

Resources for Specialty Cut Flower Production

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This resource list is a supplement to the comprehensive resource list on the Growing Small Farms website. That resource list is much more detailed and covers crops and livestock, cover crops, pest management, and much more. You will find the big resource list at <http://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/growingsmallfarms/resourcelist.html>.

Listserv

Join the listserv, or email discussion group, for cut flower growers created by the Chatham County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. This list is for cut flower growers only. To subscribe, send an email to debbie_roos@ncsu.edu and put "subscribe cut flower list" in the subject line. Once subscribed, you'll send your messages to cut-flower-growers@lists.ncsu.edu.

Books and Publications

Specialty Cut Flowers, 2nd edition, by Allan Armitage and Judy Laushman

Comprehensive reference on cut flowers, including annuals, perennials, bulbs, and woodies; includes instructions for field and greenhouse production of each variety, plus harvest and post-harvest handling guidelines. The second edition has been expanded and includes more color photos.

Approx. \$40; 585 pages, hardcover; order from ASCFG at 440-774-2887 and Growing for Market at 800-307-8949

The Flower Farmer: An Organic Grower's Guide to Raising and Selling Cut Flowers, by Lynn Byczynski

Comprehensive guide to starting a commercial flower business. Written by the editor of Growing for Market. Covers production, post harvest, arranging, marketing, list of resources, and more. Includes profiles of successful cut flower growers. Emphasis on organic production.

Approx. \$25; 224 pages, soft cover; order from ASCFG at 440-774-2887 and Growing for Market at 800-307-8949

We're Gonna Be Rich: Growing Specialty Cut Flowers for Market, by Frank and Pamela

Arnosky

Collection of the Arnosky's cut flower columns in *Growing for Market* from 1995-1998. The Arnoskys have over 15 acres of field production and 8 greenhouses, and are constantly trying new varieties and techniques. Written with a lot of expertise and humor!

Approx. \$25; 168 pages, soft cover; order from Growing for Market at 800-307-8949

Floriculture: Principles and Species, by John Dole and Harold Wilkins

Covers all of floriculture and includes bedding, potted and foliage plants in addition to cuts. Recommended for those who are doing greenhouse cuts.

Approx. \$90.00; 800 pages, hardcover; order from ASCFG at 440-774-2887

Field Grown Cut Flowers: a Practical Guide and Sourcebook, by Alan Stevens

Lear how to perform planting, care-as-needed and harvest activities from a labor management perspective. This book discusses marketing approaches, basic production factors, and management issues for the profitable production of specialty cut flowers.

Approx. \$40.00; 396 pages, hardcover; order from ASCFG at 440-774-2887

Ball Culture Guide: The Encyclopedia of Seed Germination, by Jim Nau

Provides in depth germination and scheduling information for professional floriculture growers on more than 160 of the most popular seed grown crops. Bedding plants, herbs, cut flowers, perennials, and ornamental grasses are covered.

Approx. \$42.00; 144 pages, soft cover; order from ASCFG at 440-774-2887

Ball's Perennial Manual: Propagation and Production, by Jim Nau

The manual is the first book on both the propagation and production of a wide variety of herbaceous perennial plants. Information is provided on producing crop form start to finish, regardless of whether starting from seed, plug, bare root transplant or cutting.

Approx. \$65.00; 12 pages, hardcover; order from ASCFG at 440-774-2887

The Winter Harvest Manual: Farming the Back Side of the Calendar, by Eliot Coleman

A guide to greenhouse production without the use of supplemental heat. Covers high tunnel site and design. Includes information on crops, harvest and planting dates.

Approx. \$15.00; 57 pages, soft cover; order from Eliot Coleman: Four Seasons Farm RR

14 Harborside, ME 04642

The Hoophouse Handbook: Growing Produce and Flowers in Hoophouses and High Tunnels, edited by Lynn Byczynski

This book covers design and construction of unheated hoophouses. It also includes recommended varieties of vegetables and cut flowers

Approx. \$15.00; 57 pages, softcover; order from Growing for Market at 800-307-8949 or email: growing4market@earthlink.net

Walking to Spring: Using High Tunnels to Grow Produce 52 Weeks A Year, by Paul and Alison Wiediger

Another useful guide on high tunnels/hoophouses. This book covers the construction as well as suggestions on what to grow.

Approx. 18.50; 100 pages, soft cover; order from Au Naturel Farm, 3298 Fairview Church Road Smiths Grove, KY 42171

Growing for Market, edited by Lynn Byczynski

Monthly newsletter for growers who direct market vegetables, fruits, herbs, and cut flowers. Most articles are written by farmers. Topics include production, markets, tools and equipment, organic production, farm management, and farm life. Includes a monthly article on cut flowers by the Arnoskys.

\$33.00 per year or \$60.00/2 years; order from Growing for Market at 800-307-8949 or visit their website at <http://www.growingformarket.com/>

Associations

Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers (ASCFG)

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ASCFG's **Southeast Regional Director** is **Leah Cook** from **Wild Hare Farm** in Cedar Grove, NC!

Websites

Growing Small Farms

www.growingsmallfarms.org

North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Chatham County Center

This is a 300+ page website focused on sustainable/organic production. Check out the cut flower links under the Web Resources section.

