



# Think Daylilies For July Color

*Daylilies are the big showoffs in the garden during July. Although we don't have as large a field of daylilies as we used to, we still have a big selection in the ground, and we are still digging clumps. The daylilies have been loving these spring rains and should be ready to put on a fantastic show.*

*We are not digging double fans as we have done in the past—just clumps. But clumps are a great deal. You get instant maturity. We dig the clump, dip the roots in water, and drop it in a 13 gallon plastic bag. You get to plant it in your garden and enjoy the rest of the bloom season. Or you can divide the clump into several multi-fan smaller clumps if you wish.*

*The early varieties start blooming in late June, the peak of the bloom season is usually the two weeks after July 4, and there are still late-blooming varieties performing in late July and early August. So come on out to see this colorful show and pick out some color to pop into your garden.*

# JURASSIC JUNGLE KIDS' WORKSHOP



Thursday July 11, 10:00am Calling all dinosaur lovers! Bring out your little ones to create their very own dinosaur garden. All supplies provided, including dinosaur figures to accessorize their container. Please call to register. Fee: \$20

## Cutting Back Winter Damaged Trees And Shrubs

As most of you are aware, last winter was tough on many trees and shrubs. Japanese Maples were especially hard hit, as were boxwoods. Some plants were killed off completely, but some are still alive and well, but had some substantial dieback. Out here, we saw a lot of dieback on Paperbark Maples (*Acer griseum*) and Burning Bushes (*Euonymus alata*). The best thing to do for these plants is to cut them back into live wood, removing all the dead wood that isn't going to come back to life anyway. A couple of pictures accompanying this article show what we have done to plants that are over 20 years old. They may look a little rough right after such a trimming, but they should grow back into fine looking specimens.

Beautyberry (*Callicarpa*), the shrub that puts on that fantastic display of neon purple beads in the fall, is one whose top often dies off during winter. It will come back from the ground, so it should be cut back very low to the ground in spring, as soon as it is clear that the top is dead and new shoots are starting to emerge from the ground. It will grow back into a full sized shrub right away.

In the case of older shrubs that get cut back, you probably will want to let new shoots grow to 18" or so, and then prune the tips off in order to promote more side shoots, rather than letting the plant get too tall and leggy.

Often, a tree that appears to have died actually has roots that are alive and ready to support a new top. We have a Japanese Maple 'Katsura' which we were about to remove when we noticed a new shoot coming from the trunk, just a foot or two from the ground. We cut the tree trunk just above this shoot, and we expect that it will eventually grow back into a nice tree.

The two biggest trees in the front yard of the house, a Red Oak and a Tulip Tree, came from shoots like this. They had not been damaged from winter weather. One was damaged by our pet geese, and the other broke in half during a big wind. But in each case, the tree was several years old and regrew from a small sprout that came from down low on the trunk.



*Paperbark Maple*



*Burning Bush*

# fun with willow

We are growing a willow hut in the children's garden! Cuttings of curly willow were stuck in the ground in March and they are off to a good start. You can see we pushed the cuttings through a piece of black landscape fabric as the base, which we covered with pine needles. Next year we plan to tie the tops together to form a hut.

This hut can be used for, but is not limited to: tea parties, pizza parties, pine cone parties, naps.



## Artisan Market & Princeton Festival

This year our Artisan Market (September 7<sup>th</sup>) is happening on the same weekend as Princeton's Homestead Festival (September 6-8). There are lots of events planned in Princeton from Friday through Sunday. Be sure to browse the Homestead Festival website to get all the details: [www.homesteadfestival.com](http://www.homesteadfestival.com)



### 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 Thursday, 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.

