24-30"	----	neck above soil	warm spot
Narcissus	daffodil	early spring	18-24"	4-6"	6"	sun/lt. shade
Eranthis cilicica	winter aconite	Jan-Feb	4"	10/sq ft	2"	shade/p. shade
Hyacinth	Dutch hyacinths	mid-April	8-12"	4-8"	6"	sun/p. shade
Iris siberica	Siberian iris	May	24-30"	18-24"	1"	sun/lt. shade
Peony	peony	May	30-36"	12-24"	1"	sun/lt. shade

Legend:

Sun = Full Sun, Lt-Shade = <25% Shade, P-Shade = <50% Shade, Depth = amount of soil covering highest portion of plant

Tips for your Lilies:

- ✓ Asiatic lilies are shorter and bloom earlier than oriental lilies, in May and June. Oriental lilies bloom in July and August. Both are drought tolerant, so they need well-drained soil. They thrive in sun to part shade. Handle the tender bulbs carefully to avoid injury or drying out.
- ✓ Ground covers that form thick mats can hurt lily bulbs as they are unable to penetrate the underground tangle of roots. Companion plants should keep the ground relatively open to air and sunlight.
- ✓ For best effect, plant lilies in groups of 3 or 5 identical bulbs. Add in organic matter. A pH of 6.5 to 7.0 is best. Plant them close to your home to protect them against deer.

Tips for your Iris:

- ✓ Irises need at least 6 hours of sun with well-drained soil. Without enough sun, they won't bloom. Water Bearded Iris only if it is extremely dry. Siberian Iris thrive in moist, but not soggy conditions.
- ✓ Work up the soil to insure good soil drainage, mixing in some compost and/or peat moss. Then make a small ridge of soil down the middle of the planting hole, place the rhizome on the ridge with the roots spread down both sides, fill the hole with soil, and pack it tight. Water thoroughly.
- ✓ Bearded irises have rhizomes that should be partially exposed, or thinly covered with soil. They may need to be propped up with rocks or stakes until the roots take hold. Plant your Siberian Iris deeper, covering the rhizomes with 1-2" of soil.
- ✓ Deadhead the blooms to direct energy to the roots and avoid having seedheads. Also clip the leaf blades in the fall, so that they're 4-6" long. People often cut them in a fan shape.

We have gardening information, links and events at www.Facebook/StokesEMGV and StokesMGV.org. StokesMGV.org/BulbSale has information on the Bulb Sale plus the informational handouts. There is a calendar of many local gardening seminars and events under Facebook's "Links + Calendar" and our website's Calendar page. You can contact us at semgva.nc@gmail.com. Happy gardening!