

It's a Gardener's World!

Now that the Garden Centres are open again, I've really enjoyed seeing everyone planting up their flower pots & hanging baskets with wonderful displays of brilliant colours to bring summer into their gardens.

My favourite has to be the Smiling Pansies!!! Pansies are well known as flowers with a "face" and it might make you smile if you look at it: it has two "eyes, a mouth and a tiny nose in the middle"!



The Pansy is named from the French word pensee, which means 'thought'. As a child I always called them "Happy Faces" and recently read that some feel the French probably named the Pansy that because the flower petals often resemble a human face when the flowers nod forward as if thinking.

Happiest flower in the garden is the pansy, without doubt.
As it unfolds its petals, it at times looks inside out.

Its varieties are endless, all its colours bright and gay;
blue and gold and mauve and red, it spreads along its merry way.

As it reaches out to greet us, with its happy smiling face,
it wishes us "Good Morning", peeking out from ev'ry space.

See gladsome faces ev'ry where in an infinite array;
orange, pink, yes, yellow, too, I can't wait until this May.

At this difficult time, when we still feel anxious & find life challenging, the sight of these
little happy faces can cheer us up!

My message this week is, when you see a pansy smiling at you,
SMILE BACK!