



FIELD GATE FLOWERS
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It's the perfect time to plant perennials



Morning all. As I take my annual family holiday, the team back at Field Gate are reporting perfect perennials planting weather. At last – hurrah!

I've invested in a small selection of new perennials, and we've been taking cuttings and dividing ones we already have and want more of. Once you learn how to propagate plants from cuttings and other methods, it really becomes addictive. "Can I take a cutting?" becomes a common phrase when shown around someone else's garden. If you don't

already have some of these skills or would like to expand on them, join our annual autumn propagation masterclasses on 25th and 26th September. More on this and how to join in, below.

We have a number of weddings coming up, with September being a popular time for nuptials, so cutting and conditioning continues on the farm, with Chinese asters being the shining stars this month. As well as growing these in gorgeous tones of peach, apricot and cream, we have a vibrant purple variety which I can't remember ordering but with two requests this week for purple blooms, they've come at just the right time!

With so much going on at home, online and on the farm, I find that holidays are the times when I really get to sit down and plan, ponder and enjoy some headspace. I've been doing plenty of planning this week and with lots of new opportunities taking shape, you can be sure there will be more announcements in the coming weeks.

For now, enjoy whatever you're up to this weekend and that late summer sun.

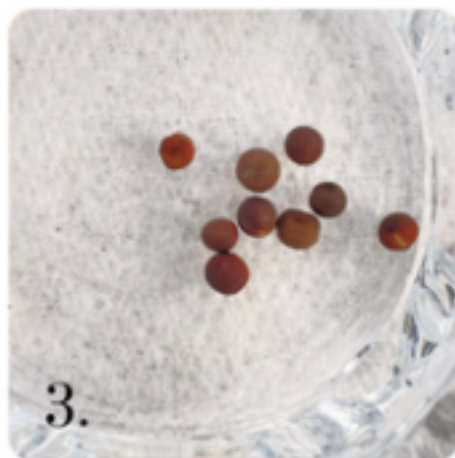
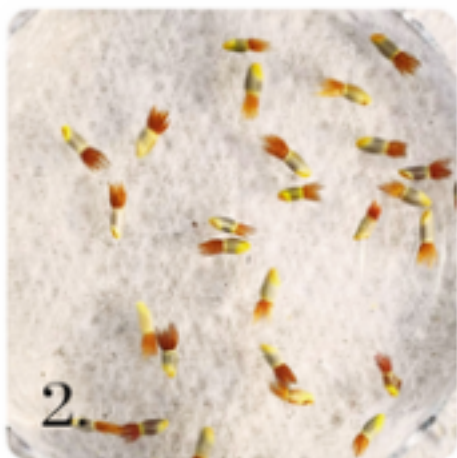
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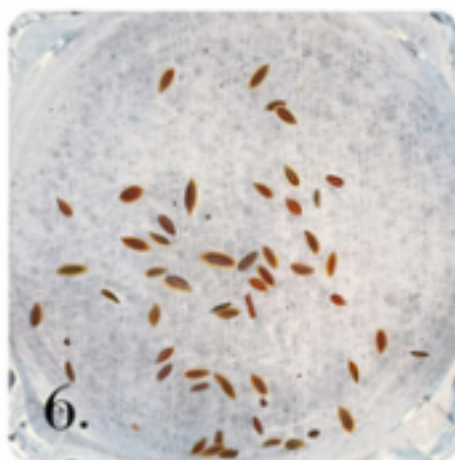
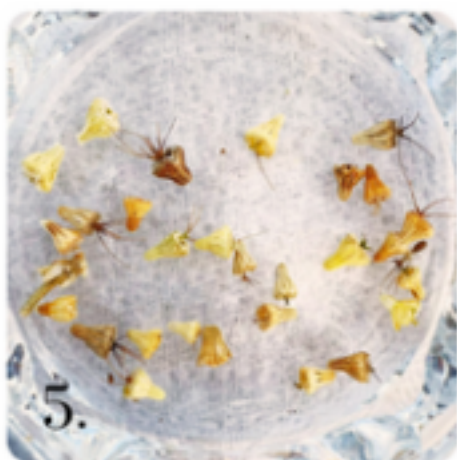
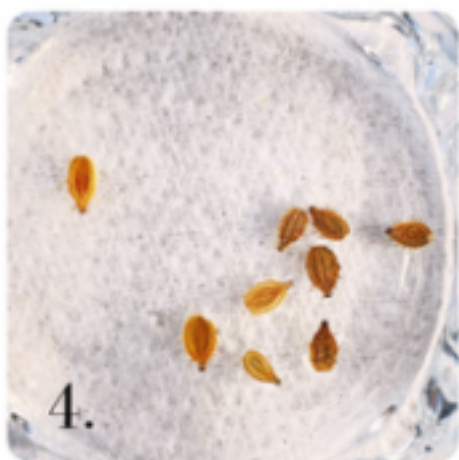
We've been having a bit of fun at Field Gate as hardy annual seed sowing continues... From the very smallest to quite unexpected shapes – plant seeds are designed to survive, spread themselves around and successfully germinate and they have evolved some fascinating and complex forms to fulfil their destiny. How many of these can you name?

