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Blooming Ornamental Grasses



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Jay Petrow



Jay's creative vision, coupled with his horticultural knowledge, produces extraordinary landscapes for his clients.

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The Garden in October

Greetings!

There are so many reasons to use ornamental grasses in your landscape but when the season changes, grasses come into their own and are a great complement to the red and orange colors of fall. For a few ideas on which grasses to use, scroll down and take a look at the following images...

Ornamental Grasses for Your Fall Gardens

You can use grasses in many different styles of landscapes and for a multitude of reasons that go beyond their aesthetics. They are the most deer proof plant that I can think of, other than ferns. They are mostly drought resistant though there are wetland varieties that prefer the soil moist, if not wet. They are a solid groundcover, keeping the weeds at bay.

But one of their most compelling features is that they create tremendous kinetic energy in the landscape, moving constantly in the breeze. This can be most effective along the coastline or in meadow like settings.

And all of these advantages are before grasses even bloom. Later in the growing season, feathery blooms cover many grasses in shades of yellow ochre, tawny wheat, wine red and brilliant pink. Mixed in with evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, the resulting combinations can be spectacular. Here are just a few...



Calamagrostis brachytricha, commonly called Korean feather reed grass, has beautiful pink seed plumes turning to a tawny wheat as the season gets colder. This species will grow in sun or shade and is used extensively on the High Line park in NYC.



Multiple species of grasses add great texture to the garden

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while the late autumn light illuminates these blooms differently throughout the day



Fountain grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*) mixed with evergreens and deciduous shrubs creates a tapestry of shapes and colors



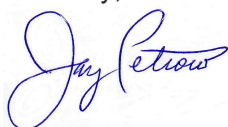
The golden seedheads of native Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) blooming behind purple tinged Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) in a simple meadow planting will provide food throughout the winter for many migrating birds.



Pink Muhly grass is the most spectacular ornamental grass, especially when planted en mass

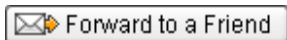
With so many ornamental grass species to choose from, there is one that will work in almost any part of your garden. If you need help deciding which one to use, don't hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,



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