

HARLEQUIN'S GARDENS 2011

Dear Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

Welcome to Spring, to Harlequin's Gardens, and to another gardening season of growing food, cultivating beauty, and giving and taking the world's resources. So far, human beings, with all our tremendous powers to destroy life, have not learned how to create life, nor have we learned how to synthesize matter from sunlight. That is why we need plants more than we need oil. Oil is merely a plant concentrate with a limited supply. In terms of human survival, plants are the real deal, because all land beings are fed by them, directly or indirectly. Plants have the power of photo-synthesis.

So if we are wanting to sustain life at the top (we think that is us), we have to feed life at the bottom, which are plants and the soil organisms that recycle and feed the plants. We gardeners think that makes sense, right? But the petrochemical industry has put all the focus on maximum harvest (maximum profit) and on the products to kill anything that stands in the way of that goal. In 1962 Rachel Carson wrote in *Silent Spring*, "Man is part of nature, and his war against nature is, inevitably, a war against himself." So now, 49 years later, we have to acknowledge that our human survival is at risk. This is unpleasant to admit, but as farmer and writer Wendell Berry has said "...the most hopeless thing we can do is ignore it or pretend it is not so bad."

Many of us, including Harlequin's Gardens are facing financial difficulties, but we cannot expect big governments bonded with big corporations to see beyond short-term profits and elections to represent our needs. So it is up to us, The People, and our local governments; and there is tremendous progress being made. But we cannot fix just one problem. The environment is connected with our physical health is connected with social justice, our economy and climate change, etc. We have to grow up fast to become conscious of the consequences of our daily actions. Our hope lies in community. "We can and should do what neighbors do when times are good or bad: come together, innovate, create local solutions that allow markets to serve people, restore our environment and nourish health, with some measure of justice." (Pesticide Action Network)

So what can we gardeners do to save the world? We can feed ourselves and our neighbors and "plant a row for the hungry." The food and garden writer Michael Pollan has written, "Measured against the problem (of Climate Change) we face, planting a garden sounds pretty benign, I know, but in fact it is one of the most powerful things an individual can do to reduce your carbon footprint, sure, but more important, to reduce your sense of dependence and dividedness: to change the cheap-energy mind." In addition, one third of the carbon added to the atmosphere since the industrial revolution has come from using up the organic matter in the soil which releases carbon dioxide. Adding compost, using organic fertilizers, not using pesticides and herbicides: all contribute to supporting soil life which holds carbon in the soil and increases soil fertility. Covering soils with mulch or plants makes soil cooler which reduces carbon dioxide emissions, and conserves water. And of course, conservation of all resources, reuse, recycling, buying local food and goods and weaning ourselves off fossil fuels, all help the planet. We can follow the example of Nature and join with others for our mutual benefit. We all have a lot to contribute. You don't have to look far to see movements are mounting for sanity, survival and the Greener Good of All.

In that spirit, Harlequin's Gardens will be opening our doors on April Fool's Day, to offer the best in plants and soil building products, tools, books and by far the best selection

of empowering classes we have ever offered. Also for your convenience and our income, we will now be **open on Mondays**. **Open 7 days a week, 9–5; Thursdays 9–6**

We believe that growing our own food and supporting local food production and local businesses is not just a fad. We think it is a revolution for the common good and we can support your participation with seeds from locals Abbondanza Farm and Botanical Interests. And **we have further expanded our selection and increased our production of organic vegetable starts**, including many heirloom and short-season varieties. There will be more pre-planted lettuce and mesclun boxes, as well as spinach, chard, basil and braising greens in planters. We'll also have more seed potatoes, onion seedlings, herb plants, **and expanded varieties of asparagus roots, rhubarb, strawberry and raspberry plants and fruit trees**, all selected for qualities important to the home gardener and cook: superior disease-resistance, cold-tolerance and great flavor. To see the complete list of our food and medicinal plants on our website, select 'Plants', then 'Edibles'. And please give us feedback about the vegetables you grow – knowing what you liked, or didn't, will really help us choose well for next year. Just select 'Plants', 'Edibles', 'Vegetable Starts' and 'Speaking of Vegetables' and use our feedback form there.

We are offering a number of **compact vegetables suitable for growing in containers**, and we will have a greatly **expanded selection of containers** as well, including Earth Boxes, Smart Pots, and attractive large, light-weight pots.

There are a few other things we'd like you to know about our seeds and plants. We go to great lengths to avoid purchasing seeds that originate from Seminis, a giant seed company that is now a subsidiary of Monsanto. Although these are not genetically modified and are often good home-garden varieties, we would prefer not to support Monsanto in any way; so we have sought out excellent varieties, hybrid and open-pollinated, from more earth-friendly sources. Also, we want to assure you that **we do not knowingly grow or sell any genetically modified seeds or plants**. Note that the creation of hybrids has been taking place in nature since plant life arose on the planet, whereas genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are concocted in the laboratory, where genes that could never be naturally introduced are artificially blasted into the DNA of plants causing unknown consequences and mutations.

For the first time, **we will be carrying seeds of grasses for low-water lawns and meadows**: a Mountain Native Mix, a Foothills Native Mix, a Very Xeric Meadow Mix, plus Crested Wheat for a dry lawn, the annual legume cover-crop 'Hairy Vetch' and a Native Wildflower Mix. We think the "New Lawn" could be a water-saving, bird and pollinator-supporting and beautiful MEADOW. See a future article in the CO. Gardener & our blog.

Last year we offered 29 classes at Harlequin's Gardens, and the response was so positive that we will be giving **42 classes this year** ! For the many households new to the area or new to vegetable gardening, we are offering Seed Starting and Vegetable Gardening 101. To expand food-growing skills, we will be teaching Vegetable Gardening in Containers, Composting, Succession Planting, and Chemical-Free Gardening, and Season Extending. And we're offering introductions to keeping backyard bees and chickens, and classes in organic lawn care, growing the BEST tomatoes, and seed-saving. Check out our Class Schedule for the complete listing.

. This year we will again **celebrate World Laughter Day**, initiated in Mumbai, India in 2008. Deb Whitaker will guide us in a new form of yoga called **Laughter Yoga**. Laugh your way to health & happiness, boosting the immune system, relieving depression & supporting world peace. Denver **magician Stuart Hayner** will amaze and amuse both young and old,

and our ducks will, as usual, remind us to laugh heartily and laugh often! 2011 has been designated as the Year of the Tomato and **we WILL host a Tomato Tasting Event** along with Boulder County CSU Cooperative Extension **on Sept. 10.**

We also urge you to help save trees and costs by subscribing to receive our spring and fall newsletters by email. You will also receive our mostly monthly blogs and alerts of special deals and new arrivals of special plants and products. Simply visit our website, click on 'Subscribe' and submit your contact and cross-reference information.

Our Soil Food Café will continue to offer organic amendments to help convert our difficult, compacted urban soils into healthy ecosystems to support organic gardening. In addition to the organic fertilizers, organic composts, organic potting soils and great mulches (**most from local materials**), we are making our own **Compost Tea.**

This year's **May Day Celebration** starts **Saturday April 30** when the **Plant Sale** begins (including a special members-only section) It will continue Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday May 6th. On **Saturday April 30** from **11-12:30** jig and reel to the lively **Boulder Irish Session Band** , and at **1 pm** **Kurt Reber** will serenade us with his guitar.