Just for fun – answers in next week's newsletter!

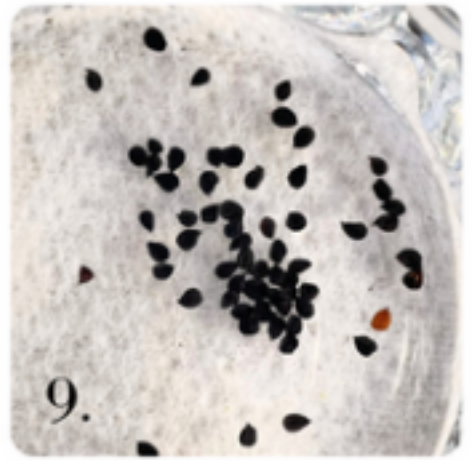
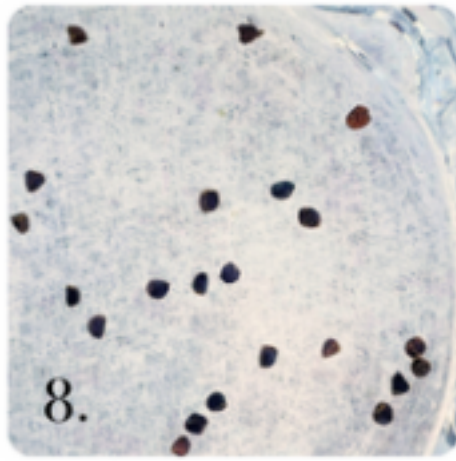
Let's start with some easy ones:



Now... a little bit harder:



And finally – these three may all be familiar, but can you decide which is which?!



THE CUTTING CLUB: PROPAGATION SKILLS FOR FREE

THE CUTTING CLUB

2 x 1-hour online propagation masterclasses
(free to join)

MASTERCLASS 1:
Thursday 25th Sept, 8pm

MASTERCLASS 2:
Friday 26th Sept, 8pm



Live in The Cutting Club Facebook Group (open from 22nd Sept)

It's September... and aside from chillier starts, autumn hues and unexpectedly warm days, it means that Roz's annual autumn PROPAGATION MASTERCLASSES are back! Roz and her very knowledgeable horticultural colleague and friend Alison Jones will be live on the evenings of 25th and 26th September, in our pop-up Facebook Group The Cutting Club: Plants for Free. The group will be open between 22nd September and 5th October but request to join now and you'll be one of the first in on 22nd. If you've attended these classes in the past you'll know that there's a wealth of information on propagation but Roz and Alison will cram in as much advice and teaching as they can during these sessions, as well as taking questions from the live audience.

