

# CANETE Garden Center

## Monthly Newsletter

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#### Plant of the Month

**AMARYLLIS**  
(HIPPEASTRUM)



Of all flowering bulbs, amaryllis are the easiest to bring to bloom. This can be accomplished indoors or out, and over an extended period of time. The amaryllis originated in South America's tropical regions and has the botanical name Hippeastrum. The large flowers and ease with which they can be brought to bloom make amaryllis popular and in demand worldwide. The amaryllis comes in many beautiful varieties including various shades of red, white, pink, salmon and orange. There are also many striped and multi-colored varieties, usually combining shades of pink or red with white.

In preparation for planting the base and roots of the bulb should be placed in lukewarm water for a few hours. Plant bulbs in nutritious potting compost. Plant the bulb up to its neck in the compost, being careful not to damage the roots. Press soil down firmly to set bulb securely in place. Place in a warm place with direct light since heat is necessary for the development of the stems.

#### Care:

Water sparingly until the stem appears, then, as the bud and leaves appear, gradually water more. At this point, the stem will grow rapidly and flowers will develop after it has reached full growth.

After the amaryllis has stopped flowering, it can be made to flower again. Cut the old flowers from the stem after flowering, and when the stem starts to sag, cut it back to the top of the bulb.

#### Featured Recipe

##### GINGERBREAD

##### Ingredients

- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2/3 cup cold water
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Whipped cream

##### Directions:

Combine egg, sugar, molasses, butter and water; mix well. In a large bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, ginger and salt; add molasses mixture. Beat until well mixed. Pour into a greased 8-in. square baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until cake tests done. Serve warm with whipped cream.



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