

Harlequin's Gardens

Fall 2016 Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

Welcome to Autumn and to Harlequin's Gardens Fall Plant Sale.

With Fall approaching, nights are longer. This signals plants to shift energy from flowers to roots. And this is why Fall is both an excellent time in Colorado for planting and for fertilizing. Fertilizing is best done by mid-September so plants will have the nutrition to produce flower and fruit buds for next spring. This is especially important for fruit trees and berry bushes to produce well the following year. But even roses, shrubs and perennials perform better with fall fertilization. Good nutrition prevents diseases and promotes growth.

Our goal to fill Harlequin's Gardens with 100% neonic-free plants, really succeeded. We overproduced. And because we can't overwinter and water this many plants, you will benefit from **Our Best Ever Fall Sale**. Not only are our plants free from neonicotinoid pesticides, most of our plants are free from all pesticides and fungicides. They will not poison our bees, butterflies or beneficial insects, nor weaken or kill our birds, soil bacteria or symbiotic fungi. We see this value, not as a bonus, but as the new standard of life support for our planet.

Research at CSU has shown that fall is the most important time to fertilize turf grass. We carry organic fertilizers that are good for lawns. September is the best time of year to aerate. Follow that with fertilizer and ideally with a quarter inch of compost **topdressing**. This will thicken up sparse lawns and help to prevent fungal diseases. **Fall is also an excellent time to apply Corn Gluten, the organic weed and feed,**

Nature Cycle Lawn Fertilizer: made from chicken manure, blood meal, feather meal

Alpha One Fertilizer: alfalfa, cottonseed meal, blood meal, sunflower

Lawn Topdressing: a very fine compost disappears into turf, spreads easily around perennials, provides nutrition, holds water, feeds the worms & soil life; best after using an organic fertilizer

Mile-Hi Rose Feed: with alfalfa and kelp; excellent for Sept. use; promotes repeat flowering & strength

Yum Yum Mix: cottonseed, rock dust, alfalfa, rock phosphate, kelp: perennials, shrubs & xeriscapes

Tomato & Vegetable Food and Harlequin's Fertility Mix: both great for fall veggie planting

Planters II, now Rocky Mt. Minerals, is a rock dust very beneficial for plant health & nutrient density.

Kelp for micronutrients; Humate to make nutrients available

Organic Fall Veggie Starts: More people are catching on to planting cool-season greens in the fall. This can be very rewarding & the season can be extended with row cover & mulch: Many varieties of **Kale, Lettuce and Mesclun, Spinach, & Swiss Chard, plus Arugula, Kohlrabi, Broccoli Raab, Winter Cress, Bok Choy, Tat Soi, Senposai** These new premium plants cannot be sold at a discounted price

We also have a great selection of **Botanical Interests Seeds** for cool-season greens

BULBS- (no discount) Don't envy our species tulips, deer-resistant daffodils, and fragrant hyacinths next spring when you visit Harlequin's. Get them from us and plant them now. We will have many kinds of bulbs and new varieties. Check our website under Plants/Bulbs for detailed descriptions and photos of this year's selection.

Our new crop of Fruit Trees, grown in our own potting mix, with mycorrhizae, and without pesticides or chemical fertilizers, will be available at

regular prices. We also have currants and gooseberries high in antioxidants and nutrition. They are hard to find and cannot be discounted.

Beekeepers: Visit our Bee Barn for your bee equipment needs including: Cloake Boards, Grafting Tools, Mesh Strainers, Gift Honey Containers, Capping Scratchers, and much more

Most of the rest of our plants ARE on SALE including:

DEEP DISCOUNT AREA: Opens Monday, **August 29**, where you will find the very beautiful and dependable 'Red Creeping Thyme' and 'Wooly Thyme', Many Sedums including: Turquoise Tails, S. hybridum, Blue Spruce, Angelina etc and Many Ice Plants including Kelaidis, Fire Spinner, Lesotho, S. basuticum, Blut, S. nubigenum, etc AND Aster porteri, Coreopsis lanceolata, Gaillardia aristata, and MORE reduced from \$3.95 to **\$1.75**. Certain trees for \$10; #1 shrubs \$8 and More. Many of Hen and Chicks for **\$.50**.

Big Savings on WHOLE FLATS: ask our staff and buy 4" perennials in flats of 12 or 15 **regular price \$6.95, in full flats ONLY \$4.20 each. Mix and match full flats**

ORGANIC HERB STARTS: Hyssop, Rosemary, Stinging Nettle, Lavenders, Mints, Prunella, Winter Savory, Golden Feverfew, Dwarf Sage, Oregano, Thymes—many flavors, Aloe

BERRIES: fall-fruiting, dependable Raspberries; Organic Strawberry plants; Zone 4 Table Grapes and hardy Wine Grapes, all chosen for good flavor and success in Colorado.

VINES: Clematis, Honeysuckles, Trumpet Vines, Orn. Grape, Hops, Bittersweet, Wisteria

Euonymus f. Minima: 10' evergreen vine for shade/pt. shade, tough & low water,

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES: Our Harlequin-grown one gallon grasses are perfectly ready.

