

YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS...

Planning Your Home Bulb Display

Shopping for bulbs brings on a slew of emotions! Both excitement and terror at the same time. Here at Yew Dell, we plan our bulb designs in June each year for online ordering in July. Many of the companies that we use are strictly wholesale, selling bulbs by the hundreds or thousands. That being said, you can understand how designing displays using catalogs and ordering more than 20,000 bulbs online can make you feel, especially when you have to wait three months to plant them and five more months to see them begin to bloom! This level of planning is for those gardeners who are truly addicted to plants (or plan to be)! For people like us, there are a few online companies that will also sell to home gardeners. The print catalogs alone are stunning!

- <u>John Scheepers Inc.</u>: From the web: "A fourth generation family business, we're committed to providing you with the best Dutch flower bulbs at the best prices with personal service."
- <u>Brent & Becky's Bulbs</u>: From the web: "Since 1900, our family has been growing beautiful bulbs in Gloucester, Virginia. Our journey started with Brent's grandfather, a devoted lover of the Daffodil, moved to the area to start his farm. Since then, we've evolved to offer high-quality bulbs of all kinds, tropicals, perennials, annuals, supplements, books, and gifts."

Once you inevitably forget what you ordered online and decide you need a plant purchasing fix, you can also shop locally for bulbs. There is nothing better than walking into your favorite plant shop, touching all of the plants, and having your significant other look at you in loving judgement. This is a great option if you're just looking to fill a few containers or are just beginning to explore your budding interest.

- The Plant Kingdom: From the web: "The Plant Kingdom is a locally owned and operated retail garden center and consulting service in Louisville, Kentucky. Our mission is to provide our customers with the highest quality plants available and share our knowledge and experience as Horticulturists and consultants. We echo the message "right plant, right place" in order to help you make informed decisions when purchasing new plants and caring for existing ones."
- Wilson Nurseries: From the web: "Our Flagship Nursery: At Wilson Nurseries, we've been cultivating a love of gardening in our 4 acres of greenhouses and on our 25-acre campus in Frankfort for nearly four decades. A time-honored tradition of growing, unusual and unique, new and classic plants, has made us Kentucky's ultimate destination nursery and garden center. Created and nurtured with the energy, grit, continuous innovation and passion of our team of plant enthusiasts, we've married horticultural knowledge with uncompromising quality and inspired design to educate and entice you with every visit."

Happy plant shopping:)

-Sayde Heckman, Garden & Arboretum Manager