



# Betty's Bloomers Nursery

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## Come Help Us Celebrate!



Forty years ago this April Betty's Bloomers Nursery began operation. In 1968, with 5 kids (one still in diapers) Betty Hinkie decided to turn a hobby into a money-making venture. Who knew we would still be here a generation later growing and selling plants for many South-east Texas gardeners.

On March 29 & 30, and April 5 & 6 come join us as we honor our loyal customers with food, drinks and door prizes given away both weekends.

## What's in Season

All of the Nurseries and Garden Centers are busy with customers buying vegetable plants & bedding plants. Although it is important to get your new plants established before hot weather gets here, remember to be prepared to protect your

tender new plants if we have a late cold spell. If you are not willing to risk planting too early, purchasing hanging baskets or container grown plants may be easier to move into a warm area if need be.

Many people purchase Azaleas and Rose bushes when they are blooming to be sure of the color. You can find a good selection of varieties and sizes now.

## To Do List:

Lawns, trees and shrubs will give us the signal when it is time to fertilize as they start sprouting and "greening up" once again. Commercial or organic fertilizer will feed your plants and lawn sufficiently, the choice is yours. Just remember different plants need different types of plant food. Lawn or Foliage type plants need an extra amount of Nitrogen. Commercial fertilizers formulated for lawns usually are good for these. Organic fertilizers high in Nitrogen include Composted Manure, Cottonseed Meal, or fish emulsion. For blooming shrubs or bedding plants a higher concentration of Phosphorus will get a head start on giving you lots of color. Adding Bone meal to your soil will add this nutrient if you are wanting to use organics. Potash is a added nutrient to many mixed fertilizers. This chemical makes

plants stronger and give your plants healthy roots. A natural form of potash is wood ashes.

When you apply any type of fertilizer remember to water it in enough to dissolve all the particles and move the chemicals to the root area for the plants to take it in.

## Something Extra

There just aren't many old-fashioned retail grower nurseries left. 90% of nursery stock we sell is grown on the premises from cuttings or seed. Valuable information can be shared from the experience of growing your own plants, which we try to pass along to our customers. Many grower nurseries now specialize in certain areas or grow wholesale only for the garden centers. Mega Garden Centers may have plenty of blooming plants that will catch your eye, but they may not have any one who can tell you how they grow or where to plant.

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Happy Gardening!