

Plant Paradise Country Gardens Newsletter

Spring 2007

Greetings

With winter only beginning in January, we were enjoying the extra time to do a little more gardening. Although it is an ominous sign that global warming is here, it was great to work with no bugs and in the just right weather conditions.

At Plant Paradise we've expanded again and built another cold frame to grow even more perennials. We have added another entrance to accommodate overflow parking at busy times. The overflow parking entrance is located a short distance south of the main entrance. From this entrance, you have an opportunity to view some of the expanded gardens with a short walk up to the plant display areas.

Personally meeting most of you gives me the wonderful gift of listening to what each of you experiences in your own gardening life and it gives me the opportunity to help in any way that I can.

This upcoming season we have many new and unique perennials to offer. There are so many I cannot list them all, but I will highlight a few. Euphorbia "Fireglow" is distinctly different with its burnt/orange red flowers. Great for a sunny garden for



The outstanding perennial, Monarda Punctata, blooms all summer long.
Photo from the Plant Paradise Country Gardens

May to June blooms. New varieties of Heucheras (Coral Bells), include Peach Flambe, Venus, Sparkling Burgundy, Silver Scrolls, Marmalade, and more.

The early blooming, perennial fountain grass, Pennisetum "Karley Rose", with its cascading smokey rose/purple flowers is great for containers or in the garden border. We offer many more new and unique varieties of ornamental grasses for shade or sun. Lots of new hostas, including "Forest Fire", Woolly Bully, Captain Kirk, Love Pat, and Old Glory along with many more. We are again offering the long blooming Coreopsis "Sweet Dreams", which sold out quickly last year, along with the new

Coreopsis "Autumn Blush". We have increased our varieties of groundcovers and stepables for shady or sunny places in your garden.

Thalictrum rochebrunianum was very popular in the fall display gardens last year. This unique hybrid has large airy clusters of lavender flowers with yellow centers and grows to a height of 6-8 feet high. Grown from seed here at Plant Paradise.



Thalictrum rochebrunianum



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New at Plant Paradise is the Anemone "Elise Feldman" which has pompon-like double white flowers that begin blooming in May and continues for up to two months and repeats again in the fall.

For the shady garden, we have some new and rare ferns including, Athyrium Frizelliae and Athyrium "Victoriae".

You can't beat daylilies for low maintenance blooms all summer. To get more blooms for your buck, choose hybrids that are re-bloomers such as Daring Deception, Sixth Sense, First Knight, Summer Wine and Macbeth to name only a few. Using one variety of daylily "en mass" combined with other plantings creates a dramatic statement in the garden.

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Open
April 14 - October 28

New Hours:

Wednesday - Sunday
and all holiday Mondays
9:00am - 6:00pm



One of many new lily hybrids available this year at Plant Paradise. The "Elodie" Asiatic Lily blooms June-July. Photo taken at Plant Paradise in 2006.

Gardening Tip

Neem Oil is made from a tree in India. It has many uses and can be used as an organic insecticide to kill the red lily beetle and other insects. How it works is that it prevents an insect from going from larva stage to the adult stage. It also works well as a natural fungicide. (available at Plant Paradise Country Gardens)

Natural Recipe to preserve fresh flowers longer

Add two tablespoons of fresh lemon juice, a tablespoon of sugar and 1/2 Tablespoon of bleach to one quart of water.

In the News

Lorraine has been invited to speak at the Palgrave Rotary Club Dinner Meeting March 7th. Her presentation will be Long Blooming Perennials.

Lorraine is a guest writer in the April issue of the Caledon Living Magazine. Look for the "guide" to Creating a Perennial Garden of Continuous Bloom in the April issue of Caledon Living. Get your free copy of the Caledon Living Magazine at Plant Paradise and other locations across Caledon.

Plant Markers

In the spring do you ever find it hard to distinguish the perennials from the weeds? Well I have found the perfect

garden plant marker that solves this problem. Place this marker in the ground next to your newly purchased plant and voila, you will be able to identify your plants year round. The markers are made of rust proof zinc nameplates and the writing remains legible for years. See them in use: This year these markers will be identifying all the plants you see in our display gardens.

Rustic Garden Furniture

Robert has been busy making unique, one-of-a-kind rustic garden furniture. Great as an accent piece in the garden or as a complete weather resistant and comfortable set. New and on display this year, we will have rustic cedar twig chaise lounges.



We are always open to your suggestions and requests. Robert and I look forward to providing you with gardening advice to help you choose the right plants for your garden oasis.

See you soon,
Lorraine Roberts

