

# Fall Newsletter

By Harlequins Gardens | August 17, 2012

Dear Friends and Fellow Gardeners,

**Welcome to Fall, to better conditions for establishing plants, and to Harlequin's Gardens 2012 Fall Plant Sale.**

This is a good planting time because plants are sending their energies and nutrients to their roots, because temperatures are cooler and, hopefully, rainfall will be more plentiful. Fall is also a more pleasant time to do planting, soil building, and fertilizing. Some books say we shouldn't fertilize after the middle of July, but that rule only applies to chemical fertilizers. Because organic fertilizers are naturally slow releasing, they do not force fast, soft growth, and they feed the soil and plants over a 4-6 month period. Both plant and animal waste composts nourish the soil organisms which digest raw materials and minerals into plant-available forms, increase the nutritional value of plants, and with fertilizers, help fruit trees and berry bushes to set fruit buds for next year's crop.

We will again be offering organic cool-season veggie starts: lettuce, spinach, arugula, kale, chard etc. As interest grows in this opportunity to grow more food, our selection will increase. We will have potted rosemary and basil you can grow indoors.

AND now is an ideal time to plant meadow mixes and cover-crops. This fall we will have 5 different meadow mixes and 3 different cover crop seeds. In September and October we will have hardy and water-thrifty bulbs with an emphasis on shorter and species varieties. AND, of course, we have a very good selection of healthy perennials, shrubs, native wildflowers and shrubs; hardy, sustainable roses, trees, ornamental grasses, vines and herbs. Our great selection of water-wise plants will give your gardens and landscapes endurance and beauty even as the planet warms and water becomes more expensive.

When you shop at Harlequin's Gardens, you are not only getting successful plants and organic soil amendments, you are supporting a company that for 20 years has made sustainability our bottom line. Because we source our plants and products from mostly local suppliers and because our fertilizers and pest management products are not made from petroleum, your purchases contribute far less to greenhouse gases that help to create the climate changes we are seeing and not seeing.

So please come to **our Fall Sale. See page 4 for details** and the schedule. **ALSO** on page 4 are details of our first-ever **Winter Hours**, when we will be **open in December for gardeners' gifts, and in March to help you prepare a great organic garden.**

**Here is a taste of some of the great plants available at our Fall Sale**

**NATIVES:** Native plants are adapted to dramatic ups and downs of weather and drought. They support local pollinators & birds and help create a successful western landscape

**Native Gayfeather**-*Liatris punctata*: Totally drought tolerant butterfly magnet, purplish-pink spikes of flowers in the heat of late summer; 12"-16"; great addition for your meadow

**Spiderwort**-*Tradescantia occidentalis*- 3-petaled blue flower, local prairie forb, xeric

**Desert Four O'Clock**-*Mirabilis multiflora*: lavender trumpet-flowers with purple throats in profusion late day/morning, attracts hummingbirds; 12"x36"+; fabulous xeriscape plant

**Asclepias tuberosa**-striking orange-flowered Butterfly Weed, 24" high, xeric, attracts Bflies

**Lithospermum multiflorum**-Blr Co. native, 6"x10" with yellow bells, from local seed

**Chocolate Flower**-yellow daisies with dark eye smell like chocolate, xeric, 12"x24"+

**Eriogonum 'Kannah Creek'**-Sulfur Flower, yellow pom-poms, burgundy fall color, xeric

**Eriogonum jamesii**-local, silvery foliage, light yellow pom-poms, xeric mat, very tough

**Yellow Evening Primrose**-**'Silver Blade'**-very silvery leaves, gold flowers, xeric in clay

**Pitcher Sage**-stunning blue flowers in summer on 6' plants, great with rabbitbrush, xeric

**Bee Balm**-**Monarda fistulosa**-rosy-lavender flowers, for butterflies, hummers, bees & teas

**Penstemons:** xeric and colorful in blues and reds & many forms: Penstemon: arenicola, aridus, barbatus Elfin Pink & coccineus, secundiflorus-local violet pink, mensarum-bright blue, linarioides-mat, eatonii-hummingbird heaven, pseudospectabilis-electric pink, strictus-durable purple, rostriflorus-orange-red (excellent), alpinus, cyanathus, palmeri, etc

