



Growing Matters

Greetings

Like most people, there are things I would like to improve in my life. I think I should make healthier food choices, exercise more, volunteer more, be a better business person, etc. When I don't live up to my expectations, I beat myself up. Beating myself up, takes a lot of time and energy. Usually by the time I'm done, I don't have the oomph left to get back on track. I have to wait until I've built up my reserves to try again to get it right. It is not a very efficient process.

This year I'm trying something new. I'm going to try to skip giving myself such a

hard time and just say "oops I got off track and now I'm going to start over." I'm sure I'll be saying this quite often, but ultimately I think it will be more effective than the self-criticism.

Learning to start over is a valuable lesson, especially for a gardener. Rarely, are gardens perfected the first season. If we as gardeners gave up after 1, 2 or even 5 attempts, our gardens would not reach their full potential. It is in the process of starting over that we truly enrich ourselves as well as our gardens.

-Vicky Hilleges

Garden Planning

Sometimes starting over in the garden isn't the result of getting something wrong; it is just as likely that something has changed. Perhaps new development has forced deer into your neighborhood, and you need to consider adding more deer resistant plants. Or it could be that maturing trees and shrubs are now shading your sun loving plants. Regardless of why the changes are required, now is the time to think about what needs to be done in the spring. Once the nice weather comes, you won't want to be spending time thinking about what you need to do, you'll want to be doing it. Planning ahead can save time and money later on.

Take an inventory of the garden you need to change. One of the wonderful things about perennial gardening is that the plants can be reused. Relocating plants is a great time to rejuvenate or increase your number of plants by dividing. If you decide a plant no longer has a home in

your garden, plan on potting it up for a friend or for one of the many plant sales or swaps put on by local garden clubs.

If you find you will need new plants to accommodate your changing conditions, this is the time to do your research. Look for plants that thrive in the conditions your garden has to offer. **Pippi's Descriptive Plant Listing** identifies plants for different growing conditions and is available on Pippi's website at www.pippis.net.

Similar to the adage that you should never go grocery shopping on an empty stomach, you don't want to show up at the nursery in spring without a list or at least an idea of what plants would be appropriate for your garden. It is not that you wouldn't go home with some beautiful plants; I'm sure you would. But you want to be sure they are plants that will thrive under your conditions.

Garden Gate Chat

When is the best time to remove unsightly leaves on Helleborus (Lenten Rose)? Late fall through late winter is the recommended time to cut back flattened or brown leaves on hellebores. New growth and leaves will appear with warmer spring temperatures.

Pippi's Plant Spotlight



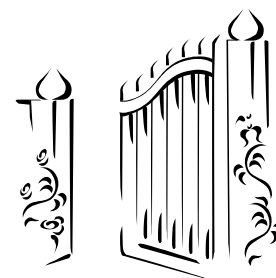
*Epimedium
x versicolor*

'Sulphureum'

a.k.a. Bicolor
Barrenwort

Lovely evergreen ground cover for dry shade. New leaves are flushed red, then turn green as they mature. Clusters of pale yellow flowers appear in mid-spring.

- ❖ Part shade/shade
- ❖ 8-12" tall
- ❖ Dry to average moisture
- ❖ Rabbit resistant
- ❖ Deer resistant
- ❖ Zones 5-8



Pippi's Perennials

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New Arrivals at Pippi's Perennials

Gardeners are constantly looking for something new or more importantly something their gardening friend (or rival) doesn't have. Pippi's is no exception. We have added a variety of plants to our inventory. A few of the perennials new to Pippi's are listed at right. Check out **Pippi's Descriptive Plant Listing** on our web site, www.pippis.net, and look for the **NEW** symbol to quickly identify

the new perennials, waterplants and shrubs available at Pippi's in 2007.

Pippi's also has a new Lilly. Lilly, our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy, joined us last fall and has demonstrated the intelligence and sweet disposition that is typical of her breed. This is one new arrival at the nursery that you can't miss. She takes her responsibility of meeting and greeting customers very seriously.

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It takes a while to grasp that not all failures are self-imposed, the result of ignorance, carelessness or inexperience. It takes a while to grasp that a garden isn't a testing ground for character and to stop asking, what did I do wrong? Maybe nothing. ~Eleanor Perényi, Green Thoughts, 1981

NEW

- ❖ Cimicifuga 'Hillside Black Beauty'
- ❖ Dicentra 'King of Hearts'
- ❖ Epimedium 'Frohneiten'
- ❖ Heuchera 'Peach Flambe'
- ❖ Hosta 'Paradigm'
- ❖ Ligularia 'Britt-Marie Crawford'
- ❖ Miscanthus 'Morning Light'
- ❖ Sedum 'Angelina'
- ❖ Sisyrinchium
- ❖ Tiarella 'Sugar & Spice'
- ❖ Tricyrtis 'Miyazaki'

Pippi's Locations & Hours

CNY Regional Market Authority:
2100 Park Street
Syracuse, NY

Open: May 3rd – Oct 20th
Thurs. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM^{+/-} (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 20th – Oct. 20th
Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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