Then on **Sunday May 1: World Laughter Day-** refreshments will be served and from **10:30-11:15** laugh yourself to health with **Deb Whittaker** who will lead us in **Laughter Yoga.** Then at **12 noon** enjoy folk music with heart & humor from the **Pretty Good Folk Band.** At **1:30pm** **Stuart Hayner** will use his magic to entertain us with the impossible. Then at **2:30** don't miss the **Maroon Bells Morris Dancers** as they perform their lively, colorful ancient May Day dances.

Great Thanks to all of you who became Members last year. The membership fund helps to maintain our growing demonstration gardens, buy engraved plant labels, and supports our development as a community educational resource. **See benefits,** under Membership.

Our staff, our display gardens, and reference library are at your service, so please come out to visit us and try our Colorado-adapted plants. We think you will enjoy both the visit and the success of our plants.

April through October:

We will be open Every Day 9-5 and Thursdays 9-6 _____

We accept payment in cash or check, but **no credit cards,**
please

Sincerely,
Mikl Brawner
Eve Reshetnik-Brawner

A lot of people have asked us why we named the nursery "Harlequin's" Gardens? The answers are on our educational website www.HarlequinsGardens.com, under About Us.

THE HARLEQUIN EFFECT AND MEMBERSHIP

At Harlequin's we are motivated not only to make money but to educate ourselves and you, our friends and clients, by testing and demonstrating sustainable gardening. We

now have 7 demonstration gardens. This would not be easy even if we were a large company, because planting, weeding and watering display gardens is expensive and time-consuming.

So it occurred to us that if we used the “Harlequin Effect” to raise money, we could all get our benefits more quickly, and Harlequin’s Gardens wouldn’t have to go into debt. This story about Harlequin explains how this could work:

When Harlequin was young, he was invited to join his friends at the masked Carnival. But his mother was very poor and could not afford a costume for him. His friends were very disappointed that he could not come with them, but one of the mothers had a good idea. She gave Harlequin the scraps that were left over from making her son’s costume, and when the other mothers did the same, he had enough cloth. His mother sewed all the pieces together into the colorful patchwork that became his signature costume, and he was able to join his friends at the Carnival.

All along, Harlequin’s Gardens has depended on recycled materials, trades, word-of-mouth promotion, generosity, kindness, passion, service and other non-corporate building blocks to create our success. So the idea to finance our educational gardens and plant literature is MEMBERSHIP. **Here is our expanded current offer:** Members will give us \$20 for a one year membership and in direct return will receive these benefits 1) **During the May Day Sale, members will get first pick of the unusual and specialty plants Mikl and Eve have propagated**, which are often in short supply, for only \$2.50 each. The following week these plants will be available to everyone at the regular prices of \$3, \$3.50, and \$4. 2) **During the May Day Sale, members get 10% off roses** (except quart size). 3) **Members begin the Fall Sale one week earlier.** 4) **members will get a 25% discount on books all year.** 5) **members will receive emails of ‘members only sales’, other benefits.** 6) **This year on Sunday, June 19 at 1:30: FREE CLASS for Members: Great New Xeriscape Plants with Mikl & Eve Brawner.** Come learn about the new and unusual low-water plants we have been testing at Harlequin’s Gardens. Save Water, Have Fun

If you do not become a member, you will continue to get the same excellent plants and the same personal help in selecting the best plants for your particular situation. However if you do become a member, your \$20 will go to a good cause, creating botanic garden-like demonstration areas and educational materials not only for yourself, but for the community. If you like what we’ve been doing so far, help us to do it better.

You can become a member anytime you are at the nursery, or mail a check for \$20 to Harlequin’s Gardens, 4795 N.26th St. Boulder, CO. 80301. We will put you in our Membership Rolodex.

Last year’s membership donations helped to pay for weeding, watering and planting in our gardens. **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!!!**

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We will be offering **dozens of exciting new plants and vegetable starts** this year; **over 1,200 varieties of perennials, over 200 varieties of sustainable roses** on their own roots, and a great selection of successful **shrubs and trees**. Rock gardeners and lovers of **natives and ornamental grasses** will also be thrilled with **plants you won’t find elsewhere.**

In late July/early August, come in for vegetable starts for fall and winter crops of broccoli, cauliflower, kale, chard, cabbage etc.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPECIALTY PLANTS WE HAVE PROPAGATED THIS YEAR:

Dianthus simulans-perfect pettable hemispheres 6”x12”+, low water, pink flowers, also cool around rocks

Phlox 'Boothman's Variety'-tough creeping phlox, beautiful flowers are lavender with black & gold eye
Ohme Garden Thyme-very vigorous, weed-smothering groundcover, 3"x30", mauve flowers, low water
Provencal Thyme-great flavor, sweeter French culinary thyme, 10" shrublet, rare and wonderful, available this year
Achillea kellereri-wonderful, non-spreading yarrow, white flowers, compact, ferny foliage, low water
Clear Gold Thyme-beautiful golden leaves, 4" mound, 16" wide, low water, best in part shade
Tulip 'Couleur Cardinal'-early single gorgeous scarlet-red flushed purple, to 12", from 1845, fragrant
Dianthus 'Blue Hills'-outstanding very, very blue cushions, fragrant pink flowers, low and tight
Globularia cordifolia-globe-shaped small blue flowers on low evergreen mat with shiny spoon-shaped leaves
Willow-leafed Sunflower-Helianthus salicifolius: western native; 6' clump of willowy foliage, spikes of yellow flowers
'Norton's Gold' Oregano- the best gold-leafed oregano, good culinary herb, beautiful, low-water; part shade/sun
Potentilla neumanniana Nana-at last, 3" low mounding cinquefoil with small yellow flowers, no runners, wonderful
Silver Germander-Teucrium cossonii-Harlequin's Gardens Exclusive: 4x 24" ever-silver mound, purplish flower, xeric
Dianthus ferrugineus-dark red flowers on wiry 16" stems, narrow tufts of blue-green foliage, xeric (aka D. pinifolius)
Veronica tauricola-silvery green leaves set off bright blue flowers with a white eye, 3"x16", low water
Jasmine Dianthus-Dianthus petraeus noeanus-rich perfume, grassy mound 6"x24", filagree white flowers, xeric
California Bluebell- vivid gentian blue, bell-shaped flowers, long-blooming, takes dry soil, self-sowing annual
Reiter Thyme-Rich green 30" spreading, 2" high steppable ground cover; lavender flowers; for lawn, groundcover
'Tough As Nails':Paronychia-1/2" high groundcover looks like thyme but more xeric, lawn substitute?, white bracts
Euonymus minima-wonderful evergreen vine to 10', small leaves, very tough, low water, beautiful, for part shade

