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Fall 2006 Newsletter

Foliage & Greens – that wonderful material that adds volume, color and texture to arrangements, bouquets and displays. Leaf colors come in a kaleidoscope of tones ranging from yellow-green to gray-green and silvery shades, to blue-green and bronze, burgundy and other reddish tones. Then there are variegated patterns of green and yellow or green and white as well as green and red.

Foliage is available in many forms, shapes and sizes – long and thin, oval and round, lacey or feathery, with cones, seeds and fruit – the varieties are endless! These plants stir our imagination and keep us connected to the earth.

Fall is a wonderful time of the year, a great time to rediscover these botanicals. Bring them in to our homes and offices or to make them an important part of arrangements, displays and bouquets. Some of our Fall Favorites are:

- Leucadendron Safari Sunset (L. Laureolum x L. Salignum) has deep burgundy bracts, green and burgundy leaves and long stems. They are at their peak for picking during the late Summer and Autumn months.
- Leucadendron Jester has bracts and leaves in a rich red tone with a prominent green strip through the center. Young growth is predominately pink. Jester has an average stem length of 26-28 inches.
- Grevillea Ivanhoe, an Australian Native, is a member of the Protea family. Ivanhoe has deeply divided green, jagged foliage with bronze colored tips. This foliage makes an excellent florists' backing material and filler; and is extremely long lasting.
- Eucalyptus – don't forget about this great foliage. There are many great varieties: Silver Dollar, Gunnii, Seeded, Baby Blue, Moon Lagoon, just to mention a few. Eucalyptus is wonderful in bouquets and perfect for holiday wreaths.

Fall's harvest of foliage and greens is abundant – they look great alone or mixed with flowers. Enjoy this wonderful season and make it a time to rediscover Mother Nature's gifts.



Nature's Pageantry

What's Hot???

Pods, cones, fruit and berries..... They seem to be everywhere these days. These non-flower botanical materials add texture and color to designs.



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For example, Protea Pods or sometimes called "Protea Flats" were recently discovered throughout the pages of *Florist's Review* magazine. They are great when added to

fresh or dried arrangements and bouquets, useful in Fall wreaths and terrific in topiaries.



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Fruit branches have also become very popular this Fall. Everything from olives, to persimmons, to lemons and pomegranates can be found. These fruits of the field are fun to work with, they add color and texture and some (like the lemons) even

smell great. Combining flowers with fruit, pods and cones will certainly delight anyone with a love of the land.

Eximia Foliage

A wonderful new botanical to add to your Fall foliage inventory! Protea Eximia (previously Protea Latifolia) has beautiful broad grey-green leaves - most of the year! However, in the Autumn the leaves take on Fall tones of rust, orange, yellow and green. There are five stems in a bunch with the stem length ranging from 24 to 28 inches. The vase life of 2+ weeks is a great selling point.



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