

# IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

## September Clearance Sale A sampler of perennials for fall colour

### Sept. 8th E-NEWS



Can you believe this weather? I love it! This is such a good time to be transplanting so I've been filling 'holes' and redesigning some areas while getting rid of the weeds and the non-performers. Sometimes a gardener has to be ruthless!

Too many gardeners are too attached to what exists in the garden rather than taking out what isn't working or has outgrown the space. Plants that looked cute when first planted often outgrow their allotted space or age into less than desirable specimens and **should be edited** from the landscape. Likewise, plants that are rampant spreaders, ones that have only a brief period of interest or those that are disease or insect prone should also be removed. With early September being prime transplanting time, give this some serious thought. Is it time to for you to get ruthless? Nurseries and garden centres (see highlighted area below) offer deep discounts on plants at this time of year~ **FALL IS FOR PLANTING!**

#### Plants of the week: Perennials for fall colour



The traditional perennial border relied on careful planning in order to achieve colour throughout the growing season and there were only a few perennials that carried that colour well into autumn. Fortunately have been many introductions of new varieties and even new species so the list of fall-bloomers has expanded dramatically. You're probably familiar with the old stand-bys like Chrysanthemums, Rudbeckias and Asters, but even here older proven performers have become more widely available or there have been new introductions.

The best and most reliably hardy Chrysanthemums are the **Morden** series and the '**Jef**' series (Dreamweaver, Suncatcher, and Firestorm), all of which are hardy to Zone 3. The Garden Mums that are commonly sold everywhere for fall gardens are not reliably hardy~ they're sold for 'instant gratification' so don't rely on them to come back year after year.

The best hardy Rudbeckia all have yellow daisy blooms but come in a variety of heights that make them particularly adaptable for many different

## SEPTEMBER CLEARANCE SALE

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(perennials, shrubs, trees, conifers, fruit trees)

**All Garden Décor 50% off**

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situations in the landscape. They are **Goldsturm** (60-90cm), **triloba** (60-75cm), **Goldquelle** (90-100cm), **Henry Eilers** (120-180cm), **Herbstone** (150-240cm) and **Golden Glow** (180-220cm). The *Rudbeckia hirta* varieties like 'Toto', 'Marmalade', 'Rustic Colours' and 'Irish Eyes' are all short-lived perennials (living only a year or two), although they do tend to seed themselves about.

I love the fall-blooming asters which are also known as Michaelmas daisies. Some of the older tall varieties are too prone to powdery mildew and floppiness, but the shorter varieties are terrific. Notable among them are 'Purple Dome', 'Violet Queen' and the Frikart's asters. I have quite a few different varieties in my garden and, in my opinion, they're much better garden performers than are the Chrysanthemums. The saturated purple hues of some of the asters look absolutely stunning with the reds, yellows and oranges of fall!



Of the perennials that are not so well known, the following are excellent additions to the fall garden.



**Agastache (Hyssop)**



**Anemone x hybrida (Japanese anemone)**



**Artemisia lactiflora (Milky mugwort)**



**Chelone obliqua (Turtlehead)**



**Cimicifuga 'Brunette' (Snakeroot)**



**Eupatorium maculatum (Joe Pye Weed)**



**Helianthem autumnale (Sneezeweed)**



**Platycodon (Balloon flower)**



**Scabiosa (Pincushion)**



**Solidago 'Fireworks' (Fireworks Goldenrod)**

And then there are the perennials that have such an exceptionally long bloom period that it extends even into fall. In this group are included some campanula, coreopsis, echinacea, gaillardia, Heliopsis, Perovskia and stonecrop sedums.

### **Garden Tip: When to divide perennials**

When you're new to gardening, it's good to know the rules and guidelines~ at least until you're comfortable with them. After that, do what you want (I'm working in my garden now so this is when everything is getting done, regardless of the rules!)

As a general rule of thumb with regard to when to dig, divide or move perennials, use their bloom time as your guide. Those perennials that bloom early in the season until the beginning of summer should be divided or moved in fall. Perennials that bloom in summer or fall should be divided or moved in spring.

## NEW ITEM: ILA Security items



This innovative personal security alarm is designed to be kept on display as a fashion accessory - right where you need it. Clip to your purse, or use as a key-ring, but don't be misled by its shiny good looks. In a threatening situation, just pull the chain. You'll activate an ear-piercing 130Db female scream that research has shown others are more likely to respond to than a traditional alarm. As well, it **disorients an attacker**. These personal alarms are understandably one of the 'hottest new items' in the city, but they're just as useful in more rural settings.

<http://www.ilasecurity.com/uk/ila-dusk-video/>

We have them in stock. Come, see (and hear) for yourself how they work or click on the link above for the video.

## Fall Bulbs are In.



### **DIG. DROP. DONE.**

It's easy~ dig the hole, drop in the bulb and you're done.

(Tip: don't leave any of the bulbs' papery tunics lying about after you've planted or you'll attract squirrels or other rodents to dig them up again!)

## Fresh B.C Fruit in stock

### this week:

**Apples:** Sunrise, Earligold, Summer reds

**Crabapples:** Transcendent, Whitney

**Nectarines** Flavortop

**Peaches** GloHaven free-stone, Harbrite free-stone,

**Pears** Bartlett

**Plums** Italian Prune, Gold

**Field crops: corn (Peaches 'n' Cream & King Arthur, tomatoes, peppers, summer squash and garlic**

Happy gardening,  
*Harriet*

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