



Notes from

HORNBAKER GARDENS

"The Princeton Perennial People"

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Retail Hours

We are open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday 8:00 to 5:00, and Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 through October 14.

Please note that we will be closed Labor Day, September 3.

FREE WORKSHOPS:

Planting Trees and Shrubs:

Because of their size, and because of the expense involved, trees and shrubs call for a little extra care at planting time. Many of you have met Holton "Bud" Rosenquist out in the Tree and Shrub House during the last two spring seasons. Bud will be on hand to discuss proper planting techniques. He and Rich will actually plant a good sized tree as a demonstration. If these two geezers have any breath left after that exertion, they will show you some simple, but nifty, knots to use when staking a new tree. This free workshop will be held on Saturday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. No advance registration is necessary.

Ornamental Grasses:

On Saturday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m., we will hold a workshop on grasses, in which we will discuss how and where to use grasses, as well as how and when to plant, fertilize, divide, and maintain them. This was our best attended workshop last year, a good indication of the rising popularity of grasses. No advance registration is necessary.

Fall Plant Sale

Controlling our inventory is one of our most difficult jobs (although those employees who spend many of their days weeding out here might wish to argue that point). On the one hand, we wish to maintain a good supply of plants for our customers all season. On the other hand, we would prefer not to overwinter in pots any more plants than we have to. By fall, our plant materiel is needing to be out of the pots and into the ground, or stepped up into larger pots. In the ground is best. In any event, the labor costs involved in handling and overwin-

tering leftover plant material are significant.

To get to the point, we have decided that the best place to overwinter our remaining plants is in **your** ground. So we are having our biggest sale ever. This will make both our plants and our customers happy at the same time. Although the following list of specials does not include hostas or grasses, by the time you get here, we will also have a list of hostas at special prices, and maybe even a grass or two.

FALL SPECIALS

at Hornbaker Gardens— 2001

Perennials (not including hostas and grasses):

Reg. 6.99	4.99
— 10 or more	3.99
— 20 or more	2.99
Reg. 9.99 and up	50% off
Daylilies (potted) and Liliium	50% off
Peonies	50% off
Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)	50% off
Trees and Shrubs	25% off
Apple Trees	50% off
Japanese Granite (lanterns, etc.)	10% off
Large aluminum pots (Greek motif)	25% off
Pro Gro organic fertilizer (Reg. 14.99)	12.99



  **COUPON** 

Good for 25% off

of any one gift item from inside our retail shop.

Good through October 14, 2001 at Hornbaker Gardens

Variegated Grasses

Just as variegated hostas tend to draw one's attention, variegated grasses can be real showoffs in the landscape. They look great as single specimens, or mixed in with the greens and blues of other grasses. Three of our favorite Miscanthus varieties are 'Strictus', 'Rigoletto', and 'Morning Light'. 'Strictus', or Porcupine Grass, grows 6-8 feet tall with horizontal gold bands on the foliage. It is similar to Zebra Grass, but it is hardier and stands more erect, with no floppiness.

'Rigoletto' is a very showy green and white striped grass standing around 5 feet tall. 'Morning Light' is more subdued, with a narrow white stripe down the center of very narrow foliage, so that when this grass is viewed from any distance, it is a lovely, soft, light green color which contrasts nicely with the darker green Miscanthus varieties. It is also around 5 feet tall, so it looks great in front of any of the darker green, taller varieties. All three of these variegated Miscanthus varieties plume out in

September, and have been hardy for us. Calamagrostis 'Karl Foerster' is the Perennial of the Year this year, but there is a variegated form of Calamagrostis (Feather Reed Grass) that is also worthy of note. The foliage of Calamagrostis

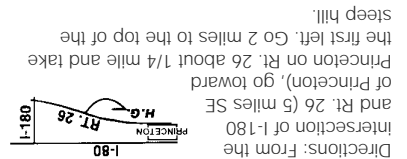
'Overdam' starts out with bright yellow margins that fade to white with a pink flush. It plumes out in late summer with stiffly vertical, sand colored flower heads, standing around 5 feet tall.

Bulbs From Holland

In early September, we will receive our shipment of over 10,000 spring flowering bulbs from Holland. New tulips include 'Arabian Mystery', which is violet edged in white, 'Double Blue Diamond', which is amethyst blue, and 'Swan Wings', which is all white with fringed edges. The Narcissus of the Year is 'Obdam', a huge, perfect, glistening white.

We will have several alliums (ornamental onions), including a new one, Allium azureum, which features globes of star-shaped blue flowers. A new hyacinth is 'Kronos', a dark purple-black color. For a real treat, try some of the smaller bulbs, such as anemones, Dutch iris, chionodoxa, fritillaria, and scilla.

A special feature is the Plant for the Cure. You get 35 gorgeous, pastel tulips for \$12.99. Ten percent of our sales from these plants is sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



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