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Hosta Fever Strikes Again

Kathy and I attended the annual convention of the American Hosta Society in Des Moines this June. It was great to renew friendships with hostaholics from all over the country. And we seem to have fanned the flames of our own hosta fever once again. From the vendors and at the auction, we bought starts of 25 different varieties that are not readily available on the wholesale market. We also were able to buy several great varieties in wholesale quantities, and they are now available here.

'Rainforest Sunrise' (\$18.00) is an outstanding, uniquely colored, medium small, gold-centered hosta that we are very excited about. We expect it to become a very popular variety. 'Tom Schmidt' (\$25.00) is a white edged form of 'Krossa Regal'. We saw a large clump of this one in Des Moines that was a real stunner. 'Miss Saigon' (\$18.00) forms a good sized clump with rounded, dark green leaves with white margins, and fragrant flowers. It takes a lot to get us excited about another green hosta with

white margins, but this one is too classy to pass up. 'Hoosier Dome' (\$18.00) forms a huge clump with monstrous green leaves that are dome shaped and ruffled on the edges. There is not another hosta that looks anything like it. We were lucky enough to get our hands on a few 'Gone Fishin' (\$75.00). It is a streaky, misted form of sieboldiana 'Elegans'.

A couple of other newer varieties that are now available are 'Orange Marmalade' (\$18.00), a sport of 'Paul's Glory' that emerges with light centers that turn even lighter in the summer; and 'Xanadu' (\$20.00), a small white-centered hosta that is a good grower.

CLUMPS: We have been digging and

potting hostas for next year, and have lots of new varieties available in clumps. Now is a great time to pick up some mature clumps at our usual deal: 15% off on 3 or 4; 20% off on 5-9; and 25% off on 10 or more. We will also have a bargain section of clumps at half price.

REDUCED PRICES: Each year, as we make way for newer, more expensive varieties, we reduce prices on some varieties and completely eliminate certain varieties. Prices on over 55 varieties have been reduced. Signs and pot tags have already been changed. Those varieties that we are eliminating will be available on the Bargain Table for \$3.99 each.

Bulbs From Holland



Our bulb shipment should be arriving in late August. Now is the time to tuck clumps of bulbs in between your hostas and other perennials in order to get a great spring show. Besides tulips and daffodils, we will have three varieties of alliums, and a good selection of the

smaller bulbs, such as scilla, grape hyacinths, Dutch iris, crocus, and anemones. For those who like to plant in larger numbers, try the Value Packs: 15 tulips (available in 6 varieties), 16 narcissus 'Dutchmaster', 40 Giant Crocus, or 25 Scilla, for \$7.59 per pack.

Grass Workshop is September 18

On Saturday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. we will hold a grass workshop, in which we will discuss the use of ornamental grasses in the landscape. Topics will include designing with grasses, along with planting, fertilizing, dividing, and maintaining them. The workshop should last around an hour, and there is no charge. Feel free to bring along a lawn chair.

Daylily Clump Sale

We continue to upgrade our daylily selection with newer varieties. We are eliminating around 25 varieties to make room for the new stuff. These will be available in clumps at \$10.00 each. We eliminated 100 varieties last year, and these bargain clumps went fast, so get here soon for best selection. We'll have a list available here.

Coupon **25% off**
Good for **25% off**
of any one gift item
(not including granite and bronzes) Good through
October 9, 2004 at Hornbaker Gardens.

RETAIL HOURS

We will be closed on Monday, September 6 (Labor Day). Otherwise, we will be open through October 9, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 to 5:00.

Hornbaker Gardens Fall Specials— 2004

PERENNIALS

(including aquatic plants; not including hostas and grasses):

Reg. 6.99	4.99
— buy 10 or more	3.99
— buy 20 or more	2.99
Reg 9.99 and up50% off
Daylilies (potted)50% off
<i>Field clumps at \$10.00/clump</i> (Ask for list.)	

TREES AND SHRUBS **40% off**

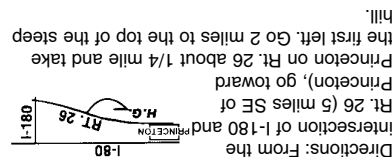
JAPANESE GRANITE (lanterns, benches, etc.) **15% off**

HOSTAS:

All hosta clumps (Ask for list or visit the Clump House.)

— buy 3 or 4	15% off
— buy 5 to 9	20% off
— buy 10 or more	25% off
— selected clumps	50% off
Aphrodite (reg. 12.00)	8.00
Black Hills (reg. 10.00)	7.00
Blue Belle (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Blue Cadet (reg. 7.00)	4.00
Bright Lights (reg. 15.00)	8.00
Cadillac (reg. 20.00)	12.00
Chantilly Lace (reg. 15.00)	8.00
Chinese Sunrise (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Colossal (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Crusader (reg. 8.00)	4.00

Dream Weaver (reg. 20.00)	15.00
Dust Devil (reg. 18.00)	10.00
Elvis Lives (reg. 12.00)	5.00
Fried Bananas (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Fried Green Tomatoes (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Golden Anniversary (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Harmony (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Iron Gate Delight (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Koreanna Variegated (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Lakeside Kaleidoscope (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Lemon Lime (reg. 7.00)	4.00
Liberty (reg. 20.00)	15.00
Moonlight Sonata (reg. 15.00)	10.00
Night Before Christmas (reg. 18.00)	10.00
Okazaki Special (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Pastures New (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Pineapple Poll (reg. 7.00)	4.00
Sara (reg. 8.00)	4.00
So Sweet (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Sugar and Cream (reg. 10.00)	5.00
Tambourine (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Tokudama (reg. 10.00)	5.00
ventricosa 'Aureomarginata' (reg. 12.00)	5.00
Wide Brim (reg. 8.00)	4.00
Zounds (reg. 15.00)	10.00



GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



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