They were NOT shipped here from California in the spring and now root-bound. Ours will not only survive, they will thrive when planted in September: Little Bluestem, Northern Sea Oats, Blonde Ambition, Shenandoah Switchgrass, Sideoats Grama, Blue Grama, Pennisetum orientale, Giant Sacaton and Undaunted Ruby Muhly Grass

Neonic-free Grasses are hard-to-find: Ours will not attract insects and poison them

FREE Dog Tuff grass: 4" high turf, dog-pee tolerant, drought tolerant, very soft, plant in heat

ROSES: Our proven, sustainable own-root roses will be **20% off** the entire month of September. **A huge selection of our premium plants**

TREES: many varieties, container-grown have complete root systems and are easy to plant: Ohio Buckeye, Wafer Ash-*Ptelea trifoliata*, Hot Wings Maple, Aspen-superior seed-grown, Russian Hawthorn, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Apricot, Wavyleaf and Gambel Oaks

Shrubs: both native and non-native, some in #2 pots are Harlequin-Grown in nutrient-rich soil mix with worm compost and mycorrhizae; economical & premium quality:

Fernbush-4'x5' with ferny foliage and pollinator-attracting clusters of white flowers.

New Mexican Privet- *Forestiera*: 12' small tree, graceful, good screen, low water

Chilopsis: 10' tree with gorgeous orchid-like flowers, often purple, low water

Cotoneasters: multiflora, Sungari, Peking & Szechuan Fire-all tough shrubs that make good specimens and screens with white flowers and black or red fruit, low water

Viburnams: Nannyberry, Allegany, Compact Am. Cranberry, Wentworth, Mini Man: great shrubs for shade/pt. Shade with white domes of flowers, colorful fruit and fall color

Mt. Mahogany: Curleaf-evergreen to 12', loves sun and dry; great screen & windbreak

True Leaf- deciduous native grows 2 miles from the nursery; 8' very xeric, frontier plant

Little Leaf: evergreen with Rosemary-like foliage, 5'; xeric native, great in-ground bonsai

Amorpha nana: blue-leafed Lead Plant, fine foliage is gorgeous, purple flower spikes

Julia Jane Boxwood: 3' evergreen for shade/pt. Shade; deer-proof; low water

And many more

HUNDREDS OF PERENNIALS: including **Moon Carrot-Seseli gummiferum**-this pollinator magnet has silver foliage and domes of white flowers, xeric and stunning. **Eriogonum**

allenii-very xeric and showy Sulfur Flower: "I consider this one of the most rewarding

perennials I've ever grown." Panayoti Kelaidis. **Euphorbia 'Chameleon'**- stunning purple foliage, greenish-yellow flowers; **'Alaska' Shasta Daisy**-3" long-lasting pure white daisies;

Lemon Lily-very fragrant and beautiful wild Day Lily.

Teucriums: low water herb groundcovers; very beautiful: *cossonii*, Homestead Purple, *hyrcanicum* 'Purple Tails', *rotundifolium*, *tauricum*; Harlequin's Silver

Echinaceas: *angustifolius*, *purpurea*, *Alba*, *Rubinstein*, *Cheyenne Spirit*

Penstemons: **23 varieties in stock** like: *Windwalker Garnet*, *mensarum*, *caespitosus*

Winter-hardy Cacti: **Snow Leopard Cholla**, **Lloyd's Hedgehog**-orange, **Claret Cup**-red-orange, **Fendler's Hedgehog**-purple, **Pincushion Ball**- deep pink & prickly pears

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Bee News: Tour de Hive Sept 17, 10-1; Bee Boulder Festival Sept 21

For more info go to BeeBoulder.org

We would also like to invite you to our **Holiday Gift Market in Nov/Dec** when we will be open for locally-made artisan goods and products. **See the enclosed postcard for details**

Open: Daily 9-5 and Thursday 9-6 ; **October: daily 9-5**
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FALL SALE

MEMBERS SALE: Monday, August 22 thru August 28: for your special support, you are rewarded with first pick: **20% off all plants** except Fruit Trees; **25% off books** (**Membership is still \$20**, membership supports our demo gardens & has benefits)

FALL SALE begins for everybody: Monday, August 29 thru Sept. 4: **20% off** most plants except veggies, berries, fruit trees and bulbs. The **Deep Discount** section will be opened with \$1.75 perennials (were \$3.95 & \$4.95), \$.50 Hen and Chicks, \$10 trees etc.

September 5 thru 11 enjoy **25% off perennials, shrubs & trees**. And **20% off Roses**, AND **20% off soil products in big bags and 20% off Compost Tea**

Sept. 12 thru 18 take **25% off perennials, shrubs and trees; 20% off Roses and books;** and **30% off soil products** in big bags and **20% off Compost Tea**

Sept. 19 thru 25 take **30% off perennials, shrubs and trees**, and **30% off soil products** in big bags, **20% off Roses and Books; Compost Tea- buy one, get one FREE!**

Sept. 26 thru Oct. 30 there will be a **30% discount off perennials and shrubs and trees. 20% OFF Roses and Books** And **50% off soil products** in big bags; **50% off Compost Tea**

CLOSED OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 24

Re-opening Friday Nov. 25 for our famous **HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET**

Our plants are still strong and healthy and neonic-free. We choose our plants carefully, buy from the best suppliers, and we grow thousands of plants organically in nutritious potting mixes that we blend ourselves. We go to great lengths to insure your planting success, and to support your organic methods.

NEW * WINTER HOURS & HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET * NEW

Open Green Friday Nov. 25-Dec. 24 every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10-5
Offering: exceptional local artisan goods: Eve's gluten-free shortbread cookies, Engrid's jams & preserves, local specialty foods, herbal body-care products, bees-wax candles, jewelry, clothing & accessories, gift certificates, books, CD's, gardening tools, planting calendars, gloves, Mikl's aftershave, illuminated magnifiers, succulent plants, honey & bee-keeping supplies; MANY other great gifts. **Door-prize drawings daily !!!**

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