NCSU Commercial Floriculture

www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/floriculture

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA)

www.attra.org

Association of Specialty Cut Flower Growers (ASCFG)

www.ascfg.org

Growing for Market

www.growingformarket.com

Rutgers Floriculture Homepage

<http://aesop.rutgers.edu:80/~floriculture>

Plant Facts: Fact Sheet Database

<http://plantfacts.ohio-state.edu/>

Seed Companies

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

417-924-8917; Mansfield, MO

www.rareseeds.com

Carolina Seeds

800-825-5477; Boone, NC

www.carolinaseeds.com

Fedco Seeds

207-873-7333; Waterville, ME

www.fedcoseeds.com

Fred C. Gloeckner & Co., Inc.

800-345-3787; Harrison, NY

www.fredgloeckner.com

Geo Seeds

888-645-2323; Hodges, SC

Germania Seed Co.

800-380-4721; Chicago, IL
www.germaniaseed.com

Harris Seeds

716-442-9386; Rochester, NY
www.harriseseeds.com

High Mowing Organic Seeds

802-472-6174; Wolcott, VT
www.highmowingseeds.com/

Johnny's Selected Seeds

800-854-2580; Albion, MA
www.johnnyseeds.com

Modena Seed Co.

415-585-2324; San Francisco, CA
www.modenaseed.com

Park Seed

800-845-3366; Greenwood, SC
www.parkseed.com

Seeds of Change

888-762-7333; Santa Fe, NM
www.store.yahoo.com/seedschange

Sow Organic Seed Co.

888-709-7333; Williams, OR
www.organicseed.com

Stokes Seed Co.

716-695-6980; Buffalo, NY
www.stokeseeds.com

Territorial Seed Co.

541-942-9547; Cottage Grove, OR
www.territorialseed.com

Underwood Gardens

815-338-6279; Woodstock, IL

<http://underwoodgardens.com>

Bulb Suppliers

Bulbmark

800-868-0426; Wilmington, NC
www.bulbmark.com

Choice Bulb Farms

360-424-4685; Mount Vernon, WA

Ednie Flower Bulb, Inc.

800-24-Ednie; Fredon, NJ
www.ednieflowerbulb.com

Gloeckner and Co., Inc.

800-345-3787; Harrison, NY
www.fredgloeckner.com

Kankakee Valley Flowers

877-729-6040; St. Anne, IL
www.kankakeevalleyflowers.com

Johnny's Selected Seeds

800-854-2580; Winslow, ME
www.johnnyseeds.com

Leo Burbee Bulb Company

937-642-0511; Marysville, OH

Miedema Brothers, Inc. Gladiolus Farms

815-427-8470; St. Anne, IL

Royal Van Zanten

The Netherlands
www.royalvanzanten.com

Stuifbergen Bloembollen Export

816-524-0840; Lee's Summit, MO
www.stuifbergenbulb.com

Terra Ceia Farms
800-858-2852; Pantego, NC
www.terraceiafarms.com

United Bulb Co.
919-471-1362; Durham NC

Van Engelen Inc.
860-567-8734; Bantam, CT
www.vanengelen.com

The Waushara Gardens
715-335-4462; Plainfield, WI

General Supplies

A-Roo Company
800-446-2766; Seguin, TX
floral packing and sleeves

Action Bag Company
800-824-2247; Kingwood, TX
poly bags, tissue paper, cellophane wrap

A.M. Leonard, Inc.
800-543-8955; Piqua, OH
www.amleo.com
general farm and garden supplies

Berry Hill Irrigation
800-345-3747; Buffalo Junction, VA
www.berryhilldrip.com

B.F. Products
800-255-8397; Harrisburg, PA
support netting, wire

Coors Farm Supply
800-999-4573; Smithfield, NC
shade cloth, plastic mulch, reemay and other supplies

DripWorks
800-522-3747; Willits, CA
www.dripworksusa.com

Hardin's Wholesale

800-672-8226; Liberty, NC

floral supplies

Hummert International

800-325-3055; Earth City, MO

www.hummert.com

horticultural supplies including floriculture

Johnny's Selected Seeds

800-854-2580; Winslow, ME

www.johnnyseeds.com

floral sleeves, preservatives, silica, floral wire, general supplies

Market Farm Implement

814-443-1931; Friedens, PA

www.marketfarm.com

specializing in vegetable crop machinery from tillage to harvest

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply

916-272-4769; Grass Valley, CA

www.groworganic.com

Premier 1 Supplies

800-282-6631; Washington, IA

www.premier1supplies.com

electric fencing supplies

Robert Koch Industries, Inc.

303-644-3763; Bennett, CO

drying and preservation supplies

Tenax Corporation

800-356-8485; Baltimore, MD

support netting, bird netting and plastic trellis

Winstrip, Inc.

828-891-6226; Fletcher, NC

durable greenhouse growing trays

Wyatt-Quarles Seed Co.

800-662-7591; Garner, NC

www.wqseeds.com

soilless growing mixes, containers and inserts, organic fertilizers, greenhouse plastic films

Greenhouse Manufacturers

Atlas Greenhouse Systems
800-346-9902; Alapaha, GA
www.atlasgreenhouse.com

Agra Tech
800-901-0096; Payson, AZ

Haygrove Tunnels
Ralph Cramer
866-HAYGROVE; North Elizabethtown, PA
Ralph.cramer@haygrove.com
www.haygrove.co.uk

Jaderloon
800-258-7171; Irmo, SC
www.jaderloon.com

Stuppy Greenhouse Manufacturing
800-733-5025; North Kansas City, MO
www.stuppy.com