**Plus: Pussytoes, Wallflower, Wild Grape, Compass Plant, Purple Loco Weed, Lupine etc**

**HERBS:** useful wild/tough plants that have followed humans thru centuries of adversity to provide flowers, flavors, medicines & other benefits like fiber and support for pollinators

**Lavenders-** 24" tough hardy **Country Lavender**, 16" dark purple **Hidcote**, **Grosso**-big & hardy, **L. vera**-true lavender-old & great, **Munstead**-hardy & compact; great fragrances

**True Comfrey**-great medicinal for sores, bones, muscles, and good in composts

**Roman Chamomile**-ferny foliage, small yellow & white flowers, easy tea for sleep or stress

**Bronze Fennel**-beautiful xeric ornamental, seeds for digestion, foliage for swallowtail Bflies

**Silver Thyme & Lavender Thyme**-attractive edging, flavorful & valuable medicinal herb

**Valerian**-4'tall, white flowers, roots used for insomnia, muscular tension, migraine, etc.

**Echinacea**-tough species varieties, for building immune system, beautiful coneflowers

**SHADE PLANTS:** In Colorado many high water, rich soil, acid-loving, eastern woodland plants fail. However these selections are on our success list.

**Plumbago**- great low-water spreading plant with true blue flowers and red fall color

**Campanulas:** **elatinoides**-shade/sun, low growing, low water with small blue bells, tough

**C. poscharskyana**-lavender bells, **C. carpatica**-sky blue, & **C. trogerae**, **C. pyramidalis**

**Geraniums: cantabrigiense & macrorrhizum:** tough, beautiful flowers, red winter color; fragrant, dense foliage smothers weeds, unpalatable to deer & rabbits, low water needs

**Corsican Viola-**very long-blooming purple flowers are edible, self-sowing, low water

**Lady's Mantle-**big scalloped leaves, chartreuse flowers glow, women's herb, low water

**Firefly Coralbells-**not a fragile boutique variety, red flowers, green foliage, low water

**Foxgloves:** perennial varieties: pink, red-pink & yellow, beautiful, graceful, deer-proof

**Sweet Woodruff-**low-water groundcover, white flowers, herb, best grown with shrubs

**ORNAMENTAL GRASSES:** Giant Sacaton & Alkali Sacaton, Blonde Ambition Blue Grama, Muhlenbergii reverchonii-Autumn Embers, Mt. Atlas Fescue (*Festuca mairei*) etc, etc.

**ROSES:** Our proven, sustainable own-root roses will be **on sale 1) during the Members Sale and 2) Sept 9-15** when they will be **20% off.**

## **TREES**

Hackberry, Mt. Ash, Adams Crab, May Day Tree, Honeylocust, Autumn Purple Ash Chokecherry, , Arizona Cypress, many hawthorns, Crab Apples, Coyote Willow, Redbud, Dwarf Alberta Spruce (**Plums, Peaches & Cherries available now, but not discounted**)

**SOIL PRODUCTS-**We offer high quality organic fertilizers, organic composts & two very good mulches at reasonable prices. **ALSO: Corn Gluten Meal-**9% nitrogen winterizer for lawns that also acts as a **Non-toxic pre-emergent herbicide**, suppressing the germination of weed seeds. Apply in October and again in late February for significant weed control

**Hundreds of Shrubs and Perennials-both native and non-native,** too many to describe:

Fernbush, Isanti Dogwood, Dwarf Forsythia, Viburnams: juddii, burkwood, dwarf cranberry; Elderberry, American Plum, Rocky Mt. Juniper, Lilacs, Sand Cherry, Spireas, Texas Scarlet Quince, Crimson Pygmy Barberry, Mt. Mahogany, Native Currants

**AND** Mrs. Bradshaw Geum, *Erodium chrysanthum*, Coral Canyon Twinspur, Blue Hills and Firewitch Dianthus, Luna Basket of Gold, Catmints: 6 Hills Giant, Walker's Low, *Nepeta faassenii*; Dwarf Candytuft, *Herniaria glabra*, Salvias: Blue Queen, *cyanescens*, *argentea*, May Night, *daghestanica* (Platinum); Max Frei Soapwort, Snow Daisy, etc etc

**BULBS:** Many of you have been interested in the bulbs you've seen blooming in our xeriscape display gardens in April and May, so this fall we will offer small numbers of an interesting selection of bulbs that thrive in our xeriscapes, plus a few more. Many of them are early, short and naturalizing forms of **tulips, daffodils, iris, and alliums, Spring Starflower (Ipheion), Saffron Crocus,** and even **Paperwhites** for indoor fragrance in winter **AND GARLIC:** comes with directions to help you get to a successful harvest.

