# UNDESIGNED: Key Components of Growing and Arranging, From Farmers' Markets to Weddings Sarah Macalpine, Two Birds One Stone Farm Nova Scotia, Canada



- We begin harvesting tulips from an unheated greenhouse in late March
- We attend our first farmers' market and send out the first bouquet in our 26-Week Bouquet Subscription the first week of April
- For the first six to eight weeks our subscribers receive bunches of 'specialty' tulips





IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE A MIXED BOUQUET!

Our customers love receiving bunches of peonies and sunflowers too.



## LATE-SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER

Ingredients:
More Tulips! Delphinium,
Campanula, Cerinthe, Sweet Peas,
Sweet William, Ranunculus,
Anemones, Stock, Allium, Peonies,
Snapdragons, Foxglove, Iceland
Poppies, Columbine, Lupins,
Blossom Branches, Lilacs, Spirea,
Bleeding Hearts, Bachelor Buttons,
Calendula









# **SUMMER**

Zinnias, Rudbeckia, Strawflowers, Celosia, Dahlias, Sweet Annie, Scented Geranium, Marigolds, Sunflowers, Nigella, Lady's Mantle, Chocolate Lace Flower, Amaranth, Sea Holly, Echinops, Cosmos, Craspedia, Hydrangea, Scabiosa, Gomphrena,



### FALL:

Dahlias, Lisianthus,
Ornamental Kale,
Eucalyptus, Amaranth,
Dusty Miller, Chinese
Lanterns, Statice,
Strawflowers, China
Asters, Rudbeckia,
Sunflowers, Snapdragons,
Millet, Wheat, Seed Pods,
Celosia, Grasses







## DESIGN NOTES

- Perfect your wrapping style
- Get to know the colour wheel and practice contrasting and analogous colour schemes
- Be mindful of combining textures as well as colours
- We always include some interest extending from the bouquet sleeve to add "butterfly

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# SELL THOSE FLOWERS!

- Bouquet Subscriptions go on sale Dec 1st, and we promote them for Valentine's Day too
- Hit up B&Bs and restaurants
   —We offer two sizes and a bulk bucket subscription
- Being a subscriber is being a VIP member to the farm
- Manage your customer's expectations and connect them to the season and your farm







### **GROWING FOR WEDDINGS**

# BRIDAL BOUQUET BASICS

- Hydrate and condition your stems
- Prep your ingredients
- Start with a colour or two or a tonal focus
- Determine the focals or leading roles, supporting roles, structural elements and texture—These can be interchangeable





# LEADING ROLES

- The stars of the show are often the largest flowers, but it doesn't always have to be the case
- Three is the magic number
- Focal flower faves: Dahlias,
   Peonies, Lisianthus,
   Ranunculus, Roses,
   Delphinium, Tulips,

### SUPPORTING ROLES

- Equally as important, these supporting ingredients let your stars shine and create interest
- Supporting Role Faves: Anemones,
   Stock, Madame Butterfly/Chantilly
   Snaps, Campanula, Foxglove,
  - Strawflowers, Lupins
    Echinacea, Zinnias,
    Hydrangea, Asters, Narcissus, Poppies
    , Rudbeckia, Dara, Blossoming
    Branches









### **TEXTURE**

- Combining contrasting textures engages the eye
- Fave Textures: Echinops, Sea Holly, Poppy Pods, Nigella Pods, Wheat, Millet, Grasses, Amaranth, Craspedia, Chinese Lanterns, Eucalyptus, Lady's Mantle, Astilbe, Gomphrena, Apple of Peru, Dusty Miller

### INLAYS ·

- Close to supporting roles these stems are often delicate and are used repetitively throughout an arrangement to create harmony within the composition
- Fave Inlays: Feverfew, Yarrow, Oregano, Stock, Hydrangea, Orlaya,





Bridal Bouquets should be captivating and guide the eye





# My Tips for Success:

- You are the designer! Approach this creative process with confidence
- It's okay to start over. Take breaks and know when to stop
- Give yourself way more time than you think you need
- Look in a mirror as you're designing and photograph your piece before you wrap it to see if it needs adjustments