ALSO AVAILABLE

Ajuga 'Catlin's Giant'-very large purple leaves, blue flowers, tough for dry shade, 4"high, spreading
Saffron Prince Perennial Snapdragon-orange blend multicolor snapdragon, 18" stems, long blooming, hardy
Baptisia minor-indigo blue pea flowers mid spring, on compact, tidy 15" plant, showy black seed pods, low water
'Prairie Lode' selection of our native Calyophus Sundrops; rich yellow flowers, 6"x12", low-water
'Gold Nugget' Iceplant- very cold hardy 2" groundcover, turns red in winter, yellow flowers, low-water in pt. shad
Coral Canyon Twinspur-Diascia i.-coral-colored blossoms May to Frost, 16"x16", Plant Select
Sedum caucicola 'Lidakense'-wonderful purplish-gray foliage, intense pink flowers in fall; for rock garden, container
Geranium c. 'St. Ola'- wine buds open to lovely white flowers, 8"x24", good in dry shade or sun, tough
Geranium 'Nana'- dwarf form of G. sanguineum, 2"x12", magenta flowers, remains tidy, rock garden form
Lamiaeum 'Herman's Pride'-dark green foliage dappled silver, yellow flowers, 12" groundcover, dry shade
Stinging Nettle-excellent herb for medicinal, culinary and biodynamic uses, likes moisture, handle with gloves
Penstemon barbatus 'Elfin Pink'-a dwarf form to 18" with bright pink flowers, low water
Penstemon pinifolius & 'Mersea Yellow'- the orange and yellow flowered pine-leaf penstemons; 10"-15"
'Max Frei' Soapwort-large flowered, very long blooming in summer/fall, masses of pink, tough
'Kannah Creek' Eriogonum-yellow pom-pom flowers, burgundy fall/winter color, xeric, 4"x16", wonderful !
Clematis: extensive selection of species and large-flowered hybrids, many colors; including
Clematis ligusticifolia-Native; masses of white flowers, ornamental fluffy seed heads, low water, climbs 8'-12'
Sugar Bells Clematis-'Bergen Park Form'-native, non-climbing, 12" native, nodding small blue flowers
Echinacea: 'Sundown', 'Twilight', 'Harvest Moon', 'Rubinstern', 'Cygnet White', E. purpurea, E.tennesseensis
Giant Sacaton-Sporobolus wrightii- very ornamental, large native clump grass, 4'-7', very low water, Plant Select
Salvia pachyphylla-silver aromatic foliage, blue and mauve flowers all summer, 3', xeric, Plant Select
Arp Rosemary-hardy outdoors in Colorado, good tasting Rosemary herb, 4'x4'evergreen shrub, can be short-lived
Sedum 'Angelina'-bright golden foliage, 6"-8" high, orange fall/winter color, very tough, spreading, xeric, shade OK
Chocolate Flower-Berlandiera lyrata-Very chocolate scented yellow daisies, xeric wildflower, 15"x24"
Orange Globe Mallow-Sphaeralcea angustifolius-6' tall, orange hollyhock-like flowers, very low water, native

A Sampling of Native Plants from Boulder County Seed: Preserve our native gene pool!

Helianthus pumilus-yellow daisies on dwarf yellow sunflower, 12"-20" high, xeric
Stanleya pinnata-Prince's Plume, showy spikes of yellow flowers, 3', xeric, tough
Grindellia squarrosa-Gumweed: attractive yellow flowers Aug-Oct., xeric medicinal, 15"
Penstemon virens-2"x6", short spikes of violet blue flowers; shiny, dark evergreen leaves
Gaillardia aristata-yellow and red pinwheel flowers all summer, 10"-16" high, very xeric,
Linum lewisii-true native Blue Flax, light blue flowers, 8"-16" high, very xeric
Achillea lanulosa-Native Yarrow: White flowers in clusters, aromatic herb, xeric
Penstemon secundiflorus-bright lavender-pink flowers on 12" stems, bluish foliage, xeric

Ratibida columnifera–Prairie Coneflower; yellow or red daisies all summer, low water
Liatris punctata–purple–pink gayfeather, 12”–16” tall, late summer, xeric, butterflies
Townsendia grandiflora–Showy Easter Daisy: large 2” pinkish daisy flowers, 8” stems
Physaria bellii–low rosette of silvery leaves, yellow flowers early spring, xeric, rare

“And collectively we spend more on Halloween candy than on sustainable energy research.” Barbara Kingsolver

Organic Vegetable Starts: (See Edibles on our website for complete list)

TOMATOES: New for ‘11: (OP=Open Pollinated; indet indeterminate, det=determinate)

Jubilee–80da, heirloom, sweet, mild, 8oz orange fruits, very tasty, disease resist., winner

Honeydrop–62da, OP, indet., early producer, honey-colored cherry fruit, very sweet & fruity

Tiffen Mennonite–86da, indet., large, pink, rich Brandywine flavor, great for slicing

Aunt Ruby’s German Green–85da, indet, heirloom, in top 10 for flavor, lg fruit, green flesh

Bellstar–74da, OP, det, delicious 4oz paste fruits, good in salads too, ripens over long period

Speckled Roman Paste–85da. OP, great sauce flavor, beautiful red 4oz with stripes, yields!!

Mt. Roma–68da, OP, det, very early paste, pear–shape, 2–3oz fruit, for short/cold season

Jet Star–72da, hyb, ind, high yield, 7–8oz, crack–free, low–acid, outstanding flavor;

gr.house

Black Truffle–heirloom, ind, pear–shape, dk. burgundy, 6–8” fruit, high sugar & acid flavor!

Tappy’s Heritage–heirloom, ind, red 5oz, thick & meaty, outstanding sweet flavor

Green Zebra–75da, OP, ind, sweet, flavorful, beautiful 3” green & gold striped, crack–free

Black From Tula–Russian heirloom, ind, most delicious, prolific, healthiest in our trials

Persimmon–golden–orange, medium sized tomato, sweet, rich flavor, stores well

Gold Nugget–60da, OP, det, delicious 1” gold fruit, crack–free, prolific, good in containers

Northern Light–58da, heirloom, det, very early 2”–3” red–orange, prolific & flavorful, in

pots

Aurora–65da, OP, ind, round, red, 2–3” fruits, five star flavor, from Russia for short seasons

Grushovka–67da, heirloom, det, compact plant, rose–red fruit 7oz, good fresh or canned

Sasha’s Altai–59da, heirloom, ind, 3” bright red, very early; excellent, very sweet flavor

Siberian–64da, heirloom, ind, red, 3–4oz fruit; Eve grew in large pot: “love at first bite”

Red Siberian–70da, heirloom, ind, perfect crimson fruits, up to 1 lb, outstanding flavor

Old Favorites

Chianti Rose–80days, heirloom, OP, indeterm. Big rosy red, superb flavor, cool summers OK

Black Cherry–75da, OP, indet., red–black cherry tomato; fabulous, complex heirloom flavor

Martino’s Roma–heirloom, deter, 2oz red paste tomatoes, superb sauce, no blossom end rot

Juliet–60da, indeter. hybrid; All American winner, deep red 2”, rich flavor, very disease resist

Kellogg’s Breakfast–85days, heirloom, indeter.; big, meaty, bright golden–orange, rich flavor

Black Krim–70–80days; ½ lb striking dark, delicious, intense flavor; Russian heirloom

Gardener’s Delight–68days, OP; sweet 1” deep red cherry tomato; productive; indeterm.

