

## LIQUID GREETINGS

### We're Back...

I had hoped that I wouldn't have to spend all of my first day being open after the summer hiatus with the hose in hand, trying yet again to get water to all the plants without tangling, kinking, or tripping over that rubber instrument of torture. (I am convinced that Hell is filled with kinked hoses.) I didn't, however, think that I'd be deluged.

Gustav skirted New Orleans, thankfully, but came to Little Rock with more showers of blessing than we really need.



Under the Porch

Little Rock summers truly lack moderation: it's always too hot, too dry, too humid, too wet, or too short.

It's easy to complain too much this year since we seem to have had all the *too's* at once, including too many weeds and too much green grass that requires too much mowing too late in the season.

There is good news, though. September looks to be a great month for planting, weeding, and enjoying our gardens again, as soon as it stops raining.

*Soggiu,*  
*Kathy*



Wet, Wet, Wet

### Fall Planting

It must be the instant gratification we crave that gets us out early in the Spring to plant our annuals and vegetables. We put them in and they grow for us, immediately.

But another equally satisfying gardening experience is waiting: waiting while roots establish, waiting while leaves die down and blooms fade, waiting while winter decimates the growth we all love, waiting for that little shoot that says, "I'm still alive."

Fall planting is for the patient.

For you patient gardeners, White Wagon Farm will again offer a selection of perennials, shrubs, crape myrtles and Japanese Maples for Fall planting.

I know. You just can't wait to start your planting now. So come on! It's a great time to plant.

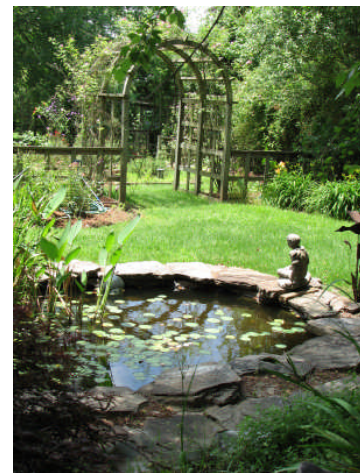
### Nursery & Gallery Hours

Sept - Nov  
Monday – Saturday  
9:00 – 5:00

### Water in the Garden

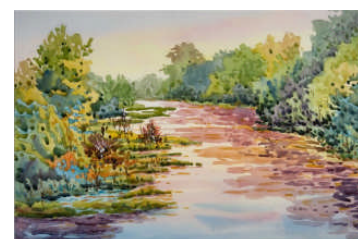
I know I've been grouching about the rain, and hoses, and other water-related subjects. But I haven't yet talked about intentional water in the garden: water features, ponds, fountains, bogs, etc.

Many plants that do well in normal garden conditions will also grow in pots either totally or partially submerged in the water. Cannas, water iris, Siberian iris, Japanese iris, houttuynia, Louisiana iris, and calla lilies, for example, can be grown with their pots submerged by a few inches. Just be sure to use heavy garden soil rather than potting soil, then top with gravel to prevent the soil from floating out.



### Sage House Gallery Corner

• **ART IN THE GARDEN** -- October 25-26, featuring art and gardening demonstrations, pottery clothesline sale of paintings and drawings, refreshments, etc. Stay tuned.



• David Cook has a one-man show at the River Valley Arts Center in Russellville from Sept 7-30.