

GRAND OPENING!

Tour the Barn! During this year's Open House (June 12-13-14), we will be taking people on regular tours of the Barn. Here's your chance to see what's inside that big red building!



Open House June 12, 13, And 14

Our annual Open House and Hosta Walk will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12, 13, and 14. The hostas should be looking great at that time. Refreshments will be served, and drawings for prizes will be held each day. We will be firing up our grill to sell pork chops, brat burgers and burgers for lunch on Friday and Saturday. 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 11th.

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.





Starting Small

We are happy to be able to offer a fairly wide variety of evergreens in smaller sizes this year. So if you have wanted to try out some of the unusual conifers, but didn't want to invest in the more mature plants, or you just like the idea of growing a plant from a smaller start, take a look at the table in the corner of our Tree and Shrub

area. There you will find some very interesting plants in one-gallon containers or in a small liner size. Plants such as the very hardy jack pine known as 'Uncle Fog', a wildly undulating plant that will create its own curvy, swooping, living sculpture. Or 'Indigo Eyes', a Bosnian pine with bluish colored cones. Or a Japanese white

pine called 'Bergmani', which is a real collector's gem.

There are also several varieties of dwarf Hinoki Cypress. These plants need a little extra protection, perhaps. They are probably best in afternoon shade with the proverbial "moist but well-drained soil", but the rich green color and interesting

sculpture of these plants is just amazing. You will also find small starts of the beautiful yellow, upright arborvitae called 'Jantar'.

Not a conifer, but available in the small pots is an outstanding cotoneaster, 'Tom Thumb', which grows low to the ground and looks fantastic trailing over a wall.

Calendar of Events

May 17	1 pm	Kathy O'Malley on Container Gardening
May 30	10 am	Miniature Gardening Workshop - create your own miniature garden - \$30*
June 6	10 am	Flower Arranging Workshop*
June 12-14	All day	Open House & Hosta Walk - Grand Opening Tours of The Barn
June 13	10 am	Pruning Perennials with Jane Morris – Free Workshop
June 13	1 pm	Basic Garden Design with Jane Morris – Free Workshop
September 19	10-4	Artisan Market – Fine artists, live music, tasty treats!

* Pre-registration required

Pruning Your Hydrangeas

It's not too late to prune your hydrangeas. For a more complete explanation of pruning your hydrangeas, go to our website, and under "Plants", click on "Trees and Shrubs". Our pruning guide can be opened from there.

The old fashioned 'Annabelle' hydrangeas can be pruned back to 12-18" in the spring. So can the bigleaf types, such as Endless Summer®, which may need to be pruned even lower if no growth is coming from the old wood.

The most exciting group of hydrangeas are the panicle hydrangeas, such as Pinky Winky®, Quick Fire®, Vanilla Strawberry®, Fire Light®, and Bobo®. Many of these new types start out pure white, start turning pink, and then darken

to a rosy red color that is held for the rest of the season. The panicle hydrangeas grow into a woody bush, so you do not go in and whack them back as you do the types mentioned in the previous paragraph. Instead, cut back any long, slender new growth from last year, taking off perhaps a third to a half. This will encourage side shoots to develop, making for a plant with good structure and lots of flowers. Cutting back young plants is especially important in order to get this structure established before the plant gets too tall and spindly.

Oak leaf hydrangeas generally only need a minimal amount of pruning to achieve a well-rounded shape and encourage side branching.

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. 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.