



Plant Sale & Garden Tour

15 September 2007 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

There will be a Sign at the Driveway

From US 23: Exit 31 E onto Willis, then go about 10 mi to Martinsville turning N (left) & going 1/2 mi to Harris. Turn E (right) onto Harris & go about 1 mi to Dick's on the N side to your left.

From I 94: Exit 192 S onto Haggerty following this about 1.5 mi to Huron River Drive. Turn W (right) and follow this about 3/4 mi to reconnect with Haggerty S following Haggerty for about 3 mi to Harris. Turn W (right) & go about 1 mi to Dick's on the N side to your right.

From I 275: Exit 11 W onto S. Huron Road & go about 4 mi to Clark at the T-junction. Turn N (right) & go about 1.5 mi to Judd. Turn W (left) onto Judd going about 1 mi to Haggerty, turning N (right), following Haggerty to Harris at the T-junction. Turn W (left) onto Harris & almost immediately on the N side to your right is Dick's.

Our Fall Garden Tour and Plant Sale this year will be at Dick Punnett's garden, 41420 Harris Road, Belleville. For those of you who have not been to Dick's for a while, you will be amazed by the number of new plants and remarkable new garden beds that Dick has made in the last few years. Since one of Dick's great interests is woody plants, his garden will have a great deal to see in the fall, even when traditional rock gardens are looking rather threadbare. So bring your seedlings and propagated plants and prepare to enjoy a great garden tour and plant sale. Be sure to bring some choice items for the plant sale and auction, because these sales are how the club finances bringing world-renowned speakers to our meetings.

PLANT SALE PREPARATIONS for September 15th: If you are a newcomer to our group, you will be surprised at the diversity, number of rarities, and size of our two yearly plant sales. They are one of the best things about being a chapter member, and offer the opportunity to get wonderful and unusual plants at very reasonable prices. Also, the sale is very important to the chapter, as it raises the funds for our excellent speaker program. But because of the size of the sale, we do need to have people try to follow certain rules to make the sale run smoothly and quickly.

At home:

- 1). Please pot or re-pot plants at least ten days before the sale. Otherwise, the plants may look ragged.
- 2). Please select appropriate plants for the sale. Interesting and unusual alpines, woodland plants, and small woody plants are ideal. No large, common woody plants, annuals, common perennials, and tropicals, please.

3). Before you bring the plants, label each pot, with the name of the plant [scientific name, if known, and cultivar or variety, if known]. On the back of the label put your name and the year. This allows people both at the sale or later to ask you about the plant. It also helps us when setting up the sale to talk to you if, for example, you have missed putting a price on the plant.

4). We ask people to price their own plants. You can price your plants at home, if you like, but please use a separate price label. The price labels are pulled out of the pots by the cashier to expedite adding up the total.

At the sale:

1) If you have not priced your plants at home, please use the chapter price labels provided to price each pot. Prices range from \$2 to \$6.50, but mostly are within the \$2 to \$4 range. Set your plants as close together as possible on the selling tables. You should try to get your plants to the sale a half-hour or so before the sale starts to get them set up and priced, if necessary.

2) Ask Elaine Rappley to look at your plants. For every 10 plants you bring, you are given one Red Label. Each Red Label entitles you to one "First Pick." This means that those who did not bring plants must stand back and wait for those with Red Labels to make their First Picks. The time for First Pickers to make their choices is limited to 3-5 minutes depending upon the number of First Pick labels given out. Keep in mind that you still have to pay for the plants.

3) Tell Elaine if you have brought plants that you think might be of "Auction Quality." These are normally either exceptionally rare and desirable plants not available commercially, plants available only at a very high cost, or large, well-grown specimens of highly desirable plants. She will inform our almighty auctioneers who pass judgment as to which and how many plants to auction. For each of your plants chosen for auction, you will get an additional Red Label.