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## 30 Years And Still Growing! Open House June 9, 10, and 11

We are celebrating 30 years in business this year. Our annual Open House and Hosta Walk will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 9, 10, and 11. 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. **30% off** seems like an appropriate deal for this year's Open House. 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 8.

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

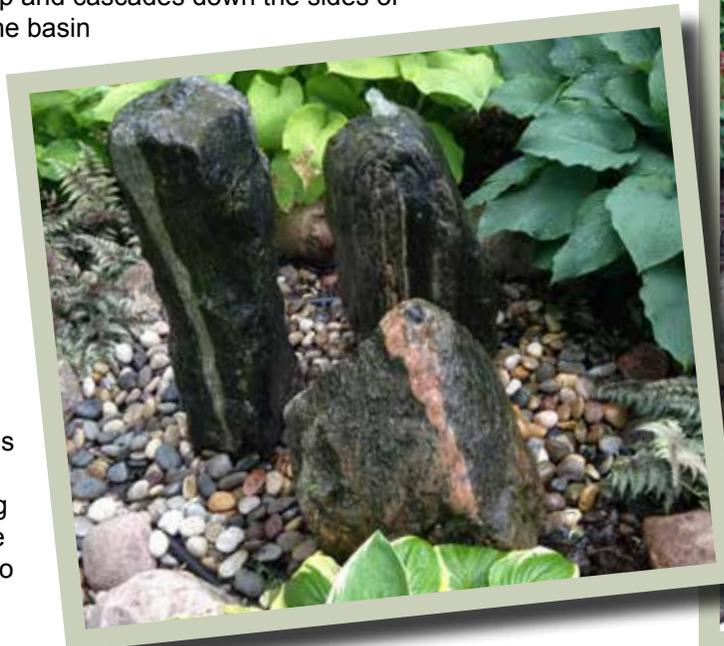
is entitled Pruning Perennials. Learn how to cut back your perennials now in order to enjoy fuller, stronger and more floriferous plants later in the season. Jane has given this workshop for several years here, and we always get lots of comments on how helpful is. At 1:00, Jane will be talking on Basic Garden Design. Jane is a personable and knowledgeable speaker with a lot of helpful tips to make you a better gardener.

## Low Maintenance Fountains

Most fountains are pretty low maintenance, but some need algaecide added to the water to prevent algae, and some need taken in during the winter to protect them from damage caused by freezing. But a fountain that is basically just rock is about as low maintenance as it gets.

Two types of fountains are very easy to care for. One is just a drilled boulder. The water comes out the top and cascades down the sides of the boulder and back into the basin below, where the water is recirculated by the pump. The other is made from stacked slabs of sandstone or granite. The recirculating water falls from tier to tier in a very pleasing fashion.

We don't add any algaecide to these fountains because we want green to start growing on the rock, giving the fountains an ancient look. And they can simply be left out during the winter. After all, they are just rocks. All you have to do is take the pump in for the winter. Easy enough.



# 5th Annual ARTISAN MARKET

Saturday, September 16 • 10 am to 4 pm



## Free Pollinator!

For a special event in Princeton on Earth Day, we potted up some small plants of Monarda Bee-You™ 'Bee-Happy', an exciting new deep red Monarda (Bee Balm) that grows a compact 15-18" tall and is very mildew resistant. In celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> year in business, we are excited to give away a pot of 'Bee-Happy' to the first 30 customers each day of the Open House. As with all Monarda, the showy flowers attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. So plant a pollinator and enjoy the show!

Monarda Bee-You™ 'Bee-Happy'

## Rain Slows Garden Renovation

Just when things almost dry out enough that we can get back to our renovation projects in the gardens, it rains again, making it too muddy to work. So we haven't made a lot of progress on the big jobs: reconstruction of the stream in the front yard using large boulders, replacing the board walkway in the bottom of the ravine with a stone walkway, and building a children's garden in the ravine west of the front yard. But when it does dry out, we will get back to work on them, and we look forward to these major improvements. We hope you enjoy watching the progress over the summer.

In the meantime, Dave has done a very interesting and attractive renovation of the small pondless waterfall in the shade garden underneath the big cottonwood tree. He

extended the length of the stream so that it runs under the pathway. Water bubbles up from a mix of rock and deadwood, and runs under the path. The board walkway that crosses the stream consists of flame-charred walnut. Flame charring is a Japanese wood preserving technique known as Shou Sugi Van, most often used on cedar, but which can also be used on walnut, oak, and some other woods.

The other project that is completed, or nearly so, is where there used to be a pondless waterfall on the hillside behind the main perennial shopping area. We converted that into a gravel path up through the plantings on the hillside. We plan to add some additional plantings to that area when things dry out a bit and we find the time.

### HOURS:

Through July 10, 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 Tuesday, 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.