



BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Living in Nature Theme
Berkshire Botanical Garden's 33rd Annual Plant Sale 2010
New! Celebrity Plant Donations

Friday, May 7th, Members Only 8-11am Early Buying
Friday, May 7th 11am-5pm Open Buying
Saturday, May 8th, 9am-5pm Open Buying

Garden Chat and Rare Plant presented by
Adam Wheeler - Broken Arrow Nursery-- Friday, May 7, 1pm

The Berkshire Botanical Garden, located at the intersection of Routes 183 and 102 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, will hold its 33rd annual plant sale May 7 & 8, 2010. Buyers at the two-day sale can choose from thousands of annuals, perennials, wildflowers, ferns, grasses, ground covers, vines, shrubs, trees, Mother's Day gifts and more. Members receive early buying privileges on Friday from 8-11am and a 10% discount all weekend. New this year is a Garden Tag Sale offering pre-owned tools, pots, and treasures and a red-carpet worthy selection of "Celebrity Plants" straight from the gardens and greenhouses of local and international celebrities. On site vendors offer garden accessories and specialty spring foods. A talk and sale of rare plants will be presented by Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery, at 1pm on Friday May 7. Tickets are \$30. This year's Plant Sale is sponsored by Ed Herrington of Herrington's Builders.

Throughout the Plant Sale experts from the Garden staff and knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to assist shoppers, answer questions and provide practical gardening advice about growing and caring for plants. "Living in Nature is our theme for the 2010 season," says director of horticulture, Dorthie Hviid. "For this theme we're promoting hard-working plants that have stood the test of time and can withstand the often challenging growing conditions found in the Berkshires. These tough workhorses include: Leucanthemum, Agastache, Hydrangea paniculata, Calycanthus, Daylily, Hosta, Iris, Geranium, Amelanchier, Cotinus, Clematis, and Viburnum. Combined in mixed borders, these tree and shrub shapes not only provide winter interest, they give permanent height, scale, and texture to traditional perennial beds."

"And don't forget a gift for Mother's Day," says Plant Sale Chairperson, Gloria McMahon. "We're offering Gardens-in-a-Box, hanging baskets, pre-planted containers for sun and shade perfect for an entrance, patio, or garden room, as well as pre-planted pots of succulents, and mini potagers of lettuce and herb planters. These one-of-a-kind gifts are all priced very reasonably."

Select vendors will sell organically grown herbs and vegetables, native wetland plants, rustic garden furniture, metal garden décor and ornaments, hypertufa troughs and planters, and more. Top-quality compost direct from Holiday Farm (Dalton, MA) will be sold by the bag. Old, new, and gently used gardening books and cookbooks will be available as well as pre-owned garden tools at the new Gardeners Tag Sale.

Food and refreshments will be available. Garden members will enjoy a 10% discount on plant purchases; memberships may be purchased or renewed at the sale. For further information please call: 413-298-3926 or email info@berkshirebotanical.org/www.berkshirebotanical.org.