



Growing Matters

Greetings

I realize it is incredibly cliché to say that “time flies”, but I can’t help but acknowledge that it does. It seems that I just mailed the spring newsletter. I remember as I was preparing it, I was filled with a mix of anticipation, hope, and optimism for the spring growing season. Not just for another season of Pippi’s, but for the progress of my own gardens. Well... I’ve fallen a bit short of the dream that by this time I would be sitting under a tree, enjoying the view of my freshly weeded, mulched, and floriferous gardens,

leisurely sipping ice cold lemonade... but I do not despair.

My gardens may not have gotten the attention that I would have liked to have given them, but they continue to bring me a great deal of joy. Besides, there is nothing like a little work in the garden to make me more fully appreciate a cold drink and a shady retreat. I hope you are finding the time to enjoy your gardens too, regardless of the things you may not have accomplished. -- Vicky Hilleges

Garden Planning

You may not want to think about fall or winter while you’re enjoying the long sunny days of summer, but planning and planting now for fall and winter interest will pay off.

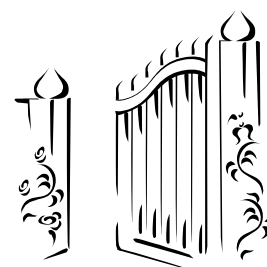
Think about echoing the reds, oranges, and yellows of fall trees and shrubs in your garden by adding late blooming perennials and plants with fall colored foliage. ‘Amber Waves’ Heuchera has ruffled, amber gold foliage and is stunning when combined with the fall colors of Autumn Fern and the chocolate leaves of Eupatorium rugosum (see the plant spotlight at right).

Sedums, yarrows, black-eyed Susans and fall Anemones are all reliable late summer/fall bloomers and are spectacular when sited with ornamental grasses.

Many ornamental grasses bear showy flower heads that can be left to provide winter structure and interest in the garden. Resist the temptation to ‘tidy up’. Leaving the seed heads of yarrows, black-eyed Susans, and Coneflowers on the plants, will provide a more pleasing winter view than a mound of mulch and will also provide additional food for your feathered friends.

Garden Gate Chat

Is it okay to plant perennials during the summer? Although the cool, moist weather of spring and fall provide the best conditions for planting perennial gardens, our busy lives don’t always allow us to take advantage of this ideal time. With a little extra attention, summer can be for planting too. Container grown perennials adjust well to summer planting. Just be sure to water deeply during dry spells and provide plants with an organic mulch to keep their roots cool and retain moisture.



Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Eupatorium rugosum (yew-pa-TOR-e-um) aka: Joe Pye Weed

Chocolate leaves with deep shiny purple stems makes a wonderful contrast to explosions of white flowers in September and October.

- ❖ 3 - 4 feet tall
- ❖ Sun/part sun/shade
- ❖ Prefers moist, well drained soil
- ❖ Excellent cut flower
- ❖ Attracts butterflies
- ❖ Deer resistant
- ❖ Zones 4 - 8

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If you would be happy your whole life long, Become a gardener. --Old Chinese Proverb

Attract Butterflies with Pippi's Perennials

Colorful flowers attract butterflies that visit to drink the nectar. Different species of butterflies have different preferences of nectar, in both color and taste. A wide variety of food plants will attract the greatest diversity of visitors. Try planting perennials that bloom at different times of the day and year to encourage prolonged visits. Consider planting perennials in groups of three,

since groups of the same plants are easier for butterflies to see than singly planted flowers.

Add more color, movement and beauty to your garden by selecting a few of the butterfly attracting perennials listed at the right. Stop in at one of our locations and let Pippi's assist you with your plant selection.

*The butterfly is a flying flower,
The flower a tethered butterfly.
--Ecouchard Le Brun*

Looking for fall bulbs? Contact Pippi's to place an order!

Pippi's Locations

CNY Regional Market Authority

2100 Park Street

Syracuse, NY

10 AM – 4 PM[±] Thurs. **Shed A/Stall 18**

7 AM – 2 PM Sat. **Shed D/Stall 8**

May through October

Home Location

12 Sherry Lane

Kirkville, NY 13082

(Sherry Ln. is located off Fyler Rd. just east of the intersection of Fyler Rd. and Bridgeport-Kirkville Rd.)

- ❖ Achillea (Yarrow)
- ❖ Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)
- ❖ Aruncus (Goats Beard)
- ❖ Bergenia (Pig Squeak)
- ❖ Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)
- ❖ Coreopsis
- ❖ Delphinium
- ❖ Echinacea (Coneflower)
- ❖ Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed)
- ❖ Gaillardia
- ❖ Hemerocallis (Daylily)
- ❖ Heuchera (Coral Bells)
- ❖ Liatris
- ❖ Monarda (Bee Balm)
- ❖ Nepeta (Catmint)
- ❖ Penstemon
- ❖ Perovskia (Russian Sage)
- ❖ Phlox
- ❖ Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)
- ❖ Scabiosa (Pincushion)

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