

Pottery Arrives

Our huge container of pottery has arrived! After three hectic days of unloading, unpacking, pricing and arranging, all of the pots are on display. By purchasing this kind of quantity, we can sell it for substantially less than we were previously. We can hardly believe the prices as we put the price stickers on the pots.

All of this new pottery is frost proof,

meaning that you can leave it outside in the winter. However, you don't want to leave it full of moist potting soil or let water accumulate in the bottom in the winter or the expansion caused by freeze could crack the pot. For that reason, we advise using a liner pot—a cheap plastic pot to set into the pottery. We can help find you one to fit. Pot your annuals into the liner pot. At the end of

the season, you can pull out the liner pot and pitch the annuals. That way, you never have to deal with the weight of both the pottery and the potting soil at the same time, and the pottery is ready for winter. You might want to turn the pot upside down. You don't want leaves to blow in, plugging up the hole in the bottom and causing water to accumulate in the bottom prior to a freeze.



Open House June 13, 14, And 15

Our annual Open House and Hosta Walk will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 13, 14, and 15. The hostas should be looking great at that time. Refreshments will be served, and drawings for prizes will be held each day. We will also have a selection of specially priced plants, including a good selection of hostas. Look for specials on

some of our Shop items. You never know what we might decide to feature. The Open House specials list will be available on our website by June 12th.

Workshops: Also, Jane Morris, our former head gardener, will be presenting two workshops on Saturday of Open House. At 10:00, the workshop is entitled Pruning

Perennials. Learn how to cut back your perennials now in order to enjoy fuller, stronger and more floriferous plants later in the season. At 1:00, Jane will be talking on Basic Garden Design. Jane is a personable and knowledgeable speaker with a lot of helpful tips to make you a better gardener.

HOURS: Through July 6, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. We will be closed on Friday, July 4. From July 7 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.

New Hosta Arrangement

Those of you who have already been here shopping for hostas will have noticed our new arrangement. We used to have them all in alphabetical order, except for the dwarfs, which we segregated in order to keep them from getting covered up by bigger hostas. We finally decided that it made sense to do more grouping by size. So now there are five groups: Dwarf, Small, Medium, Large, and Giant. (Those listed on the price sheet as medium-small are grouped with the Small, and those listed as medium-large are grouped with the Large.) There are several signs on the posts in the hosta area to help you get to the section you want, and the hostas in that section are arranged alphabetically.

The sizes are referring to the diameter of a mature plant. In round figures, a dwarf would be 1', small 2', medium 3', large 4', and giant 5' in diameter.

Since we were so often helping customers look for hostas of a certain size, we are sure that you were doing a lot of that on your own. This new arrangement should help make the hosta selecting process a lot easier.



Need A Ride?

Have you ever wished you could take the Amtrak to Princeton and get a ride out to Hornbaker Gardens? Well, now you can! Our local public transit recently moved in to the Amtrak train depot. They need at least 24 hour advance reservations, and sometimes are booked solid a week in advance. But if you

plan ahead, you can reserve a spot and get a ride out to our nursery for \$5.00 round trip! Plan to eat lunch, buy some fresh baked treats, and shop around our north end Arts District before catching your train back home. Call 877-874-8813 or find BPART (Bureau & Putnam Area Rural Transit) on Facebook.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24	10 am	Miniature Gardening Workshop* \$30 to create and take home your own miniature garden
May 24	10 am – 3 pm	Floral Watercolor Painting Class with Melody Best*
May 31	10 am	Ask an Arborist with Dennis Taylor – Free Workshop
June 7	10 am	Gardening to Attract Hummingbirds and Butterflies – Free Workshop
June 7	10 am – 4 pm	Theorem Painting Class with Melody Best*
June 13-15	All day	Open House & Hosta Walk
June 14	10 am	Pruning Perennials with Jane Morris – Free Workshop
June 14	1 pm	Basic Garden Design with Jane Morris – Free Workshop
June 28	10 am	Miniature Gardening Workshop* \$30 to create and take home your own miniature garden
September 6	10-5	Artisan Market – Fine artists, live music, tasty treats!
September 20	2 pm	Miniature Gardening Workshop* \$30 to create and take home your own miniature garden
Wednesdays June 4-July 9	10-11 am	Sculpt Your Core Pilates classes in the gardens. Call Alicia Bolin at 815-303-1383 to sign up.*

* Pre-registration required