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## Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian Mum is the Word!

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The fear factor is real in this zombie garden.

Photos Cynthia Brian

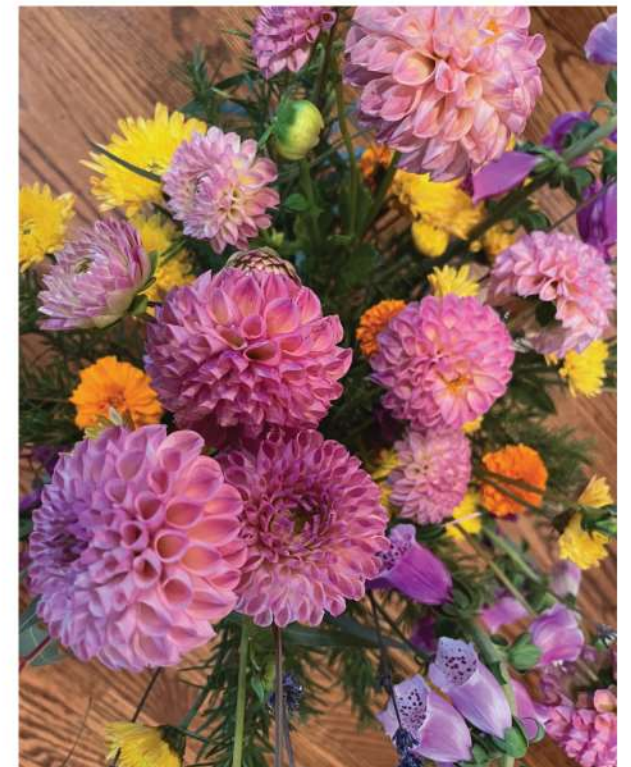
*"I go to visit the chrysanthemums. They are indeed, the most universal, the most diverse of flowers." Comte Maurice Maeterlinck, Nobel*

*Prize-Winning Belgian Author*

This Halloween while kids are prowling the neighborhoods as Wolverine, Deadpool,

Beetlejuice, Ghostbusters, Disney characters, or Taylor Swift, gardeners will be costuming their landscapes with the indomitable chrysanthemum. One of the most popular flowers in the world, "mums" as they are called, come in a wide variety of colors, shapes, and sizes. Blooming in fall when most of the garden is preparing for a long winter's nap, chrysanthemums are hardy, versatile, and vibrant.

Year after year, the mums in my garden bloom in shades of cream, yellow, purple, burgundy, and pink, attracting a plethora of pollinators. ... continued on Page OH6



Pink pompon mums in an arrangement with spoon yellow mums, rosemary, marigolds, and digitalis.