



# Growing Matters

## Greetings

I frequently ask my daughter Nicole (Pippi) if I've told her lately how much I love her. She always looks at me kind of exasperated and says, "Yes Mommy, you already told me today." She may act annoyed, but I know she likes to be told how important she is to me.

Along those same lines, if I haven't told you personally or even if I have, I want to thank each of you for your business. Although there are days that I get tired of loading and unloading my truck to bring plants back and forth to the market, I

love what I do. I am blessed to be able to spend the majority of my days at home in the nursery where I can be there for Nicole and where I can have dinner waiting for my husband Doug when he comes home from work.

This wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for each of you, my customers. Thank you! Thank you for allowing me this life of abundance. I truly couldn't do it without you.

-Vicky Hilleges

## Experience Growth in the Garden

I've probably mentioned before how I have experienced a great deal of personal growth through gardening. It has taught me many valuable lessons and has nurtured one of the virtues that has never been one of my strong points: PATIENCE. The ability to endure delay has always been problematic for me. When I first starting learning about perennials I remember reading that many perennials did not bloom until their second season. I made it a point to grow those that matured quickly. I couldn't wait a whole year for a plant to flower. The thought of it was crazy. Why would anyone want to do that?

I don't know how or when it happened. But somewhere in the passage of time, I have grown to accept the fact that some things, many things, are worth waiting for. I may not always be the picture of grace while I wait, but I now actually set myself up for long periods of delay before I experience any gratification.

## Garden Gate Chat

**Can I leave perennials in containers over the winter?** In general, if your plant is hardy to two zones colder than where you live, it should survive the winter in a container. If your plant isn't that hardy and you don't want to put it in the ground, bring it into your basement or garage for added protection. Before you decide to leave your plant out in the elements, you'll also want to be sure your container is winter hardy and will not crack or break in the cold.

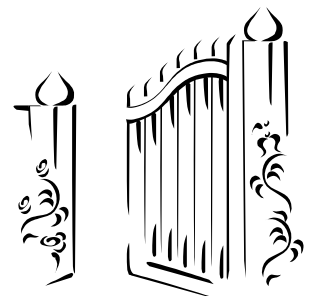
## Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Caryopteris  
'Sunshine Blue'

Caryopteris provides late season bloom when many other plants have passed their prime. 'Sunshine Blue' with its bright yellow foliage and rich amethyst blue flowers looks great in mixed borders or in mass plantings in sunny dry locations.

- ❖ Full Sun
- ❖ 3' Tall x 2' Wide
- ❖ Well drained, loose soil
- ❖ Cut flower
- ❖ Deer resistant
- ❖ Zone 5



# Pippi's Perennials

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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. ~Albert Camus

## Create a Fall Container Garden with Pippi's Perennials

Container gardens are a great way to extend the gardening season and to add color and interest to an entryway or patio. Many perennials are well suited to the cooler days of late summer and fall. Although flowers may be hard to come by, there are a wide range of foliage colors and textures to make your container shine.

Fall containers require little maintenance. Simply water your containers until the soil freezes. If your

plants are hardy to two zones colder than your garden, the containers can stay where they are (assuming your container is winter hardy). If not, plant them in the ground or move them inside for the winter.

At right are just a few of the many perennials that are available at Pippi's for creating an outstanding autumn container.

- ❖ Ajuga (Bugleweed)
- ❖ Bergenia (Pig Squeak)
- ❖ Ornamental Grasses
- ❖ Heuchera (Coral Bells)
- ❖ Heucherella (Foamy Bells)
- ❖ Liriope (Blue Lily-turf)
- ❖ Polygonatum (Variegated Solomon's Seal)
- ❖ Sedum (Stonecrop)
- ❖ Sempervivum (Hens & Chicks)
- ❖ Tiarella (Foam Flower)
- ❖ Yucca (Adam's Needle)

*Pippi's Fall is for Planting Open House*  
Sunday, Sept. 16th, 10 am-4 pm  
10% off all purchases ❖ Refreshments ❖ Display Gardens

## Pippi's Locations & Hours

### CNY Regional Market Authority:

2100 Park Street  
Syracuse, NY

**Open: May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Thurs. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM<sup>±</sup> (Shed A/18)**

**Sat. 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Shed D/10&12)**

### Home Location:

12 Sherry Lane  
Kirkville, NY 13082  
(Sherry Ln. is located off Fyler Rd.,  
¼ mile east of N. Kirkville Rd.)

**Open: April 20<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Or By Appointment or Chance**



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