Amish Paste–85 days, very meaty, rich flavor intensifies in sauces, indeterm. heirloom

Sungold–F1 hybrid, 65 day, orange–gold 1 ¼” fruits, sweet and plentiful, fresh or dried
Pruden’s Purple–OP (Heirloom) 72 day, large, dark pink, wonderful flavor, indeter.
Siletz–OP 70 day, earliest big tomato, excellent flavor, disease resistant, determinate
Rutger’s–OP Heirloom, popular for rich flavor, productivity, wilt, crack & drought resist.
Super Lakotah–OP 75day heirloom; juicy old–fashioned flavor; OK in cool weather
Cherokee Purple–77days, heirloom, delicious deep pink fruits are 3”–4”; indeterminate
Glacier–OP 56 day, best ultra–early variety with rich tomato flavor, 2” fruits
Others: **Thessaloniki, Mortgage Lifter, Mexico Midget, Brandywine, Silvery Fir Tree**

PEPPERS: New for ‘11 (OP=Open Pollinated)

Chocolate– 80da. OP, a dozen thick–walled 6–8”fruits, from green to chocolate, rich flavor
Orange Sun–75da,OP, Sweet vibrant orange, large, blocky, thick & juicy 4” bells, productive
Early Mt. Wonder–70da.,OP, thick–walled 4”x4” green pepper turning bright red, vigorous
Mini Belle Mixed–70da.,OP, dwarf plants, big crops, small red, orange & chocolate fruits
Sweet Pickle–65da.,OP, 13” plants, big crops of many colored fruits, good in containers
Feherozon–90da.,OP, 3”x4” fruits turn yellow to red; dry & grind for great paprika
Carmen–75da., hyb. Dark red sweet Italian peppers; roast, fry, eat: good in containers
Big Red–75da., OP, 4” thick–walled , crisp, very sweet red peppers, very productive
Felicity Sweet Jalapeno–70da., hyb, rich, smokey flavor, not hot, for salsa, appetizers
Old Favorites

Quadrato d’Asti Giallo–80da,OP, Bright yellow bell, rich sweet flavor, for stuffing, salad
Alma Paprika–70–80day; heirloom, ripens red, sweet, productive, fresh/dried; warm
King of the North–OP 70days, large sweet bells turn red, prolific yields in cooler climate
Gypsy–great bell pepper flavor, long, yellow, very productive, cool temperature tolerant
Other Sweet Peppers:**Red Cheese, Baby Belle, Quadrato d’ Asti red, California Wonder**

Peppers, hot: New for ‘11

Serrano–85da., heirloom,3”–4” peppers are 5x hotter than Jalapeno, use fresh
Mulato–85da., heirloom, mild/medium hot, green to chocolate brown, 4”x2” fruits
Anaheim ‘M’–85da.,OP, less hot than reg. Anaheim,7”x1” fruit: fresh, dried, roasted
NuMex Sandia Hot–85da.,OP, early maturing, productive, mild hot, 7”x1” fruit, fresh/dried
Cochiti–90da. Heirloom, narrow 2” chilis are med.hot, dry to deep amber; sweet–hot
Big Jim–85da, OP, medium–hot, large 8” fruits, excellent roasted & stuffed for rellenos
Bulgarian Carrot–68da. Heirloom, bright orange, 2”–3” fruit are fruity & hot; compact plant
Bolivian Rainbow–85da. OP, purple leaves, 1.5” upright fruits in rainbow colors, quite hot
Old favorites:

Purple Cayenne–OP 70days, masses of beautiful 3” narrow purple, hot peppers, 2’ plant
Early Jalapeno–OP 75 days, 3”x1” fruits, very hot, early
New Mexico #6–very mild chili, best used green, all purpose, delicious
Espanola Improved–medium hot chili, for short growing season, red, productive
Others: **Chimayo, Ancho, Pasilla Bajio, Anaheim, Marbles, New Mexico Joe E. Parker**

EGGPLANTS: New for ‘11: (OP–Open Pollinated, hyb–hybrid; da– days to ripen)

Black Enorma: 75d hybrid, Robust 30” plants, 1 lb+ black, teardrop fruit, trellis
Old Favorites

White Fingers–67da OP early, prolific, slender white fruit, great in containers
Rosita–84da OP, early productive, tasty, 6”–8” pink/lavender fruit; no bitterness
Prosperosa–OP 65days, large round deep violet, prolific, delicious Italian heirloom

Pingtung Long–58day, long, slender light purple 11” fruits, vigorous, sweet flavor
Also: **Galine, Applegreen, Parks Whopper, Black King, Rosa Bianca, Slim Jim, Diamond**

BROCCOLI: NEW for‘11

Limba: 70d, OP, Czech variety ,semi-domed heads to 8” across, side-shoots too
Old Favorites:

Arcadia–94da, hyb.very heat tolerant, small heads, cold and disease tolerant

De Cicco–48day; Italian heirloom; mild, compact, productive w/sideshoot; very early

Piracicaba–56day; half broccoli half broccoli raab; tender, productive, tasty raw/cooked

Nutri-Bud–58day OP; nutritious, large heads, many off-shoots; delicious mild flavor

Fiesta–86da,hyb, 6–8” heads, many side-shoots, delicious flavor, heat & cold tolerant

Also **Purple Sprouting**

CAULIFLOWER: New for‘11

Amazing: 71d OP, Classic all-purpose cauliflower; big, crisp, dense, delicious

Early Snowball: 65d OP, Excellent early variety for home gardens, fine textured fruit

Also again: **Graffiti**–delicious, ornamental brilliant purple heads raw & cooked, 80 days

CABBAGE– **Early Jersey Wakefield, Stonehead, Red Express, Savoy, Red Acre, etc.**

CUCUMBERS: New for‘11

Delikatesse:60da heirloom Fruits ~10” long, a lovely lime green, big yields, great flavor

Mountain Pickling: 52da OP, very early, Superb flavor, 3”, dependable

West India Gherkin: 65da heirloom, loads of very small, spiny, striped fruit, salad/pickle

Muncher: 54d OP, smooth skin, delicious, burpless, never bitter, prolific, for containers

Lemon:58d heirloom, 3” round fruits look like lemons, mild sweet flavor, drought tolerant

Old Favorites: **Diva, Suyo Long, Marketmore, Bush Champion, Armenian Burpless,**

Spacemaster, Homemade Pickles

SUMMER SQUASH: New for‘11

Saffron: 42da OP, High-quality 4–6” yellow semi-crookneck, small bush, large leaves.

Cucuzzi: 65da heirloom Italian Lagenaria; bake with tomato, olive oil, basil & cheese

Green Tiger: 55d hyb, Lovely smaller striped zucchinis, delicate nutty flavor, for big pot

Eight Ball: 42d hyb, unique round dark green zucchinis, great flavor, stuffed or grilled

Old Favorites: **Raven, Ronde de Nice, Tromboncino, Costata Romanesco, True Gold,**

Coosa, Gentry, Tatume

WINTER SQUASH: New for ‘11

Golden Delicious Hubbard: 95d OP, Beautiful red–orange fruits ~10 lb.Delicious; Stores

Sweet Dumpling: 100da OP, Tender orange flesh, superb sweet, nutty flavor; 4–5”; Stores

Sibley(Pike’s Peak):100da heirloom, banana-type ,8–10 lb, rich, sweet orange flesh; keeps

Thelma Saunders: heirloom, productive, beautiful small creamy acorn-type, great flavor

Uncle David’s Dakota Dessert: 95da heirloom, Eve’s favorite at a squash tasting event; pie

Cha Cha: 95d hyb, Mid-sized Kabocha-type, 4–5 lb fruits. Flesh is sweet & delicious, stores

Jet: 85d hyb, Early, large, attractive dark green Acorn squash with excellent flavor.

Also: **Sunshine, Carnival, Waltham Butternut, Delicata, Sweet Meat, Burpee Butterbush,**

Nutty Delica, Tetsukabuto, Hessel Sugar Loaf etc.

