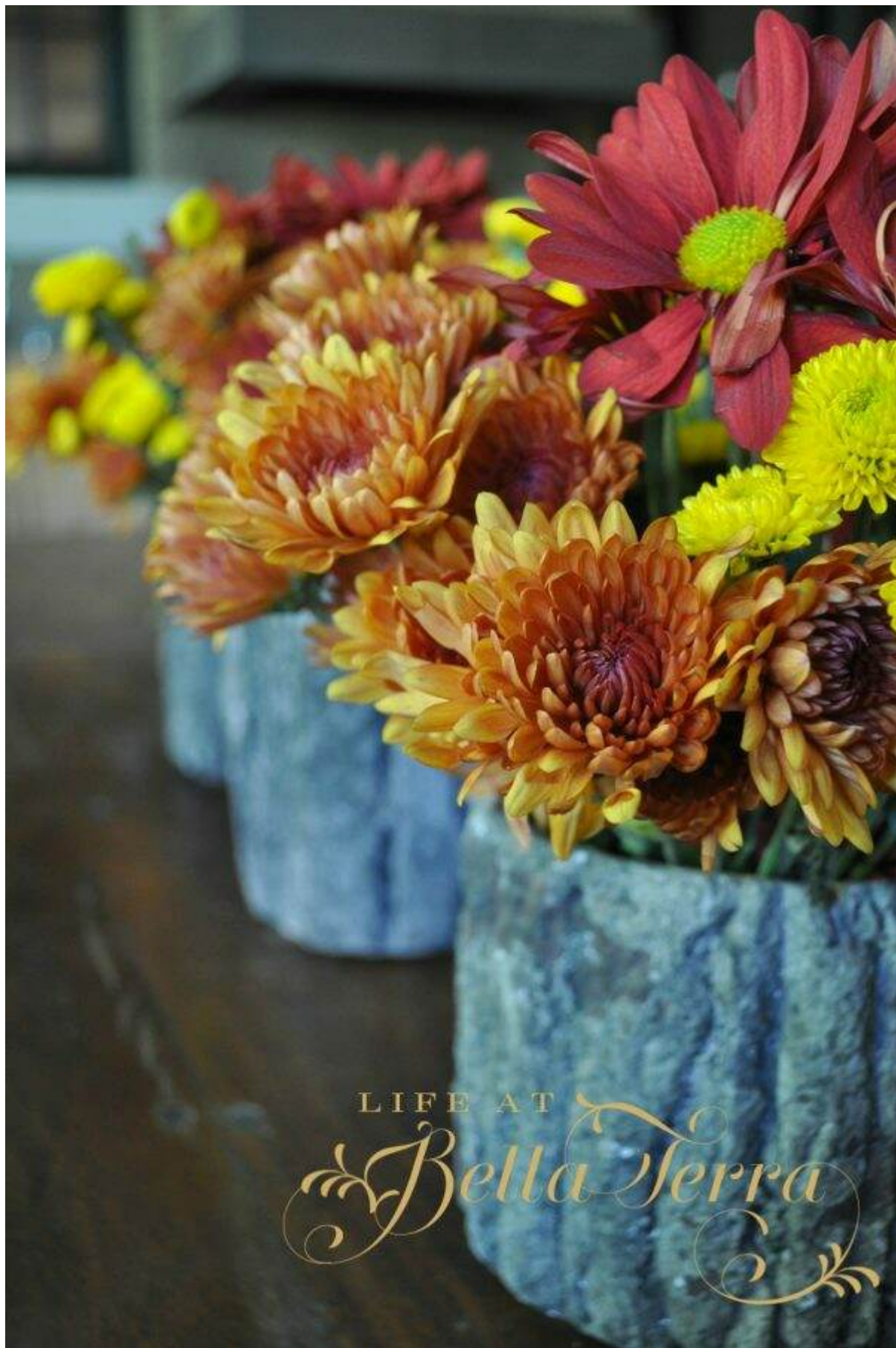


# Cherishing November



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November is the still and quiet month. This month is often overlooked and gets the short end of the stick. It's stuck between spooky Halloween and sparkly Christmas and doesn't get the attention it deserves. November is the resting month before the frantic pace of the holidays. It's the calm before the storm and a month I cherish.



