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# Fall Specials — 2009

## SPECIAL PRICING AVAILABLE ONLY AT THE NURSERY



**Perennials**

(including aquatic plants; not including hostas and grasses; also not including Anemones, Cimicifuga, Mums, Dendranthema, and Asters):  
 Reg. 7.99 ..... **5.99**  
 --buy 10 or more ..... **4.99**  
 --buy 20 or more ..... **3.99**  
 Reg. 9.99 and up..... **40% off**

**Annuals priced as marked**

**Japanese Granite** (lanterns, benches, etc.) ..... **15% off**

**Chimes** (all types) ..... **15% off**

**Art EFX Outdoor**

**Art** (reg. 189.00) ..... **\$149.00**

**Rustic Window**

**Frame Art**..... **25% off**

**Pro-Gro Organic Fertilizer**

(reg. 14.99/bag) ..... **12.99**

**Better Earth Compost**

(reg. 5.00/bag) ..... **4.00**

**Potted Daylilies**..... **40% off**

**Trees and Shrubs: All 25% off**

except for the following:

**15% off:**

Pinus contorta 'Taylor's Sunburst'

Callicarpa (Beautyberry)

**40% off:**

Betula papyrifera clumps  
 Metasequoia  
 (regular Dawn Redwood)  
 Roses (all varieties)  
 Spirea  
 Syringa (Lilac)—all varieties

**Hostas:**

Alleghan Fog (reg. 20.00) ..... **10.00**  
 Black Hills (reg. 10.00)..... **5.00**  
 Blue Cadet (reg. 7.00)..... **4.00**  
 Cameo (reg. 12.00) ..... **8.00**  
 Christmas Pagaent (reg. 18.00) ..... **12.00**  
 Crusader (reg. 8.00)..... **5.00**  
 Deja Blu (reg. 12.00) ..... **8.00**  
 Diamond Tiara (reg. 8.00) ..... **5.00**  
 Fantasy Island (reg. 15.00) ..... **10.00**  
 fortunei 'Aureomarginata' (reg. 7.00).... **4.00**  
 Fragrant Dream (reg. 15.00) ..... **10.00**  
 Gold Drop (reg. 6.00) ..... **4.00**  
 Gold Standard (reg. 8.00) ..... **5.00**  
 Hi Ho Silver (reg. 20.00)..... **10.00**  
 Janet's Sister (reg. 12.00)..... **8.00**  
 Kiwi Full Monty (reg. 25.00)..... **18.00**

Lakeside April Snow (reg. 15.00) ..... **10.00**  
 Lakeside Beach Captain (reg. 18.00) .. **12.00**  
 Lakeside Love Affair (reg. 18.00) .... **12.00**  
 Lakeside Zinger (reg. 15.00)..... **10.00**  
 Lemon Lime (reg. 7.00)..... **4.00**  
 Night Before Christmas (reg. 18.00)... **10.00**  
 Northern Exposure (reg. 15.00)..... **10.00**  
 Paul's Glory (reg. 15.00)..... **10.00**  
 Pilgrim (reg. 8.00)..... **4.00**  
 Robert Frost (reg. 12.00)..... **8.00**  
 Royal Standard (reg. 7.00) ..... **4.00**  
 Rootin Tootin (reg. 20.00) ..... **8.00**  
 Spring Fling (reg. 18.00) ..... **10.00**  
 St. Paul (reg. 18.00)..... **10.00**  
 Summer Music (reg. 18.00)..... **12.00**  
 Trumpet (reg. 8.00)..... **4.00**  
 Veronica Lake (reg. 8.00) ..... **4.00**  
 Wylde Green Cream (reg. 12.00) ..... **8.00**  
 Yellow River (reg. 10.00)..... **7.00**



**FRESH SHIPMENT OF RETRO CHAIRS**

The metal chairs made by Torrans Manufacturing have been a popular line for us. We just received a new shipment, including some new colors (pink and purple) which we did not have before. They sell for \$99.99 assembled, or \$79.99 unassembled. They are easy to put together. The picture shows the nine colors that we presently have on hand.

# 25% OFF

## ANY ONE GIFT ITEM

(NOT INCLUDING IRONWORK, POTTERY, GRANITE, BRONZES OR BROOKFIELD COTTAGE COLLECTION)

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# Back In The Mum Business

Those of you who go way back with us know that we got started in the plant business growing garden mums. We grew as many as 11,000 mums back in the late eighties. As we got into hostas, daylilies, and other perennials, we gradually stopped growing mums altogether. However, last year, we grew some mums for Sara's October wedding, and realized that we really missed the show that mums put on in the fall. So this year, we grew some to sell.

Thanks to the experimenting that we did last year and a good fertilization program that we followed this year, we have a beautiful crop of mums available. The regular 2-Gallon mums sell for \$7.99, the 5-Gallon mums (3 plants to a pot) are \$14.99, and the Monster Mums in a DecoPot (4 plants to a pot) are \$22.99. The DecoPot is an attractive stone-colored pot that you will want to keep, in which to pot up a nice annual combo next spring.