MELONS: New ‘11

Athena: 80da hyb, Early-ripening, high-sugar, high-yielding, disease-resistant, 7", mmm
Halona: 79da hyb, Early, dependable, orange flesh, 6" oval fruits, very sweet, Mid East type
Old Favorites: **Jenny Lind, Collective Farmwoman, Crane, Hearts of Gold, Petite Gris de Rennes, Tigger**

WATERMELON: New for '11

Crimson Sweet: 90d heirloom, 10-12" boldly striped, dk red very sweet flesh, real good
Sunsweet: 85d OP, early and big, delicious sweet red flesh, disease resistant, adaptable
Old Favorites: **Sweet Dakota Rose, Cream of Saskatchewan**

PUMPKINS: Winter Luxury, New England Pie, Lady Godiva, etc.

GREENS:

Amaranth: Pink Costa Rican, Polish, Hopi Red Dye

Arugula: Roquette, Rustic (wild) Arugula

Kale: Dwarf. Blue Curled, Tuscan (aka Lacinato, Dinosaur), Red Russian, Winterbor, Redbor, White Russian, Red Ursa

Radicchio: Palla Rossa Tardiva, Palla di Fuoco

Spinach: Tyee, Giant Nobel, Monstreux de Viroflay, Lavewa

Swiss Chard: Orange Chiffon, Ruby Red, Argentata, Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Seafoam, Pot of Gold

Lettuce & Mesclun: Several mixes

Mustards: Tatsoi, Pak Choi, Sea Kale,

Plus: **Celeriac, Celery, Chicory, Collards, Fennel, Upland Cress, Spring Raab**

Onions: Purplette, Copra, Ailsa Craig, Red Zeppelin, Welsh Onion, Red Marble Cippolini

Leeks: Lincoln, Bleu de Solaize, American Flag

Basil: **Cinnamon**-Eve's favorite for pesto, drying, purple stems, pink flowers, fragrant
Nufar Genovese-first fusarium resist. Basil, 24", large leaves, delicious Genovese flavor
Finissimo Verde a Palla-perfect 10" globes, very small fragrant leaves; window boxes,
Holy Basil-Tulsi-very aromatic and spicy, for salad garnish, herbal tea and medicinally
Mrs. Burns Lemon Basil-N.Mexico heirloom, 30" vigorous with intense lemon scent
Thai-tall, bushy, perfumed with distinctive basil/licorice/anise; S.E. Asian cooking
Also: **Green Gate, Italiano Classico, Sweet Basil**

OTHER FOOD:

Blood-veined Sorrel-striking foliage, red-veined, 12" perennial sorrel for soups/salads

Sorrel: De Belleville, French

Rhubarb 'Glaskin's Perpetual' and Victoria, both classic heirloom varieties

Wild Parsley-great-tasting, self-sowing parsley; companion to roses; saved by one of our customers

Strawberry: Fort Laramie, Tristar, Mara de Bois, Reugen (Alpine)

We have many shrubs, native shrubs, fruiting shrubs; fruit trees, ornamental trees and shade trees with complete root systems in pots

EVENTS AND SALES

April 1 (Fools are Welcome) Open for the Season: Open every day 9-5; Thursdays 9-6

April 30, May 1, 2,3, 5,6 Harlequin's Gardens Annual May Day Celebration and Plant Sale. Plant Sale Sat, Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri; on Saturday April 30 from 11-12:30 hear the lively **Boulder Irish Session Band, then at **1 pm** Kurt Reber will serenade us on his guitar.**

On Sunday, May 1 World Laughter Day, refreshments will be served and from **10:30-11:15 Deb Whittaker** will show us the path to **Laughter Yoga**, at **12 noon** enjoy the heartfelt good music by **The Pretty Good Folk** and at **1:30 Magician Stuart Hayner** will amaze us. **Bring the Kids.** Then at **2:30pm don't miss the Maroon Bells Morris Dancers** who will bring us fertility and merriment.

August 22,23,24,25,26,27,28 Members Fall Plant Sale

Aug. 29,30,31,Sept. 1,2,3,4 Harlequin's Annual Fall Plant Sale for everyone, begins. This sale continues every week in September and October

Sept. 10 Tomato Tasting: Lusting after the best Love Apples; CSU Co-op Extension with Harlequin's Gardens; Bring your favorites; Carol O'Meara presiding; call in Aug. for details

October: open every day 9-5, the Sale continues. November 1 - Closed for the Season

CLASSES FOR 2011

We are offering classes with excellent teachers so your gardening will be more successful. We are charging **\$15 for most classes** to support our speakers and Harlequin's educational direction. It is best to **pre-register** for these classes both **in case they fill up** (limit to 20 people per class) and **in case too few people register and we have to cancel the class.** Pre-payment assures your place in the class.

CLASSES: are \$15 (Unless otherwise noted)

April 3, Sunday, Raising Backyard Chickens, with Tracey Parish & Barb Mueser . Learn how to select, purchase and care for a flock of chickens, find out what they need and the benefits they provide. **1:30**

April 9, Saturday, Planting by the Moon with Mikl Brawner The moon and planets influence life on earth. Mikl has been planting by the Biodynamic Calendar for 20 years with success. Be in sync with the cosmic rhythms. Biodynamic Calendars available **10 am**

April 9, Saturday, Growing Veggies and Herbs in Containers: In her first year **Ellen Dart** grew \$900 worth of food and herbs in containers. She will show the simple methods for success she has learned: baby greens, squash, peppers, tomatoes, **1:30**

April 10, Sunday, Veggie Gardening 101 with Niki Hayden. She will present a simple and effective introduction to growing food without chemicals. This is Niki's passion and specialty. This class will give you the information and confidence to succeed. **10 am**

April 10, Sunday, Success with Seed Starting with Sandy Swegel. Learn simple tricks for starting seeds on a budget under various conditions. Sandy says seeds WANT to grow; just give them the right opportunities. Sandy is an experienced gardener. **1:30 pm**

April 16, Saturday, How to Grow the BEST Tomatoes, with Carol O'Meara. Not only is Carol an Extension Agent for Boulder Co. Co-op Extension, she knows how to grow the best tomatoes because she is passionate about her "Love Apples". Learn how to choose, site, feed, support and manage pests for those "home-grown" tomatoes. **10 am**

April 16, Saturday, Building Topsoil and Fertility with Mikl Brawner. We will discuss how to support soil life, enrich poor soils and improve plant health and nutrition from the bottom up: composts, fertilizers, mulching, worms, deficiencies and tith 1:30

April 17, Sunday, Mulch, Mulch: The Lasagna/Sheet Mulch Method with Barbara Miller. This method of organic veggie gardening takes less work, needs no tilling, reduces compaction & uses less water. Barbara grows 8,000 sq. ft. of veggies by herself. 10am

April 17, Sunday, Intro to Grapes (Viticulture) with John Martin. How to grow grapes for wine and for juice & fresh eating, including successful varieties, location, pest management, pruning and trellising. John grows 60 vines and makes wine at Stonebridge CSA 1:30

April 23, Saturday, Organic Lawn Care with Mikl Brawner. How to support healthy soil and soil life using compost, organic fertilizers, aeration, proper watering and mowing, and how to avoid and deal with weeds. Plus, Freedom Lawn & Meadows 10 am

April 23, Saturday, Succession Planting: Getting more from your space with Rich Pecoraro Co-owner of Abbondanza Farm. Learn the plants, their cycles, characteristics, culture & sowing windows to maximize veggie output in our short growing season. 1:30

