

Dear Boscobel,

I love the beautiful flowers that grace my garden in summer. I am always sad when they start to fade. Can you recommend some flowers that will continue to bloom into fall? Signed, Wistful

Dear Wistful,

Keep your chin up...there are plenty of flowers that will continue to bloom into fall. In fact, my garden is full of color right now. Coneflowers, catmint, coreopsis, Russian sage and helenium continue to strut their blooms. The Mystic line of dahlias blooms until frost. The plants are stunning and seem to thrive in late summer when other dahlia varieties are withering.

Late - planted zinnias and cosmos add vibrant color to the late summer garden. Also, don't forget about asters. Their daisy -like blooms are a festive addition to a tired garden.

Finally, most roses have a second bloom in the fall. They add dazzling color to the beleaguered garden. If you plant one rose, why not plant my namesake? You won't be disappointed. So, grab your shovel and plant some late summer color in your garden.

Happy Planting, Boscobel











