



Growing Matters

Greetings

How can this be? The State Fair has started, kids are on their way back to school, and preparations for the annual Labor Day family clambake are ongoing. These are all the things that tell me summer is quickly drawing to a close. It doesn't seem possible. I haven't done all the fabulous things I planned on doing this summer. I didn't even finish the spring-cleaning.

I know from talking to others that I am not the only one whose reality didn't live

up to the mighty expectations generated at the start of the season. But, for those of you that had planned to add a new perennial garden or to enhance an existing one, there is hope. It is not too late. Fall is a wonderful time for planting. Pippi's has a large selection of perennials appropriate for fall planting as well as a variety of **spring blooming bulbs** to choose from. Visit us Saturdays at the regional market or stop by our home location. We would be happy to help you achieve at least one of your goals. --Vicky Hilleges

Garden Planning

Many people know that fall is the season to plant spring blooming bulbs such as crocuses, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, but what they don't realize is that it is also a great time for planting perennials.

Fall planting gives perennials a head start on the next growing season. As long as they have the opportunity to get rooted in before winter, they'll be ready to grow in the spring. The first week of October is an approximate cut off time for planting perennials in this area.

The list of perennials for fall planting is long, but a few to consider are coral bells, daylilies, coneflowers, sedum, black-eyed Susans, ornamental grasses, hostas, Joe-Pye weed and garden phlox.

Consider combining spring blooming bulbs with perennials so that as the tulips fade the perennials will grow to mask the dying foliage of the tulips.

A little planning (and action) now will give you something to look forward to in the spring. Anticipation is a wonderful thing.

Pippi's Plant Spotlight



Miscanthus sinensis
'Graziella'

(mis-CAN-thus)
aka: Maiden Grass

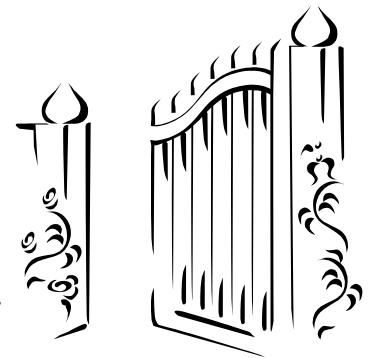
Showy, silver-white flowers are held well above the slender foliage.

Makes an excellent accent for a large island bed or perennial border

- ❖ 5 - 6 feet tall
- ❖ Sun to part shade
- ❖ Provides winter interest
- ❖ Deer resistant

Garden Gate Chat

How can I propagate my perennials? Division is an easy way to make more plants and to rejuvenate an old overgrown plant. The best time to divide many spring and early summer blooming perennials such as daylilies and peonies is late summer or early fall. Start by lifting the plant out of the ground and removing enough soil so you can see what your doing. Use a sharp tool to divide the plants being sure to discard any unproductive or unhealthy parts. Replant and water the remaining divisions as soon as possible.



Pippi's Perennials

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See Pippi's fall Special Below

"Fall is for Planting"

Deter deer with Pippi's Perennials

One of the most common questions I get at the farmer's market is, "What can I plant that the deer won't eat?" My understanding is that deer will eat just about anything if food is scarce, however there are some plants they prefer to overlook. If you live in an area where deer

are prevalent, try some deer resistant plants to discourage them from visiting your gardens. The perennials listed at right are plants that are considered to be deer resistant. Deer may snack on these plants if they are hungry enough, but it is unlikely they will devour them.

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it,
and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth
seeking the successive autumns.
- George Eliot

- ❖ Lady's Mantle
- ❖ Artemisia
- ❖ Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)
- ❖ Cerastium
- ❖ Clematis
- ❖ Coreopsis
- ❖ Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
- ❖ Echinacea (Coneflower)
- ❖ Geranium
- ❖ Heuchera (Coral Bells)
- ❖ Iris sibirica (Siberian Iris)
- ❖ Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisy)
- ❖ Monarda (Bee Balm)
- ❖ Phlox
- ❖ Pulmonaria (Lungwort)
- ❖ Salvia (Meadow)

Pippi's Locations

CNY Regional Market Authority
2100 Park Street
Syracuse, NY
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM Saturdays
Between May and October
or visit us at our home site at

12 Sherry Lane
Kirkville, NY 13082
Between April and October
(Sherry Lane is located off Fyler Road just past the intersection of Fyler Road and Bridgeport-Kirkville Road)

Bring this newsletter to either Pippi's location and receive 10% off your fall bulb purchase!

Offer expires 10/31/03

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