April 24, Sunday, Permaculture for Small Spaces with Adam Brock. Apply permaculture design to containers, side yards, under-the-sink (mushrooms), & other small areas. Adam runs Wild Green Yonder, an urban permaculture design and education company. 10 am

April 24, Sunday, Rose Pruning & Care with rosarian Eve Brawner. Eve will demonstrate and discuss why and how to prune roses. Wear long pants, long sleeves, gloves and a hat. She will also discuss feeding, watering, etc. to maximize your success. 1:30

April 28, Thursday, Container Growing for Beauty & Food with Gail Clarke. Learn how to choose the best containers, soils, plants, fertilizers and learn companion planting, succession planting and watering. Gail does landscaping & is a Master Gardener. 4 pm

May 5, Thursday Wild Edibles and Medicinal Weeds with Ann Drucker. A hands-on herb class in the field: forage, taste, learn, make wild pesto & healing vinegar. Ann has over 20 years experience teaching herbal healing in her joyful, experiential way. 3:30

May 7, Saturday, Berries and Small Fruits with Mikl Brawner. Small fruits are delicious, high in antioxidants, take up less space & bear sooner than trees: strawberries, currants, raspberries, grapes, gooseberries. The best varieties for CO. & how to grow them. 10 am

May 7, Saturday, Success with Clematis: Queen of Vines with Eve Brawner. There are so many different types, colors, sizes etc. Learn which ones succeed here, & how & where to use them. She will also cover planting, fertilizing and appropriate pruning. 1:30

May 14, Saturday, Making Compost with Mikl Brawner. How to turn waste into wealth by cultivating soil microorganisms. Nature does the work if you know how to lend a hand. In this class you will learn how. Mikl has been composting for 30 years. 10 am

May 14 Saturday, Alison Peck: Edible Landscaping Learn how to grow fruits, nuts, vegetables, vines and herbs in your yard, beautifully. Learn which plants are the most successful and how to integrate them into your landscape. Alison has been designing edible landscapes for 25 years; she owns Matrix Gardens landscaping. 1:30

May 15, Sunday, Fruit Trees for CO. with Mikl Brawner. Learn which varieties are successful here, which are not, and which are good flavored: Apples, Cherries, Plums, Pears, Peaches, and learn how to care for them. Mikl's 1st orchard was in 1976. 10 am

May 15, Sunday, How to Plant a Rose with rosarian Eve Brawner. Watch & participate in the planting of container-grown roses. Wear long pants & sleeves, gloves, hat & work shoes. Eve will also discuss how to get your roses off to a great start. 1:30

May 21, Saturday, Secrets of Veggie Gardening in the Mountains with Roland Evans. Learn how to amend soils, choose the right varieties, simple plant protection strategies. Roland grows over 50 varieties of veggies at 7500'. CEO of Organic Bountea **1:30**

May 22, Sunday, Spring Pruning for Shrubs with Mikl Brawner. When spring-blooming shrubs have flowered, they should be pruned for better bloom, strength, health, beauty & to remove broken, diseased and old wood. Mikl pruned professionally for 35 years. **1:30**

June 4, Saturday, Plant a Faerie Garden (for Kids) with Harlequin's Staff Deb, Elaine & Michelle They will help children 5-9 create a faerie garden to take home. Please bring small natural objects to include. We will provide a container, plants etc. that will support butterflies, toads, beneficial insects and other fairies. **\$20 includes materials; 10 am**

June 4, Saturday, Gardening with Native Plants with Mikl & Eve Brawner. Native shrubs & wildflowers thrive in CO., support native pollinators & birds, save water & have a Western look. Learn how to choose & grow natives successfully. 20 years experience **1:30**

June 5, Sunday, Growing Vegetables without Chemicals with Niki Hayden. Niki will cover soil amendments for fertility, pest barriers and nontoxic methods for insect and weed control. Niki has many years of experience with healthy gardening: Front Range Living. **10am**

June 11, Saturday, High Altitude Gardening with Diane Badertscher. Gardening above 6000' has its own challenges. There are certain plants and certain strategies that can improve your successes. Diane lives and gardens at 8000' and can help you. **1:30**

June 12, Sunday: Opportunities and Tricks of Xeriscape with Mikl Brawner There are advantages to gardening with less water, and tricks that will improve your success. Mikl's xeriscape experience of over 20 years has taught him tricks that will cost you a lot less than it cost him. **1:30**

June 16, Thursday, 4:30; Plants for Permaculture, Part 1: Alison Peck will discuss woody plants for food, medicine, habitat and more, based on 25 years experience. And then

June 18, Saturday, Plants for Permaculture, Part 2: Alison will lead a tour of her mature permaculture landscape at Nyland Cohousing **10 am (cost for 2-part class \$25)**

June 18, Saturday, Making Herbal Preparations with Garima Fairfax. Turn plants into effective herbal teas, infused oils, salves, lotions & tinctures. Hands-on learning: leave with samples. Garima is a certified herbalist; her company: Wild Sage Skin Care. **10 am, \$20**

June 18, Saturday, Knowing and Supporting Beneficial Insects: Carol O'Meara. If you know the good bugs, you can relax and let them do their work. If you also support them, you will have less to do. Carol is a Coop. Ext Agent and an excellent teacher. **1:30**

June 19, Sunday, Free Class for Members: Great New Xeriscape Plants with Mikl & Eve Brawner: See details in 'The Harlequin Effect and Membership' **1:30**

June 23, Thursday, Back-yard Beekeeping with Julie Finley Learn honeybee culture and the plants that support them. Visit our Top Bar hives to learn a great system for natural and small scale beekeeping. Julie buzzes with 15 years experience. She's a honey **4 pm**

July 9, Saturday, Landscaping without Chemicals with Mikl Brawner. Plants do not need petroleum fertilizers and toxic pesticides. They do just fine with organic products and methods. Learn how. Mikl has been researching and testing this for 35 years. **1:30**

July 10, Sunday, Season-Extending for Fall & Winter Harvests with Eric Johnson. Learn how to grow veggies thru the winter w/o extra heat & with low-tech solutions. Eric has studied horticulture and has 20 years experience, gardening & experimenting **1:30**

July 16, Saturday, Intro to Rainwater Harvesting with Jason Gerhardt. The focus is on what we can do legally to benefit from rainfall, for water conservation, economy & plants. Jason is a permaculturist and teacher of permaculture design at Naropa & other. **1:30**

July 23, Saturday, Saving Your Seed with Janis Kieft. Learn how to save flower and veggie seeds from your garden. Topics include: isolation, selection, harvesting, seed storage, testing & more. Janis is a professional with 30 yrs experience. **1:30**

Aug 13, Saturday, Mikl Brawner will give a talk and demonstration “**Pruning for Strength, Health and Beauty**”. Learn to train young trees, to restructure shrubs and trees broken by storms, to prune roses. Mikl has 35 years experience in pruning. **1:30**

Aug. 21, Sunday, Pruning for Strength, Health and Beauty repeat of Aug 13. **1:30**

Aug. 27, Saturday, Making Preserves from Colorado’s Fruits with Engrid Winslow. Engrid makes delectable jams, marmalades & fruit butters etc; Sample & learn techniques & recipes for making these distinctive homemade preserves. **\$20 materials included 1:30**

Sept. 10, Saturday, Harlequin’s/Coop Ext TOMATO TASTING Be prepared to bring tomatoes and taste tomatoes and have some fun. (discover a new Best Tasting Tomato?) See our Fall Newsletter or Blog or call in Aug. for the details of time and place.