The sessions are free to join and there will be propagation-related resources to download and link to in the run-up to the masterclasses, during and after. We hope to see you there and do please spread the word to others who'd like to learn how to make more plants... for free!

THE GREAT BRITISH FLOWER SCHOOL: a message from Roz and Ali

The Great British Flower School



It's with great sadness that at the end of this, our Summer 2025 season, we have made the difficult decision to close the doors to the Great British Flower School. We've wrapped up our workshop sessions and are currently finishing the summer 25 cohort of our online course programme.

We've had nothing but positive energy and encouragement and lovely feedback from those who have taken part in our courses as well as the free online workshops we've provided. And as those of you who have joined us on retreats and on-site workshops know, we have had lots of fun along the way! Lots of laughs and a strong support system for all our students. We are so proud of what we achieved in such a short space of time, and rightly so! But... this has been a big undertaking for both of us, and one which took us away from our core businesses and our families. So we've taken the decision to say a big well done and thank you, but move on to our next chapters - filled with flowers of course!



Don't worry - we are still here, in our own individual business capacities of Field Gate Flowers and Rambling Stems. We remain committed to sustainable growing, flower farming and floristry.

Roz will continue to run her flower farm, host The Cut Flower Podcast and teach, mentor and inspire growers, flower farmers and business owners all over the world... And Ali will continue to run Rambling Stems eco floristry – teaching, demonstrating and pushing for sustainable floristry practice across the floral industry and in the training of new florists.

Whatever your main interests and goals, we are here for you and you can continue to hear from us by emailing roz@fieldgateflowers.co.uk or ali@ramblingstems.co.uk and simply stating 'yes please, add me to your list for future updates'. We look forward to working with you in whatever role!

THE CUT FLOWER PODCAST: DAHLIA HYBRIDISATION WITH KRISTINE ALBRECHT



Hybridising dahlias – where to begin? Kristine Albrecht of [Santa Cruz Dahlias](#) is an award-winning dahlia hybridiser and flower farmer, growing over 1,800 dahlias on her urban quarter-acre farm in California.

She joined Roz over the airwaves to share her journey into dahlia cultivation and hybridisation, as well as insights into her unique approach to developing new dahlia varieties. Even the most fanatical dahlia enthusiast is likely to glean new knowledge from this fascinating insight into the art and science of creating new dahlia varieties and decoding their genes. If your dahlias are starting to pop seeds, listen in to find out what to do next!

[Tune into this episode of The Cut Flower Podcast here](#) and you can follow Kristine's progress and see all her new dahlia varieties on her Instagram account [@santacruzdahlias](#)

[The Cut Flower Podcast archive](#) now has several years of regular episodes, featuring Roz's conversations with growers, florists, photographer, environmentalists, horticulturalists and business mentors, as well as her solo 'Ask Roz' broadcasts.

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JOBS FOR THE WEEK



Plant new perennials: Now is the perfect time – the ground is still warm and recent rain has made weeding and digging a lot easier, plus your plants won't struggle to extend their roots. Plant now and they'll have time to establish before entering a period of dormancy over winter.

Find out your first frost date: First frosts differ across the country and sometimes even within a few miles. It's important to know when yours is likely to be so that you can get ready to cover or lift Dahlias and fleece or bring tender plants indoors.

Prepare your ground for spring bulbs: If you're planting large quantities of bulbs for cutting, you'll want to dedicate a space to them. This could be an area where you go on to plant annuals in late spring after the bulbs have finished their display. Make sure it's weed-free (remove all perennial weeds by the root) and add in some organic matter if you need to improve drainage.

Any questions? Ask me in my Facebook groups:

[The Cut Flower Collection from Field Gate Flowers](#) (for anyone passionate about growing cut flowers) [Growth &](#)

[Profit in your Cut Flower Business](#) (for flower farmers or those about to embark on a cut flower business)

Membership groups:

The Best Bunch

Growth Club.

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