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## Daylilies Ready To Explode

All this rain should make for a fantastic daylily season. Typically, some early varieties start to bloom by the end of June, and the peak of the season starts soon after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, lasting for two or three weeks thereafter. Some of the late bloomers don't start blooming until late July or even early August.

We sell our daylilies three different ways. First, we have over 50 varieties potted up and available from the time that we open in spring. We pot many of the daylilies in mini-clump form—4-5 fans in a larger pot. They sell for \$15.00 or \$25.00, depending on the variety. Some newer varieties are patented, so we cannot propagate them. These varieties are potted, also. Second, we take orders during the season, and then dig divisions (double fans) in August after the bloom season is over. You get them bareroot, so it is important that you get them planted right away. Orders can be picked up on an agreed upon date, or we can ship them.

The third way for you to buy our daylilies is in clump form. This has become the most popular way for our customers. We dig clumps while you are here to pick them out, dip the roots in water, and drop the clumps in plastic bags. You not only get a great deal, because you get so many fans for the money, but you get the daylilies right away, so that you can enjoy their blooms the rest of the season. We have to hold back enough of each variety for propagation and to fill orders for divisions, so the number of clumps available for any given variety will depend on our supply. In many cases, we can only spare one or two clumps of a variety. So get here early for best selection.

Please note our hours. We will still be open Sundays through July 5. After that, we will return to being open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 to 5:00, and closed on Sundays. And we will be closed on July 4.



Daylily 'Startle'

## The Barn Is Built!

The Barn at Hornbakergardens is built

and hosting events. Needless to say, it has been a very busy fall, winter and spring. Rustic on the outside, but elegant on the inside, The Barn is a cedar sided event center, perfect for hosting wedding receptions, corporate meetings, community events and more. The great hall of The Barn will

seat up to 350, and the building includes a bride's room, groom's room, large caterer's kitchen, and covered patio. A lush, green, outdoor wedding site is just 100 feet or so from the patio.

The Barn is, of course, equipped with modern bathrooms, and is heated and air conditioned, so it is available for events year round.

We are happy to have Lindsay Esmé Funderburg on board as our event coordinator. Call Lindsay here at our new offices in The Barn for information or to arrange for a tour. She can be reached by email at [lindsay@hornbakergardens.com](mailto:lindsay@hornbakergardens.com).



Lindsay Esmé Funderburg

## Artisan Market Here In September

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Artisan Market at Hornbakergardens will be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.

Plan to join us and enjoy an art market with 35 artists, wine tasting, artisan cheese, delicious home-baked items, live music, local food trucks, Sisler's ice cream, fresh-picked local produce and more. Our local potter, Ann Crosby, will be working her pottery wheel and encourages your hands-on experience.

September is a beautiful time to visit Hornbakergardens and the Artisan Market is sure to have something for everyone to enjoy.





## ***New Butterfly Bushes***

Several new *Buddleia* varieties have started to bloom, and we like them a lot. 'Crown Jewels' has magenta purple flowers that sparkle like jewels against bright gold foliage. It grows up to 4' tall. 'Royal Falls' has fragrant, amethyst purple flowers cascading out over the dark green foliage.

Two new entries in the Lo & Behold™ series include 'Blue Chip Jr.', a smaller and less brittle version of the popular 'Blue Chip', and 'Pink Micro Chip, which sports spikes of orchid pink blooms from mid summer to frost. Both of these are short varieties, topping out around 2', great for smaller spaces.



## **Meet KC**

There is a new top dog at Hornbaker Gardens, a young pup named KC. He is a Catahoula Shepherd mix, only around three months old. He loves all the attention he is getting and is getting used to roaming freely around the place. He is pretty well behaved for a pup, but he does have sharp puppy teeth, and he seems to like flapping skirts and pant legs. Our main concern is the traffic, so please watch out as you drive in and out.



# **Expansion Of Landscaping And Hardscaping Services**

We are very happy to announce that Bob Espel and Frank Jackson have joined our team to expand our ability to provide additional landscaping and hardscaping expertise. Both have been in the landscaping business for many years. In fact, Bob worked here during the early days of Hornbaker Gardens, where he managed the growing end of the business. Since then, he has

become experienced at designing and installing landscapes.

Frank is expert in the hardscaping end of things, designing and installing stone patios, driveways, walls, fire pits, and outdoor cooking areas. Bob and Frank have been working together for the last year or so, and we have been very impressed with their work. They make a great team, and having them join our

expanding landscape business adds a tremendous amount of experience and expertise to our staff. David Hornbaker will still be doing landscape design, along with being in charge of our gardens and arboretum. Call our offices to arrange for Dave, Bob or Frank to come take a look at your landscape project.

**HOURS:** Through July 5, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. However, we will be closed on Saturday, July 4. From July 6 through October 10, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and we will be closed on Sundays and on Labor Day.