This month temperatures cool in Phoenix and our leaves start changing colors. It is also the month where we celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday without presents or fanfare. November and Thanksgiving...is truly a time when we can focus on the most important things: family, friends and food (and of course, football).

Originally the rhythms of the season are celebrated by giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest. Too bad it is overshadowed by the retail push of the December holidays.





Am I the only one that dodges all things Christmas now? Shielding my eyes from the seasonal aisles at the stores, I quickly skim over the holiday channels both on the radio and the television. Currently, I am saving Christmas-focused blog posts from my favorite bloggers for after Thanksgiving. My inner soul says, "Nooooooooooooo Christmas yet....we haven't had



Thanksgiving!!!!” What ever happened to the official start of the Christmas holiday when Santa made his appearance at Macy’s after the Thanksgiving Day parade??

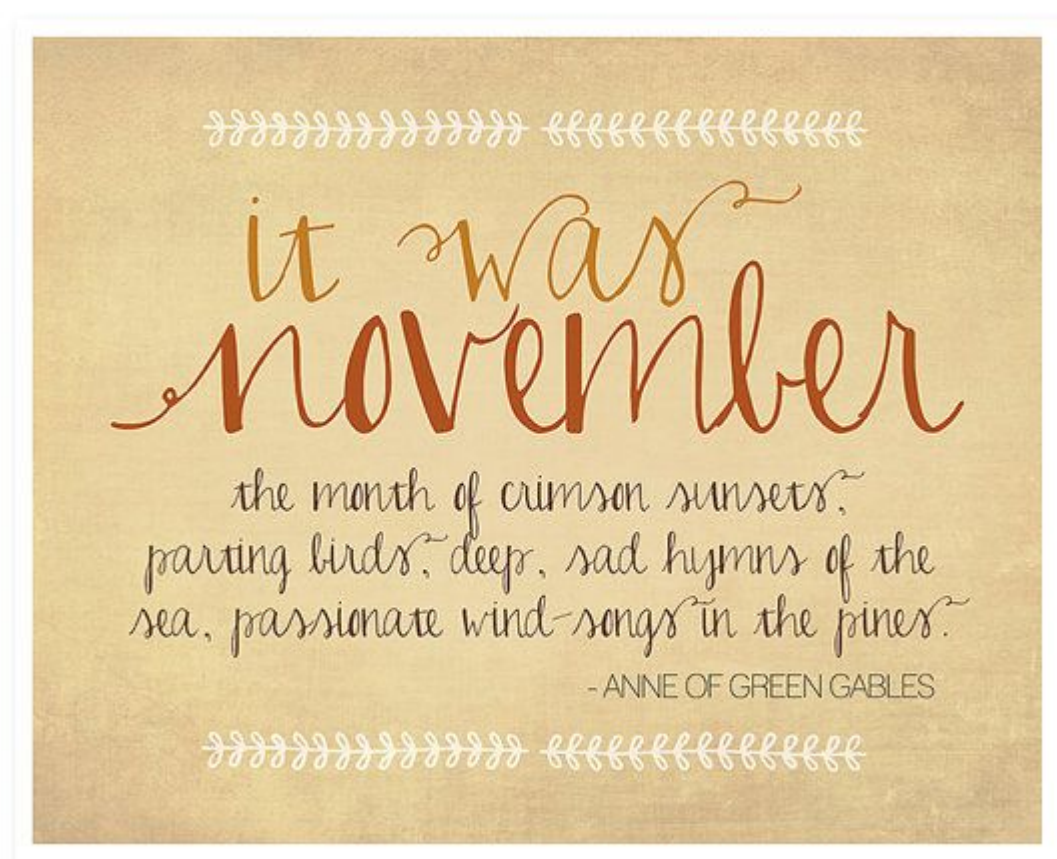


I remain steadfast in our commitment that nothing Christmas-y appears at Bella Terra until the day after Thanksgiving. We have our autumn decorations up and they will stay up until November 25th.



So here's to November and all its forgotten glory! Enjoy the supermoon-we won't see another for 18 years!





Resources: faux bois vases from [Painted Fox](#)

Thankful Pillow from [Etsy](#)

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