Sept. 17, Saturday, Low-Tech Greenhouse Design and Operation with Mikl Brawner. Mikl has been researching, building and using simple greenhouses for 20 years. This class will focus on 5 designs on site at the nursery. **1:30**

We are very proud of our staff, so to help you to get to know us and our specialties, here are our portraits.

Elaine Walker is a landscape architect with an emphasis in ecological practices. Her recent work includes designing outdoor living spaces, retaining & boulder walls, water features, native and drought tolerant plantings. Elaine is a landscape designer.

Deb Svoboda is a Master Gardener, and has years of experience with her own xeriscape garden. She has grown a lot of plants from Harlequin’s Gardens and has enjoyed taking classes from Lauren Springer Ogden.

Linda Taylor specializes in heirloom roses. She started and operated her own rose nursery in Montana and she knows the tough and hardy varieties. She does consulting on Horticultural Therapy and landscaping.

Roses are one of our primary specialties and **Sharron Zaun** is one of our most knowledgeable people in that area, especially for the David Austin roses. Besides growing 90 roses in her own garden, Sharron has 3000 square feet of growing area to test perennials and shrubs. She has a passion for working with plants and people. She has been with us for 16 years (can that be possible?).

Diane Badertscher earned a degree in horticulture with honors, and has qualified as a Certified Colorado Nursery Professional. She specializes in trees and shrubs, especially the natives. Her 11 years of experience gardening at 8,000’ is very valuable to mountain gardeners.

Christina Thomas has been gardening in Boulder for 25 years with particular experience in herbs, Mediterranean plants, xeriscape and vegetables. She has worked as an editor for “Conservation Biology”, for articles and books on climate change, natural sciences and the environment.

Matt Patrick is trained as a CSU Master Gardener and has operated his own landscape business for the past three years. He was raised farming tobacco in Kentucky. He has worked for the Boulder County AIDS Project, Boulder Human Relations Comm., & Foothills United Way.

Engrid Winslow has degree in Urban Horticulture and has taken Master Gardener training, and has experience with gardening at her home and professionally. Engrid works Saturdays in May and June

Michele Bailey worked for 15 years in the landscaping and nursery industries. Her special interests are perennials, natives and vegetables—especially for children.

Marilyn Kakudo has a degree in Biology as well as being a teacher at the Culinary School of the Rockies. She has assisted many small local businesses and is an excellent gardener.

Eve Reshetnik-Brawner has always had a passion for gardening and for studying, growing and drawing plants. She has a degree in landscape architecture and over ten years of experience in that field. She has a special love and knowledge of roses, fragrant flowers, ornamental grasses, clematis and vegetables. Eve, with Mikl, designed the rose garden at the Boulder Dushanbe Tea House. In her “spare” time she is an artist and musician. Eve is available for garden consultations

Mikl Brawner got his initial training along the creeks and woods of eastern Iowa. Then he studied biology at the University of Iowa, but the further education he sought to become an ecologist and naturalist

was not available, so he went to India with the Peace Corps. Back in America, he managed a small organic apple orchard, and started a tree care business. Studying plants, researching alternatives to pesticides, and developing a xeriscape garden led him from the tree tops to a plant nursery. Now the evolving Harlequin's Gardens is his life-work, helping the gardening community to bring nature into their personal lives and homes using sustainable plants, materials and methods. Mikl is available for consultations. Mikl was honored with the **2009 PaceSetter Award for the Environment**

Also working at Harlequin's Gardens is **Kurt Reber**, our facilities manager, and **Sequoia Van Manen** caring for our display gardens. And we're delighted to have occasional help from: **Marty Crigler, Juanita Hakala, Zachary Smith, Sandy Swegel, Gail Clarke**

Soil Amendments at Harlequin's Gardens: visit our Soil Food Café

Compost Tea—enriches soil, prevents disease, supports & inoculates soil life, increases plant growth and flowering. We are making our own this year from Biodynamic Compost. Local fertility: Try it!

Yum Yum Mix— 2-2-2 Vegan/Organic fertilizer for alkaline, nutrient-poor Western soils, feeds plants/microbes. Made from alfalfa, cottonseed meal, kelp meal, rock dust, green sand, humate

Biodynamic Compost Starter—speeds decomposition, adds nitrogen bacteria, helps make humus, improves mineral availability, contains 55 microorganisms, long history of success

Biodynamic Field and Garden Spray—speeds the breakdown of cover crops or sheet mulch; planting 2 – 3 weeks after spraying & turning under, or before adding to sheet mulch; 55 microbes

Dairy Cow Manure—organic and well-composted. A big improvement over last year's. Local fertilizer; reuses waste, builds soil, natural nitrogen

EcoGro—organic compost made from landscape wastes and beer wastes, locally produced, non-burning and mature soil building ingredient, reduces carbon dioxide and non-local shipping

EcoScraps Compost and Potting Soil— made from recycling food wastes, with added trace minerals. Good for soil and saves landfilling and waste of a resource; cuts methane emissions

Western Grow—compost made from Boulder County landscape wastes. Well composted. Good, non-burning soil-builder, great local resource saved from landfilling, reduces carbon dioxide & shipping

Composted Cotton Burrs: premium soil conditioner, loosening clay soils & increasing aeration.

Unlike wood products, does not take nitrogen from the soil. Pesticide-free; adds beneficial bacteria & fungi. Also available with soil sulfur to acidify alkaline soils

PlantersII—a rock dust product containing over 30 trace minerals. Best when doing soil prep. or side-dress every 2 years. Great for rock gardens, cacti, natives and vegetables. Colorado source.

Menefee Humate—, natural product; high concentration of trace minerals and humic acid for plant growth, development & uptake of vital nutrients. Gentle but effective

Alpha One: locally made organic fertilizer for Colorado 7-2-2; alfalfa based with high organic matter content, high humic acid value, low pH, non-burning. Great for veggies. Vegan

Soil Pep: a semi-fine mulch of half-composted bark. A rose grower from Denver says "The most important thing in my garden culture is Soil Pep...it keeps my garden almost work free."

Myke: dependable viability of beneficial bacteria and mycorrhizae (Few sources have live microbes) It supports growth & resistance to stresses like drought, heat and cold; helps establish plants

Fine Woodchip Mulch: looks good, less blowing, quicker to breakdown providing nutrition, local

OTHER PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AT HARLEQUIN'S GARDENS:

Pharm Solutions for safe pest management: this great line of USDA certified products are made from organic essential oils & other non-toxic and good smelling ingredients. **Veggie Pharm**— is amazingly effective not only for aphids and mites, but even for blister beetles and potato beetles; also acts as a repellent for insects and small animals. **Indoor Pharm**—controls scale, fungus gnats, mealy bugs, aphids, mites, etc. **Fungus Pharm**—to manage powdery mildew, blackspot & rusts.

Garlic Pharm—strong repellent for insects & small animals; also controls pest fungus & some insects. **Weed Pharm**—acetic acid is a non-selective & effective herbicide for annual weeds & perennial weeds with retreatment. **Rose Pharm**—safe insecticide for rose pests like aphids, mites, rose slug; may repel rose weevil. **Flower Pharm**—controls many insects and fungus pests

Pure Spray Green Horticultural Oil: THE best non-toxic pest management product I know; baby oil grade has no burning on leaves; smothers aphids, mites, sawflies; no harm to lady bugs, birds
Eco Skin Sunscreen: zinc oxide UV protection; no titanium dioxide, non-nano, no fragrances; good moisturizer, ideal for sensitive skin; does not sting eyes; very effective and Now Less Expensive
Solar Caps: Season extending device that's a big improvement over "Wall-o-Water". Sturdy wire frames are covered with a water-filled lining, they don't blow over, light transmission is excellent. They can be left on all season to keep the soil warm at night, which is very beneficial for tomatoes and peppers. We planted a tomato in one April 11, it was ripe July 15.

