

# Thomas Orchards, Greenhouse & Giftshop



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## Fall at the Orchard

Dear Subscriber,

It has been a BRUTAL Summer! We are all ready to usher in a cooler (rainier, we hope) season. This also means we will be filling our nursery with colorful annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs for fall planting. Those of us that have been in the South for a while know NOW is the best time to set out plants to get a head start on building a healthy root system for years to come--and also the easiest!

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**Fall Open House 2011**  
**Saturday, September 24th**

Let the fall planting season begin! We are celebrating the changing of seasons with a seminar at 1:00pm taught by Mike Sikes (horticulturalist for McCorkle Nurseries) that will give us all some needed insight on what to plant and when, along with some of the hot new plants on the market.

Afterwards, Stephanie Hudak, custom container designer and freelance writer, will be giving us tips and tricks to fix up our fall containers.

We will have refreshments to enjoy while you stroll thru the nursery checking out the new plants that have arrived! There will also be plenty of trees, shrubs and perennials on sale to tempt you to try them out--since it is the best time of year to plant!

### Blue Ridge Mountain Apples!!!

When Jerry starts making trips into North Georgia to bring back fresh picked apples, we know the seasons are changing. He will continue to make these treks until early winter every couple of weeks to get the freshest available. We usually have a minimum of 5-6 apple varieties to choose from. Right now we have Golden Delicious, Jonagold, Beni Shogun, Golden Supreme and Gala.

For more information on the apple varieties we carry along with approximate ripening times please visit our website [peaches and apples page](#).



Fall Apples

### Fall Gift Shop News

Our giftshop is undergoing its seasonal changes, too! We have new scarves, jewelery, handbags, tee shirts, gourmet foods and home decor to help dress up your homes for fall. Each gift is hand-picked by our giftshop manager, Eleanor Howington, and the owner Paula Thomas.

Also, we have just received our first fall shipment of hand-painted talavera pumpkins! They are a returning



Fall Linens



Talavera Pumpkins

customer favorite with several new designs.

Coming soon...Our Winter newsletter will have details about an evening event to usher in the Holiday Season!

Don't forget we are open year round now! Visit our website often for updates on our hours and events!  
See you soon!

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