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Zone 3 Gardens Summer 2013 Newsletter

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"Mum" Special + Think Bulbs



Fall is coming.....

But first, let's talk about the last hurrah for color boosting a garden through "Indian Summer". This is where true gardeners shine because they relish their gardens every season of the year. And even though they may grow weary of watering during the hot flashes of August, a little work goes a long way for two of my blooming-into-fall favorites: Sedums (perennials) and Chrysanthemums (usually annuals, but the U of M has developed a "hardy mum".) Of course the latter takes less planning ahead and can be incorporated into any empty looking spot in the garden (more on our "mum special" in next column), but think about where a few Sedum could be added to your garden next summer for a fall punch.

The "Z3" Core Crew for 2013



Heather Hohenstein, Ellen Root and Andy Messerschmidt. Not pictured (planting/ cutdown team, usually) are Sally Schultz and Rachel Haaverson. Right now Ellen is on a great northern river canoe trip. We'll welcome her back in September!

Fall is also the time to think about how lovely it will be to have Tulips and Daffodils in the **spring** and perhaps some Alliums in the summer. I was pleased with the large Snowball Alliums as accents to a perennial garden (I planted 5 baseball-size bulbs last fall) and they made a quizzical dried flower bouquet too. Tulip and Daffodil bulbs are inexpensive and are so appreciated when the snow melts! We'll be ordering bulbs soon, so please let us know.

Pictured above are the current 3 color choices for annual mums. Lush 8" pots for \$5.15 ea.

Always the right time for Mulch

Zone 3 (now) loves mulch! We usually recommend a wood chip mulch – abundant in our territory. The coarse chip style breaks down slower, but the finer wood mulch doesn't distract from smaller, wispy flowers. Choose your color too. You'll enjoy these mulch benefits: Fewer Weeds, Water Conservation, and long slow-released Nutrients.

