



# 'PERENNIALS PROMO'

**PERENNIALS 40% off**

**Small fruit shrubs and fruiting vines 40% off**

**Garden décor 30% off**

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup> E-NEWS**



I've designed many perennial borders in the last 30 years including some for my own garden. While it used to be a challenge finding enough hardy perennials to provide a succession of blooms so that the border would be colourful spring through fall, the development of varieties that are either long-blooming or that have colourful foliage for season-long interest has now made designing a perennial border relatively easy. However, today's gardeners tend to not use perennials in traditional English-style 'herbaceous borders' using them instead throughout the garden by mixing them with shrubs, trees, and annuals to great effect.

I've been gardening long enough to remember when the selection of perennials available at local garden centers was extremely limited. In fact, having gotten the 'perennial bug' 40 years ago, I did a lot of reading and research and ordered seeds from around the world in order to gain access to perennials that I thought would be hardy here. My collection of perennials soon became quite extensive so I started propagating them and sold the plants to a local garden center

where they were happy to get selections they couldn't find from nursery suppliers. About that time, Valleybrook Gardens (the supplier of the perennials in blue pots) started their nursery in Abbotsford dedicating it to growing only perennials of many different types; the availability of perennials has surpassed anything I would have dreamed possible all those years ago. Valleybrook Gardens has become the largest supplier of perennials in North America and because they supply plants to the US as well as the Canadian market, you will notice when you look at their labels that they list plant hardiness with the USDA hardiness zone.



In the label above for Echinacea Sombbrero 'Salsa Red', the hardiness is listed as -34°C USDA Zone 4-9. (I know it's fuzzy but if you look really carefully....) But there is enough of a difference between the Canadian and USDA zoning that if you assume that the label means that this plant is hardy in your Zone 4 garden, you will probably be disappointed when the plant doesn't survive through

the winter. *Canadian Zone 5's* minimum temperature is -34°C so if you live in a Canadian Zone 4 area, you will need to search out plants that are hardy to USDA Zone 3. To make the matter even more confusing, I've found that most Canadian nurseries *are not aware of the difference* and just use whatever information they find on the internet (usually from an American source) WITHOUT noting that it's USDA zoning. So kudos to Valleybrook Gardens for noting that they *are* using the USDA rating - just make sure when you make a purchase that you know there's a difference and take that into account when making your plant selections. (By the way, newer Echinacea hybrids are very susceptible to damage their first winter - be sure to mulch deeply.) Valleybrook Gardens' tags are full of great information as is their website:

<http://www.perennials.com/content/perennial-brands/>

Valleybrook Gardens is not the only supplier from whom I get perennials; there are other nurseries that specialize in ornamental grasses, shade varieties, drought tolerant perennials, etc. The array of plants available is staggering and because I am, if nothing else, a 'plant junkie' I order in perennials very few other garden centers stock. Many of the newer and more difficult to source varieties are brought in as 'plugs' or 'bare-root starter plants' that we pot and grow on ourselves so that we can keep *your* costs down. With the perennials being 40% off during the next two weeks, varieties that we grew from plugs will be a phenomenal buy!!!

### **PLANT OF THE WEEK: Hardy Mums**

That said, we have hardy Chrysanthemums that were brought in as plugs this spring that WILL NOT be included in the Perennial Promo sale. These mums are looking great and are full of buds - this is, after all their season to shine - and they're in 15cm (1 gal) pots priced at 5.00 ea. This is already a great deal so they will remain at regular price.

These hardy mums are not the same as the 'fall pot mums' you'll soon see for sale everywhere. The **Mammoth series** mums exhibit exceptional garden performance having been developed at the University of Minnesota for vigor and hardiness

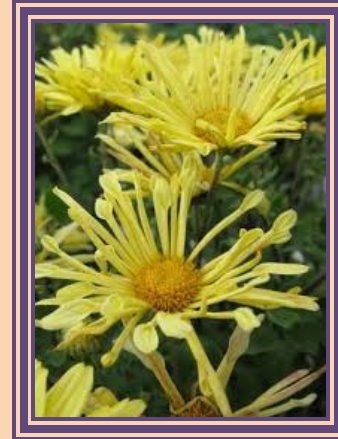
are a meter tall, making a mound more than a meter wide. With a remarkably dense, tight growth habit, each plant is covered with hundreds of colourful daisies. The plant doesn't need pinching, pruning or deadheading to maintain its mounded, dense form. These are the varieties we have in stock:



**Mammoth Dk. Pink Daisy**  
15cm pot @ 5.00 ea.



**Mammoth Lavender Daisy** @ 5.00 ea.



**Mammoth Yellow Quill**  
15cm pot @ 5.00 ea.



**Mammoth Red Daisy \***

(\*Unfortunately the Mammoth Red Daisy was not available as a plug so I had to order it from a supplier in a 1 gallon potted format. It retails at 14.25 ea. but will be 40% off which makes it 8.55 ea.)

### **GARDEN TIP OF THE WEEK:**

#### **Dogwood Anthracnose**

As I've been working on this newsletter, a customer came in with some dogwood leaves affected by Dogwood Anthracnose and/or Spot Anthracnose. These fungal diseases are a tremendous problem in wetter years at the Coast and this year the wet weather has caused problems on local flowering dogwoods as well. If you've noticed that the leaves on your flowering dogwood are showing either of these diseases, please read the information on the links listed

below to determine which one is affecting your trees so you can take appropriate measures. Much of the information available online is American and the products listed as controls are not registered for domestic use in Canada. We stock and recommend Bordo (fixed copper) for control.

Dogwood anthracnose:

<http://www.weekendgardener.net/plant-diseases/dogwood-blight-110911.htm>

Spot anthracnose and other leaf diseases:

<https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/pp/notes/Ornamental/odin23/od23.htm>

## PEACHES! PEACHES!



While the early and warm spring led us to initially believe that crops would be ripening about a month earlier than normal, the cool summer weather has slowed things down to the point where we're now more like 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule. Our peaches are fabulous this year; the trees have cropped heavily and the size and flavour is excellent! We're picking Canadian Harmony and Harbrite.

Our apples, too, are looking great. We've been picking Summer Reds and they are gorgeous this year; the crop is so large that we have the **Mobile Juice Factory** coming tomorrow for our first juicing session of the season! The Earligolds are now picked and James says they're the best we've ever grown - large, tasty and not a spot on them!

*We also have jam-quality peaches and plums and applesauce-quality apples.*

**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**HARDY PERENNIALS\*.....40% OFF**

*\*Except Chrysanthemum Mammoth series*

**SMALL FRUITS .....40% OFF**

**SUMMER FASHIONS.....40% OFF**

**STATUARY, FOUNTAINS, GARDEN DÉCOR.....30% OFF**

## **WE SUPPORT LOCAL GROWERS:**

**PEACHES: Freestone: Harbrite (our own)**

**Canadian Harmony (our own)**

**Paul Friday (our own)**

**NECTARINES (Keremeos)**

**WATERMELONS (Keremeos)**

**ASIAN PEARS (Our own)**

**APPLES: Yellow Transparent (Salmon Arm)**

**Early Duchess (our own)**

**Sunrise (Keremeos)**

**Paula Red (our own)**

**Earligold (our own)**

**APRICOTS (Vernon)**

**PLUMS: Early Italian Prunes (Keremeos)**

**Friar, Elephant Heart (Vernon)**

**Cherry-plums, Gold (Salmon Arm)**

**BLUEBERRIES: (Mara)**

**BLACKBERRIES (our own)**

**TOMATOES (Keremeos)**

**LOCAL GARLIC**

*Have a great weekend,*

*Harriet*

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