



Growing Matters

Greetings

If you've read my previous spring newsletters, you probably already know that I LOVE SPRING! This is when I get to see if all the hard work I did in the garden last year is going to pay off, and time to get reacquainted with the perennials that have been sleeping for six months.

Spring is also a time of renewal and a time to put into action the plans I made over the winter. One of the fun aspects of owning my own nursery is pouring over the catalogs in fall and winter to decide what plants I want to grow the following spring. The tough part is trying to decide not only

what I like enough to grow but what you might like to try in your garden.

After much consideration, I made the final plant selections. Below is a summary of the new perennials and shrubs I have added to the Pippi's inventory this year. Visit www.pippis.net and go to the plant listing page to see a full list of plants available at Pippi's this year.

The planning is complete and preparations have been made. Now that spring is here, it is time to *get growing*.
- Vicky Hilleges

New Additions to the Perennial Lineup at Pippi's

I've added approximately twenty five different perennials to the Pippi's inventory this year. Rather than just list the plants, I thought it might be helpful to sort them in a way that would provide some basic information. Although there are a number of ways I could have categorized these plants, I am often asked about native

plants and plants that are deer resistant. So that is how I have listed them. Keep in mind that deer resistant is not deer proof and deer will eat anything if they are hungry enough.

For a full description of these and all of the plants available at Pippi's, visit the plant listing page at www.pippis.net.

Deer Resistant

- Astilbe 'Snowdrift'
- Clematis 'Irene' & 'Pearl d'Azure'
- Dianthus 'Eastern Star'
- Geum 'Blazing Sunset'
- Helleborus foetidus
- Paeonia 'Krinkled White' & 'Rachel'
- Tree Peony 'Hanakiso'
- Salvia 'Eveline'
- Tanacetum 'Robinson's Red'
- Veronica 'Royal Candles'
- Carex 'Silver Sceptre'

Native & Deer Resistant

- Amsonia 'Blue Ice'
- Echinacea 'Twilight' & 'Tiki Torch'
- Helenium 'Mardi Gras'
- Heuchera 'Citronelle'
- Liatris 'Kobold'
- Chasmanthium latifolium
- Panicum 'Northwind'

Native

- Vernonia 'Iron Butterfly'

Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Helleborus foetidus

a.k.a. Stinking Hellebore

Finely cut, leathery, nearly evergreen foliage with chartreuse bell-like flowers that are held above the leaves in late winter or early spring.

- Sun to shade
- Average to dry soil
- Winter interest
- Ground cover
- Deer resistant
- 12-18 inches

Pippi's Garden Club Update

Monday, April 27 @ 6:00 pm:
Attracting Birds to your Garden

Monday, May 18 @ 6:00 pm:
Plant Propagation

In the winter newsletter, I asked for your suggestions for the May, Pippi's Garden Club, seminar. Tara McClung suggested plant propagation and will receive a Pippi's coupon for 10% off her next purchase. The August seminar and coupon recipient will be announced in the summer newsletter. If you would like to attend any of the seminars, a call or email would be appreciated.



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New Shrub Selections at Pippi's

My "growing" addiction is evolving to include shrubs; big shrubs, little shrubs, shrubs with flowers, fragrance and fruit; shrubs with interesting branch habits and exfoliating bark. I honestly don't know why it has taken me so long to realize my affection for shrubs. They provide structure to the garden, require minimal maintenance, tend to be long lived, and provide habitat for birds.

What this means to you is that there will be a greater selection of shrubs available at Pippi's this year. However, many of the shrubs will not be available until later in the season, since I need the time to grow them to a healthy, well rooted size. The new additions are listed below. As always, a complete list of shrubs with detailed descriptions is available by visiting the plant listing page at www.pippis.net.

Deer Resistant

Buxus 'North Star'
Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Soft Serve'
Chamaecyparis p. 'Vintage Gold'

Cotoneaster 'Tom Thumb'
Hibiscus 'Blue Satin'
Spirea 'Double Play Artist'

Native

Ilex verticillata 'Winter Gold'
Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red'
Physocarpus opulifolius 'Summer Wine'
Thuja occidentalis 'Filiformis'

Native & Deer Resistant

Clethra alnifolia 'Vanilla Spice'
Cornus stolonifera 'Arctic Fire'

Pippi's Locations & Hours

CNY Regional Market Authority:

2100 Park Street
Syracuse, NY

Open: May 2nd – Oct 17th

Thurs. 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Shed A)

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 22th – Oct. 17th

Wed. & Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Or By Appointment