Green Cure: non toxic cure for powdery mildew & blackspot, tomato blight, proved effective locally

Hydrosorce: a water absorbing polymer used as a soil amendment to help establish plants and save water; lasts 8 years in soil. OSHA says nonhazardous; Not OMRI Okd; Plant roots like it.

Quench: organic-based water-absorbing gel made from cornstarch. More costly than Hydrosorce but natural; effective for 3 years; said to release water to soil faster; has good value in helping to establish plants, reduce watering in containers; safe for veggie gardens

Mile-Hi Rose Feed: formulated specifically for Colorado soils, mostly organic, contains 12 essential nutrients and trace minerals for roses, adds organic matter, supports microorganisms. We've been using this for 12 years at the Boulder-Dushanbe Tea House with great results.

Mile-Hi Alfalfa Meal: also great for roses and gardens; a natural plant-growth stimulant, producing healthier foliage, better vigor and more profuse flowering, ground not pellets

BobbeX Deer Repellent—both a fertilizer and a repellent; many reports of success with this one, even in Evergreen, Colorado. Best to alternate with **Liquid Fence** which guarantees success. We will carry products for repelling deer and rabbits. **Plantskydd**— lasts twice as long as other repellants, for deer, elk, rabbits etc. 6 month dormant, 3 months in growth; rainfast in 24hrs

Excellent Tools: unbendable trowel, sharp hand pruners and loppers, saws, gloves and more

Home-grown Fruit:

One of our specialties is fruiting plants that are adapted to Colorado conditions. All the apples we carry are resistant to fireblight and good-tasting. And the cherries we sell are all proven successful in Colorado. Our grapes are the most hardy of any you will find and delicious fresh, in juice and a couple are good for wine. And we have currants, strawberries, raspberries, etc. **See May classes and see Edibles** (under Plants) **on our website.**

In late July/early August, come in for vegetable starts for fall and winter crops of broccoli, cauliflower, kale, chard, cabbage etc.

“Compassion is the radicalism of our time.” The Dalai Lama

ROSES: we have 200+ varieties of cold-hardy, Sustainable Roses on their own roots
(See our complete 2011 Rose List under 'Plants' on our website.)

Banshee—tough, alley rose, very fragrant, double pink blooms in spring, 8'–10'

Applejack—vigorous, semi-double pink, repeats, 6' shrub or 9' climber, Buck Rose

Burgundy Iceberg—sport of famous Iceberg with real burgundy blooms, great repeat 4'

Dentelle de Bruges—very fragrant, profuse small white double flowers; 5'x5' shrub

Rosa glauca—small, mauve single flowers in spring, stunning purple/grey foliage, 6'

Abraham Darby—very fragrant salmon pink big flowers, good repeat, 5'x5' Austin rose

Seafoam—3'x4' drought tolerant shrub; small white double blooms, good repeat, tough

Champlain—real red Canadian 3' shrub, great repeat bloomer, tough and compact

Carefree Delight—2 ½' hardy shrub, pink single flowers; glossy, dark green foliage

Double Knockout—one of the best Knockouts, 3–4', red flowers, very disease resistant

Henry Kelsey—most cold-hardy red climber, reblooms, tolerates poor soil, low water

Fairmount Proserpine—rich old rose fragrance, found at Fairmount Cemetery, 5', tough
Complicata—old Gallica, huge single bright pink flowers, climber/shrub 6'–8', very tough
John Cabot—Canadian Climber to 8', orchid pink flowers repeat, tolerates some shade, z3
Golden Celebration—gorgeous golden flower with luscious fragrance, Austin, 5'–7', repeats
Jeanne Lajoie—small flowered climber to 6', pink flowers with long repeat, glossy foliage
William Baffin—8' shrub or climber, to zone 2, or 9000'; strawberry pink flowers, repeats
Pompon Blanc Parfait—1876 Alba; small, white fragrant blooms, shade tol, summer bloom
Rosa spinosissima—5' arching species rose, very fragrant cream blooms, tough, hardy
The Fairy—2' shrub with pink sweetheart roses, petite and tough as nails, good repeat
Winnipeg Parks—cherry red flowers in abundance, 3'x3', zone 3; excellent repeat bloom

We have one of the best selections of native shrubs in Colorado, including

Ribes odoratum 'Crandall'—Clove Currant; 4'–6', yellow fragrant flowers, large fruit clusters
Amorpha canescens—Lead Plant 3' shrub with purple spikes late spring, drought tol.
Cercocarpus ledifolius—fabulous broadleaf evergreen 10'–20' high, light gray bark, very xeric
Cercocarpus intricatus—dwarf evergreen only 5' high, very xeric, slow-growing, good bonsai
Rhus glabra cismontana—Rocky Mt. Sumac—3'–6' spreading, red fruit; red fall color, xeric
Tall Blue Rabbitbrush—4'–6' high and wide, showy yellow flowers Aug–Sept; xeric
Dwarf Blue Rabbitbrush—2'x2' blue-green foliage, smothered in yellow flowers, xeric gem
Fernbush (Chamaebatiaria)—4'–6', ferny leaves; clusters of small white flowers, xeric
Paxistima myrsinites—Mt. Lover: broadleaf evergreen, 16" tall, native above 8500'
Amelanchier alnifolia 'Regent'—selection 4'–6' with better fruit; white flowers, red fall color
Acer glabrum—Rocky Mt. Maple—10'–15' upright form, light gray bark, yellow fall color
Amorpha canescens—Lead Plant; 2'–3' shrub; purple spikes in summer; xeric
Artemisia tridentata—Big Sage—3'–10', gray very aromatic foliage, evergreen, very xeric
Artemisia filifolia—Sand Sage, silvery fine-leafed shrub, 4', very xeric, good with grasses
Prunus besseyi (and 'Pawnee Buttes') Sand Cherry (Dwarf Sand Cherry) white flowers
Apache Plume (Fallugia)—5'x5' shrub, white rose-like flowers, pinky plume seed heads, xeric
Forestiera neomexicana—New Mexican Privet—8'–15', light bark, blue berries, xeric
Philadelphus lewisii—Native Mockorange 6', white very fragrant flowers, shade tol., xeric

Many of you have helped us grow our business over the years. If you would like to help some more, please hand our card to a friend or neighbor; and vote for us as Best Nursery in the Daily Camera, Boulder Gold awards this summer.

Landscape Consultations: Eve and Mikl are available for consultations. We can help you 1) clarify the use of the space 2) choose plants 3) identify site opportunities & limitations 4) make rough design sketches & plant lists 5) prioritize project steps. 6) reduce water use through water-wise plant choices, etc. 7) plan vegetable, fruit, native & wildlife gardens 8) improve your soil fertility 9) identify trees, evaluate and make recommendations for tree care. Consultations can be at your property, or less expensive private consultations

can take place at the nursery. Mikl is available Mondays & Wednesdays 10–6; Fridays or other times by appt. Eve's hours may be more flexible. Call to Schedule 303–939–9403

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