



Growing Matters

Greetings

Okay, I realize this may sound funny, but I miss you. It is winter, and I am here in my lovely, freshly painted and carpeted home office and I am a bit lonely. I've looked at all the pretty catalogs and ordered my supplies for spring. I've tackled the home maintenance project I had scheduled for late fall (updated the office), and learned a new skill (reupholstered an old family chair).

So, I've been thinking a lot about the upcoming growing season and how I might make it more interactive and enjoyable. I came up with what I think is a pretty good

idea. I would like to start Pippi's Garden Club. Don't be afraid, we won't take meeting minutes or make motions or anything like that. I'm thinking of something less formal and more fun.

My idea is to meet here at the nursery once a month for six months starting in April with the intent to teach gardening skills (see topics below), exchange ideas, and share light refreshments. I hope you share in my enthusiasm for creating Pippi's Garden Club and will consider attending one or more of our gatherings.

-Vicky Hilleges

Pippi's Garden Club

One of the most frequently asked questions I get is "What's new this year?" Mostly people are interested in what new plants are available. Pippi's will certainly have new plants (see the back of this newsletter for a list of new shrubs) but just as exciting is the fact that Pippi's is starting a new garden club.

The club will meet at Pippi's Perennials at 6:30 pm, on the fourth Monday of the month, starting in April and ending in September. Each meeting will include a gardening seminar and a question and answer period for the exchange of gardening ideas. Light refreshments will be available.

You won't actually have to join to take advantage of the social and educational opportunities Pippi's new Garden Club has to offer. You just have to show up at a meeting when it is convenient and the topic is of interest to you (a call or email to let me know you are coming would be appreciated).

I've selected and scheduled the following six topics for this year's gatherings but look forward to input from participants for future seminars.

April 28th :

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

May 26th :

Garden Design & Plant Selection Made Easy

June 23rd :

Selection & Care of Hardy Waterplants

July 28th :

In Tune with Nature – Gardening with Native Plants

August 25th :

Proven Winners® Shrubs for the Mixed Border

September 22nd :

Fall Planting & Winter Garden Preparation

Green is Good

In an effort to be more green, Pippi's will be reducing the number of paper copies of our newsletter over the next year. If you enjoy reading Growing Matters and would like to continue receiving it along with special events notices such as seminars and open houses, please send us an email so that we may send it to you electronically. If you don't have email but would like to continue to receive newsletters let us know that too, and we will keep you on our mailing list. (Cont.)

Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Sedum repestres

'Angelina'

a.k.a. (Blue Spruce
Stonecrop)

Low growing plant with golden-yellow, evergreen, needle-like foliage. Yellow flowers appear in early summer. The tips of the leaves take on a reddish orange tinge in the colder months.

Lovely plant for edging or ground cover.

- ❖ Sun
- ❖ 3-5" tall
- ❖ Low to average moisture
- ❖ Ground cover
- ❖ Container plant
- ❖ Attracts butterflies
- ❖ Rabbit resistant

Pippi's Perennials

perennials • waterplants • shrubs

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"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world." -John Muir

Proven Winners® Shrub Selection Grows at Pippi's

This year, Pippi's will be offering a greater selection of flowering shrubs. Not just any shrubs, Proven Winners® ColorChoice® shrubs. In order to be chosen for the Proven Winners ColorChoice brand, plants are evaluated based on a variety of criteria. A few of the selection criteria that ensure success and satisfaction for gardeners follow:

- Performs in the garden · Colorful, attractive foliage · Multiple seasons of interest*
- Has a unique look, use or function in the landscape*
- Is dwarf, compact or requires little maintenance*

At right is a list of the Proven Winners shrubs that will be available at Pippi's in 2008. The **NEW** symbol indicates that the shrub is new to our inventory. Pippi's 2008 Price List, accessible at www.pippis.net, includes a complete list of perennials, shrubs and waterplants for you to consider when selecting plants for your garden this year.

Green is Good (Cont.)

In addition to cutting down on our paper waste, Pippi's minimizes water use by relying heavily on drip irrigation. Drip irrigation puts the water where it is needed reducing the amount of water used and minimizing water runoff. Finally, we thought you would like to know that we do not use pesticides or herbicides in the production of our plants.

Pippi's Locations & Hours

CNY Regional Market Authority:

2100 Park Street
Syracuse, NY

Open: May 1st – Oct 30th

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

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 25th – Oct. 31st

Fri. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Or By Appointment or Chance



Member:

Perennial Plant Association

New York State Nursery/Landscape Association

- ❖ Aronia 'Viking'
- ❖ Caryopteris 'Petit Bleu'
- ❖ **NEW** Deutzia
'Chardonnay Pearls'
- ❖ **NEW** Genista 'Bangle'
- ❖ Hibiscus 'Lavender
Chiffon'
- ❖ **NEW** Hibiscus
'Lil' Kim'
- ❖ Hydrangea 'Limelight'
- ❖ Hydrangea
'Little Lamb'
- ❖ **NEW** Hydrangea
'Pinky Winky'
- ❖ Itea virginica
'Little Henry'
- ❖ **NEW** Kolkwitzia 'Dream
Catcher'
- ❖ Physocarpus
'Coppertina'
- ❖ Rhamnus 'Fine Line'
- ❖ **NEW** Spirea 'Pink
Parasols'
- ❖ **NEW** Symphoricarpos
'Amethyst'