Although most garden mums are sold as "hardy mums", we really can't rely on them coming back next spring. Most people realize this and buy them for fall decoration. Spring planted mums have a better chance of coming back the next year, depending on the winter, since their roots have become better established in your soil. We do, however, carry a few varieties of **Dendranthema**, which are much hardier than the usual garden mum. These mums bloom quite late (October into November), and have been very hardy for us.



## When Do I Cut Back?

We get quite a few questions about when to cut back certain plants. Often, people are under the impression that they should be cutting back a plant in the late summer or fall when, in fact, there is no need to cut it back at all, unless they are digging and dividing it. Just as you leave foliage on your tulips and daffodils until it dries up, in order to let the foliage feed the bulbs as long as possible, you should generally leave foliage on your perennials in order to feed the roots. (This is not to say, however, that you shouldn't cut back spent bloom stalks, and even some foliage, on many perennials earlier in the season in order to promote a new flush of bloom and foliage.) Here is some advice on some of the most asked-about plants:

**Iris:** There is no need to cut the foliage back unless you are digging and dividing them. The foliage can be kept looking nice if you spray periodically with a fungicide during the growing season. Cut off the bloom stalk down low when the bloom is over, but leave the foliage alone. If the foliage starts looking ratty on the tips in late summer, you can cut off the brown tips, but don't go too far into the green. That green is feeding the rhizomes.

**Peonies:** Again, there is no need to cut off the foliage. If you like to get your garden cleaned up before winter, cut the foliage off after a hard frost. If you like to use your energy more efficiently (i.e. you are a lazy gardener, like me), you can pick up the old foliage next spring without having to cut anything off.

**Buddleia, Caryopteris, Perovskia:** Woody perennials such as these should generally not be cut back until spring. The woody part of the Buddleia (Butterfly Bush) usually dies off completely over the winter, and the new growth comes up from the roots, although sometimes you get some growth coming from down low on the wood. For some reason, the plant seems to overwinter more successfully if you don't cut it back until spring. On the other two, Caryopteris (Blue Mist Spirea) and Perovskia (Russian Sage), new spring growth will come from the wood. Often, the tips have died back and much of the new growth comes from the lower portion of the plant. Wait until spring to cut them back. Otherwise, you may get more dieback from the point where you cut, if you cut them back in the fall. We usually cut Perovskia back to 10"-12", and cut back that portion of the Caryopteris that doesn't leaf out.

**Hydrangeas:** In order to keep the Hydrangeas shorter and sturdier, we generally cut them back to about knee-high in the spring. Cutting them back in the fall can result in further dieback, so wait until spring to shorten them.

## New Hostas

We got several new hostas in recently. The one that customers were asking for this spring is 'Empress Wu' (\$20.00), a monster of a hosta with huge, thick, dark green leaves. It is reputed to be the largest hosta in captivity. The one getting the most attention from hosta enthusiasts is 'Cat and Mouse' (\$25.00), a yellow centered sport of the popular 'Blue Mouse Ears'. We also have 'Mighty Mouse' (\$20.00) another sport of 'Blue Mouse Ears', with creamy margins. 'Little Jay' (\$20.00) is a cute mini with slender, white centered leaves. Other new ones include 'Pineapple Punch' (\$15.00), a reversed variegation of 'Pineapple Upsidedown Cake'; 'Secret Love' (\$15.00), a yellow margined sport of 'Fragrant Blue'; and 'Paradise Island' (\$18.00), a yellow centered, green margined sport of 'Fire Island'.

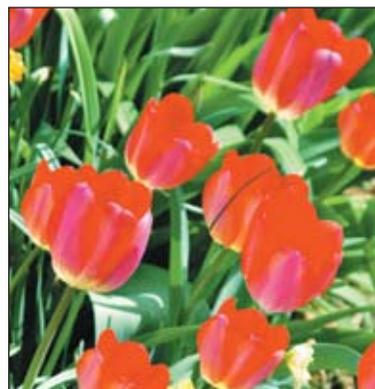
## Landscape Lighting Contractor

We recently had local contractor Doug Kirkpatrick install some low-voltage landscape lighting for us, and we are very pleased with the results. He installed lights to illuminate the front walk, a bridge over the stream, a Japanese lantern, a granite statue, one of the waterfalls, and four or five trees. The lights are on a timer, to come on at dusk and stay on for a few hours each night. The result is helpful, subtle, and artful lighting that we really enjoy.

You can contact Doug at 815 915-2090 if you are interested in having him set up a sample display of what he can do for your landscape.

## Fall Bulbs

Now is the time to plant bulbs in order to have a great show next spring and summer. We'll have some of the interesting and unusual bulbs that you have seen blooming out here all season. The bulbs should be arriving around the first of September.



## RETAIL HOURS

We will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Otherwise, we will be open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 to 5:00, through October 10, 2009.

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