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## DAYLILY CLUMP SALE!

Thanks to some timely rain, the daylily fields are looking lush. Some of the early varieties are blooming already. The peak of the season typically starts right after the 4th of July and lasts for three weeks thereafter. Some of the late bloomers don't start blooming until late July or even early August, so keep some of those late

ones in mind in order to extend your daylily bloom season.

Most of the daylilies that we sell out of the field are in clump form--meaning that we dig a gorgeous clump right away when

you pick them out, dip the roots in water, and drop the clumps into tall kitchen 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. Prices on clumps generally run between \$20.00 and \$50.00, depending on the variety and the size of the clumps.

**Clump Sale!!!** However, this year we picked out around 50 varieties that we need to thin out, and these varieties are priced at \$15.00. You can't go wrong at that price. They are all beautiful or we wouldn't have selected them to be in the field in the first place. Get here early for best selection. And we still have around 50 varieties potted up and ready to take home at any time.

Please note our hours. We will still be open Sundays through July 10. After that, we will return to being open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 to 5:00, and closed on Sundays. We will be closed on Monday, July 4.



Daylily 'Edge of Darkness'

## Artisan Market Here In September

The 4th Annual Artisan Market at Hornbaker Gardens will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.

Plan to join us for 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 Hornbaker Gardens and the Artisan Market is sure to have something for everyone to enjoy.



## Save The Pollinators

We have a new collection of native perennials specifically selected for their ability to attract bees and butterflies. These arrived during the week of June 20-26, which was declared National Pollinator Week, a week to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about the urgent issue of our declining pollinator populations. All of these plants are part of the American Beauties Native Plants program, a collection of true natives and their cultivars, and are in a branded pot with great informational plant tags. Planting natives in your landscape comes with many benefits. Native plants require less water, less fertilizer and less work; they attract desirable wildlife, and they contribute to creating a healthy ecosystem in your own backyard. We still have a great selection of these native perennials, including Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Blue Flag Iris, Coneflower, Bee Balm, and Goldenrod, to name a few. Grab a handout on Best Plants for Bees and Best Plants for Butterflies, and you will find a number of the plants listed are varieties we already offer in our

perennials. For more information and resources on native plants and helping our pollinators, please visit [www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org) and [www.abnativeplants.com](http://www.abnativeplants.com).







## ***A Combination That Works***

At first thought, you might not think that lavender-pink and vivid orange would necessarily go well together, but one of the most sensational mass plantings we have ever seen consisted of these three plants, intermixed: *Echinacea purpurea* (Purple Coneflower), *Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly Weed), and *Sporobolus heterolepis* (Prairie Dropseed grass). The first two bloom together and for a long time during the summer, and the fluffy/fuzzy clumps of dark green grass provide fullness and a rich river of background that make the colors of the flowers really pop. The butterflies really like these flowers, too. Someday, we plan to do a mass planting of these three plants. For now, we do at least have the two flowers planted together in the display beds, and we have a mass planting of Prairie Dropseed in the front yard.

**HOURS:** Through July 10, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays noon to 5:00 p.m. However, we will be closed on Monday, July 4. From July 11 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.