For example: **Narcissus 'Quail'** An outstanding floriferous, fragrant, long-blooming, naturalizing daffodil with up to four golden flowers per 12" – 14" stem in mid-spring. Zone 4. Deer/rodent-proof.

**Iris danfordiae, reticulata ‘Harmony’, histrioides ‘George’:** These rich yellow, blue or purple miniature iris (4-8” tall) are jewel-like harbingers of spring, Very early, very cold-hardy (Zone 3), deer-resistant, water-wise.

**Forcing Narcissus Potted Paperwhites & Grand Soleil d’Or** bring intoxicating fragrance to your home in winter, and make wonderful holiday gifts: heavily-scented flowers on up to three stems per bulb.

**Tulipa bakeri ‘Lilac Wonder’** A 6-8” mid-spring beauty with lilac pink petals and sunny yellow hearts; a great companion to daffodils like ‘Carlton’ or ‘Quail’ .Naturalizes vigorously in xeriscapes, rock gardens; zone 5

**Ipheion ‘Rolf Fiedler’** SPRING STARFLOWER: A spring gem for dry or moderately watered gardens in shade and part-shade producing a long succession of fragrant starry cobalt blue flowers on 3-6” stems, zone 5

**Look on our website in Plants/Bulbs for a complete listing with full descriptions and pictures.**

**Landscape Consultations:** Eve and Mikl are available for consultations year-round. See our website for details. **Call 303-939-9403** for rates and to schedule with Mikl, Eve or both. **If you schedule a consultation to take place between Nov 1 and Feb 28, we’ll give you 15% off a one-time purchase of plants at Harlequin’s Gardens.**

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**Special Event: Aug.25 don’t miss A Taste of Tomato:** festival & tasting (see [www.HarlequinsGardens.com](http://www.HarlequinsGardens.com) for complete information)

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

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## **Harlequin’s FALL SALE**

**Sunday, August 26 through Sept 1: MEMBERS SALE:** for your special support, you receive our Fall Sale discount a week earlier: **20% off all plants and 25% off books**

**Sunday, Sept 2 thru 8, the Fall Sale begins for everybody: 15% off** most plants except roses. **10% off books & 10% off soil products in big bags.** Also the **Deep Discount** section will be opened.

**September 9 thru 15** enjoy **25% off** perennials, shrubs & trees **THIS WEEK ONLY 20% off most ROSES** And **10% off books and soil products in big bags.**

**Sept. 16 thru 22** take **30% off** all perennials, shrubs and trees and **10% off soil products** in big bags. **THIS WEEK ONLY: 20% off books**

**Sept. 23 thru 29** take **35% off** perennials, shrubs and trees, and **10% off** books and soil products in big bags.

**Sept.30 thru Oct. 6** there will be a **40% discount off** perennials and shrubs and trees. And **10% off** soil products in big bags, **10% off** books.

**Oct. 7 thru 13**, trees, shrubs & perennials will be discounted **50%** and fertilizers and soil products will be **20% off**.

We will **continue** to offer these prices **every day in October** through Oct.31st

***NEW ! WINTER HOURS NEW !***

**In DECEMBER** we will be open **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10-4 thru Dec 23**

**Offering:** gift certificates, organic potted basil & rosemary plants to grow indoors, books, soil products, gardening tools, home-made preserves, organic personal care products, bulbs, Eve's great botanical and landscape watercolor paintings & prints, Garden Gift Baskets, Biodynamic calendars, indoor succulents and air plants and some surprises.

**In MARCH by Popular Demand:** we will be open **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10-5**

**Offering:** organic composts and fertilizers, mulches, seeds and seed-starting supplies, tools & more. Also check our website for a great **Series of Gardening Classes** starting in March.