

Daylily Season Coming Quickly

Daylily bloom time is fast approaching. We expect a fair amount of bloom by the end of June, and the peak of the season will start around the first of July and continue for nearly three weeks. Daylilies, of course, have a longer bloom season than the irises do. Some of the early bloomers start in June, and some of the late bloomers don't start until late July.

CLUMPS APLENTY: Molly says that the vast majority of varieties will be available in clumps this year. What that means is that, instead of ordering a start of a certain variety (to be dug later, in early August), you will also have the option to purchase a whole clump, which we will dig right away, drop it in a plastic bag, and send it

home with you. Clumps have become so popular that we sell more in clump form than we do by taking orders.

Most people are looking for that instant maturity, and plant the clump as is. But clumps are a great deal for those looking for a lot of daylilies for a large landscaping project. They can be divided into a few nice chunks, or divided further into a lot of single and double fans. One dividing method that works really well is to use two digging forks jammed, back to back, down through the center of the clump. Then pry the clump apart. The process can then be repeated on the halves. The advantage of using the forks, compared to a spade or knife, is that you will cut off fewer roots. If you divide the clumps, we suggest that you cut off all of the bloom stalks and cut the fans in half with a pair of scissors. This will allow the roots to get reestablished without having to try to support so much top growth.

Ellison's introductions: Just a reminder that we have several of hybridizer Bob Ellison's recent introduc-



Dragon's Eye

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."

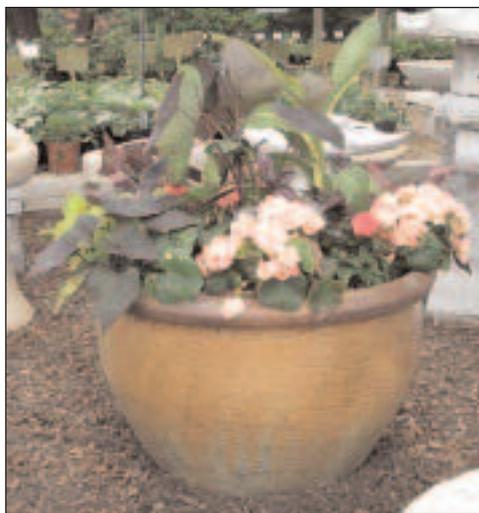
—Lao Tzu

tions. Most of them are lined out in a special spot, along the edge of the iris field, right next to the main daylily field. Bob has created some outstanding introductions, many with heavy ruffling and 'bubbling' on the edges. We are looking forward to seeing these new varieties bloom this year.

Please note: We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, as well as all Sundays.

RETAIL HOURS

We are open April 10 through October 10. Hours will be 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Saturday. We will be closed on Sundays, as well as on July 4 and Labor Day, September 4.



Containers Are Fun!

Having a great supply of annuals on hand, not to mention some gorgeous pottery, has turned us on to container gardening in a big way. At first, we let a couple of our more creative employees pot up some containers. Then, it looked like so much fun, the whole family got into the act, along with several other employees. We've decided it's a lot like tie-dyeing—you can hardly go wrong! Just pick out a combination of trailing and flowering plants, perhaps with a grass or other spiky plant,

and pot them up. It's so easy, and the container just keeps looking better as the plants get larger.

We got in a late shipment of some unusual annuals that make great container plants. And if you buy a pot here, our staff will help you pick out some plants to put into it, and will show you how to pot it up, or we will even pot it for you. No charge for the potting soil or the service. We also have a good supply of containers already potted up and ready to go.

Pondless Waterfall Under Construction

We are very excited about the possibilities of pondless waterfalls. There are some folks that love the sight and sound of a stream and waterfall, but don't want to deal with a pond. A pondless waterfall is the perfect solution.

A pondless waterfall has all of the components of a pond and stream, except that, instead of a pond, there is a small pit at the bottom, filled with rock and topped with gravel. The pump is located down in the pit, encased in a chamber with slots that allow the water to get to the pump and be pumped back to the top. Access to the pump is gained through a vault that has a cap at the level of the gravel.

One of the great things about a pondless waterfall is that there is no worry about a toddler falling in the water. Rather, a toddler can walk right up to the last waterfall and play in the water as it falls and disappears into the pit.

The stream can be as long or short as is desired. The longer the stream, the larger the pit should be. A relatively short waterfall can make for a stunning "fountain" right close to the entrance of a house, or as a focal point in the garden. If you've ever had a fountain with a puny pump that provides a meager water flow and gets clogged up when a couple of flower petals fall in the water, you will appreciate this design in which the pump is providing a sensational water flow and never gets plugged up.

Dave and the crew are planning on installing a pondless

waterfall here soon. It takes only a day to install, so chances are that it will be installed by the time you visit us next. Check it out and talk to Dave or Rich if it sounds like something that you might be interested in.

Tie It Up With Velcro Tape

Maybe you are already aware of this product, but for those of you who are not, I just have to tell you about Velcro Plant Ties, which I have found to be as handy as a pocket in a shirt. It comes in the form of Velcro "tape", 1/2" wide and 30' long, for \$2.99. You just cut off whatever length you need, wrap it around and stick it to itself, and it holds. We tied up our grape vines with it, used it to get Clematis to start up a trellis, tied up a branch to make a leader on a small tree that needed a leader to form, tied some small trees to a piece of bamboo or conduit to keep them growing straight, and we keep finding ways to use it in place of twine or string, which tend to dig into a plant when under pressure.

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