



# Growing Matters

## Greetings

It's SPRING! SPRINGiddy!  
SPRINGiddy! SPRINGiddy! I know it isn't a word, but it is my newsletter and I can make up words if I want to. Besides, it should be a word. Spring makes me giddy. SPRINGiddy!

I have so many things to be excited about. I've had a nice response from people planning to attend Pippi's 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Club Seminar on April 28<sup>th</sup>. In preparation, we have built a pergola. This will give us a place to gather and also provide a gateway to the nursery. The pergola will also offer shaded seating in the summer. Can you imagine it being sunny and warm enough to actually seek

## Pippi's Garden Club

The topic of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Garden Club seminar is *Simplifying Spring Garden Tasks – Using the Right Tool for the Job*. In addition to demonstrating quick and easy ways to accomplish some typical spring jobs, I'll be discussing proper tool selection. In general, a lot of gardeners are working harder than they need to or are paying someone to do basic tasks not because they don't have the time or ability, but because they don't have the right tools.

Even the occasional gardener should have a basic collection of tools. Having the right tools will make completing gardening jobs a whole lot quicker and will require less physical labor. I am not a fan of gadgets, so the tools I rely on tend to be pretty standard.

Different tasks require different tools. When it comes to pruning ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennials, having the following tools at your disposal will make that job more manageable and possibly more

out a shady spot?

Another great thing about constructing a pergola is that, like all good structures, it will require a garden to make it look like it fits in with its surroundings. That will be fun for me because I get to do the gardening but hopefully it will be useful to you too as a display garden.

Regardless of whether or not you can make it to one of our garden seminars, I hope you will have the opportunity to stop in this season to check out what is new at Pippi's. Happy Spring!

-Vicky Hilleges

enjoyable:

- ❖ A pruning saw for larger limbs of trees and shrubs.
- ❖ Hedge shears for trimming shrubs and cutting back large perennials in spring and fall
- ❖ Loppers for pruning limbs of trees and shrubs (up to 1½<sup>''+/-</sup>)
- ❖ Bypass pruners for cutting smaller branches (up to ¾<sup>''+/-</sup>) and deadheading perennials
- ❖ Needle nose shears for cutting flowers and more delicate work.

Being able to do your own garden maintenance has less to do with physical ability and more to do with the quality and type of tools at your disposal. Equip yourself with the right tools, and become empowered to take garden maintenance into your own hands. A good set of tools has the power to make even the occasional gardener a true fanatic.

## Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Echinacea  
'Coconut Lime'

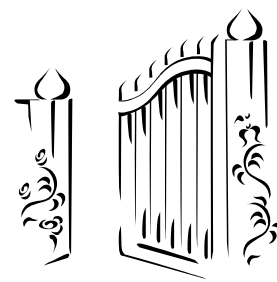
a.k.a. (Coneflower)

The first white double flowering coneflower. Long white ray flowers are similar to those of White Swan, but the cone is covered with shorter fringed petals that begin green and age to clear white. A strong, well branched plant with sturdy flower stems that are perfect for cutting.

- ❖ Sun / Part Sun
- ❖ 24"-30" tall
- ❖ Drought tolerant
- ❖ Cut flower
- ❖ Attracts butterflies
- ❖ Native
- ❖ Deer resistant
- ❖ Zones 3-8

## Garden Gate Chat

*Should I trim back the leaves of my Heuchera (Coral Bells)? Heucheras are evergreen in our region and add interest to the winter garden. However, by spring many of the leaves are brown and tattered. Depending on the degree of unsightly leaves, the plant can either be touched up by removing the worst of the leaves or all of the previous year's growth can be trimmed to the ground. If the plant has lifted out of the ground over winter, reset it now.*



# Pippi's Perennials

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*Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in,  
where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. ~John Muir*

## Pippi's Perennials for Salt Tolerance

Planting along roads and walks can be especially challenging in our region due to the use of salt to melt snow and ice. Salt can damage the roots of nearby perennial roots causing a range of symptoms from leaf scorch during the growing season to plant death. Since flushing salts from soils is not easily accomplished, another option would be to plant salt tolerant perennials.

At right is a list of salt tolerant perennials to consider when planting along roads, walkways, or porches where salt may be used. All of the plants listed are available at Pippi's Perennials. For a complete list of Pippi's plants visit [www.pippis.net](http://www.pippis.net).

## Special Events

**Pippi's Garden Club Meeting – Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm:**

Simplifying Spring Garden Tasks – Using the Right Tool for the Job

**Pippi's Spring Open House – Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm**

10% off all purchases ♦ Refreshments ♦ Display Gardens

In an effort to be more green, Pippi's will be reducing the number of paper copies of our newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving *Growing Matters*, please send us an email so that we may send it to you electronically or a note saying that you would like to be kept on our mailing list.

## Pippi's Locations & Hours

### CNY Regional Market Authority:

2100 Park Street

Syracuse, NY

**Open: May 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

**NEW** **Tues. 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Shed A/18)**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Or By Appointment or Chance**



Member:

Perennial Plant Association

New York State Nursery/Landscape Association

### Highly Salt Tolerant

- ❖ Dianthus
- ❖ Daylily
- ❖ Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster'
- ❖ Miscanthus

### Some Salt Tolerance

- ❖ Achillea (Yarrow)
- ❖ Artemisia
- ❖ Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)
- ❖ Euphorbia (Spurge)
- ❖ Helleborus (Lenten Rose)
- ❖ Heuchera (Coral Bells)
- ❖ Oenothera (Evening Primrose)
- ❖ Paeonia (Peony)
- ❖ Perovskia (Russian Sage)
- ❖ Phlox (tall & moss)
- ❖ Sedum
- ❖ Sempervivum (Hens and Chicks)
- ❖ Yucca
- ❖ Festuca (Blue Fescue)
- ❖ Panicum