



Rockport Garden Club Tips for Bulb Planting 2020

Prepare your soil well removing weeds and roots. Mix in lots and lots of organic compost. Depending on the variety of bulb you will need to dig down at least 6 to 8 inches.

Crocus The bees depend on masses of crocus for their nectar in spring. Best planted en masse at a depth of 4 inches and 2 to 3 inches apart. Wonderfully effective planted in clumps for your border. The **Tommasinianus Barr's Purple** is a vibrant amethyst violet with a gray exterior.

Daffodils Requires the most depth, planted at 6 to 8 inches and will continue to bloom for decades in a well drained site. Daffodils look best in the garden when planted in groups of 3,5,7,9 etc. planted 4-6 inches apart. The varieties of daffodils we have selected are all wonderful naturalizers and will repeat for years. **King Alfred** from 1890's is the classic trumpet daffodil the first to bloom with a height of 18-20 inches. **Cheerfulness** is a later blooming naturalizer. Cheerfulness is a fragrant award winner with clusters of small creamy white flowers with yellow flecks. Grows to 14-16 inches. (**Mt.Hood** is a white heirloom trumpet daffodil from 1921. The height of Mt. Hood is 18-20 inches.)?????

Tulips are similar to daffodils with a planting depth of 6-to 8 inches. Tulips generally don't repeat more than a year or two. Best to plant as an accent where you can continue to replace them every few years. The **Gudoshnik** is an award winning tulip in shades of red and creamy yellow. Grows to 24 inches. The **Green Wave Parrot** tulip is later blooming with a height of 20 inches and is pale mauve pink with green flames and a white base. **Sweet Sixteen** is an early bloom tulip and is short from 10 to 12 inches. This tulip is a ballerina pink with paler edges opening to a lovely pale pink.

Camassia Dates from 1888. A native of the Northeast and historically known as The Wild Hyacinth. Deer resistant, with flowers opening from the bottom to the top and loved by bees. **Camassia Cusickii's** height is 24-30 inches. Planting depth is 5 inches and 5 inches apart. Another wonderful naturalizer if left undisturbed. Camassia needs a bit more moisture than other bulbs. The shimmering pale wisteria blue is magical in the garden.

Allium Latin for Garlic and known as The Flowering Onions are rabbit, deer and rodent resistant. Alliums extend the spring season and offer the gardener a dramatic flowering sculpture that the bees, butterflies and pollinators adore. Alliums are also in need of well draining soil and full sunlight. The **Aflatunense Purple Sensation** allium will grow 24 inches tall and offer a flower ranging from 4-5 inches in diameter and likes a planting depth of 4 inches and 3 to 4 inches apart. The Allium **GlobeMaster** is a bulb whose flower can be a spectacular 10 inches wide. GlobeMaster needs a depth of 6 to 8 inches and 8 to 10 inches apart.

You can **layer bulbs** to achieve a stunning show in a smaller space and to save work. Begin with the deepest bulb, add two inches of soil for the next and continue on until you reach the top. The Dutch call this method **Bulb Lasagne**. Daffodil, Tulip, Allium, Crocus etc...

Happy Planting!
