

Perennials for Honeybees

SJBA is proud to announce its first annual perennial plant sale. For our first year, I have decided to focus on low maintenance perennials requiring less water and fertilizer than many other plants. These plants are also incomparable for attracting bees and other pollinators. From mid-June until frost, these plants will provide nectar for your girls when other plants have quit. In addition to these plants being offered for pre-sale, additional surprises will be available the day of our statewide picnic to further enhance your gardens. Hope to see you there, and please check out www.njbeekeepers.org for all the needed details about the picnic and additional plant offerings as we approach the date. Seth Belson, President of SJBA.

WHEN: June 6, 2009

WHERE: NJBA Statewide meeting being held at JCC Camps, Medford, N.J.

HOW: Send in attached order form with check made payable to SJBA.

COST:

4" Pot:
\$4 each, or 5 for \$17 or 10 for \$30

1Gallon:
\$7 each, or 4 for \$26 or 6 for \$35

3 Gallon:
\$10 each, or 3 for \$27 or 6 for \$51

DEADLINE: April 30, 2009

PLANT OFFERINGS:

Anise Hyssop (*agastache foeniculum*):

Anise Hyssop - 36" - Plant 20" apart. Z5-10 Blue violet flower spikes on wonderfully spicy fragrant foliage smelling like licorice. Long flowering Hyssop. Can also be used in teas. Equally good in the border, and as a candidate for container growing. The better the drainage the happier the plant. Attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies as well. As an added bonus, flocks of Goldfinches in autumn will sit atop the flowers and feast on seeds. What a sight! Available in 4" pots only.

Lavender Munstead: Medium 18" - Plant 20" apart. Zone 5-9 Compact, with purple blue flowers. Early Flowering. Very fragrant. An indispensable member of the herb family, used for perfumes and potpourri. Its ornamental compact habit with gray green scented foliage make it a welcome addition to the perennial border. Flowers in summer. Use it in dry gardens, barren slopes, or bordering a sunny path. Deer resistant, good for hot dry spots, fragrant, also dries easily. Shear off dead flowers, and it may need a haircut in April for best habit.

Available in 4" pots only.

Nepeta Walkers Low- 30" tall spreading to 3' wide. Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year 2007. Named for a garden, not its size, as it grows to 30". Lovely blue violet flowers accent aromatic grey green foliage. Its long season of bloom and carefree habit make it a worthy addition to the Perennial Plant "Hall of Fame". A low soft grey mat smothered with blossoms in summer. Spent flowers should be sheared off to promote bloom. Likes sun and dry conditions. Cut back to the ground at the end of winter. Cats enjoy it as much as catnip. Deer resistant, good for hot dry spots. Cut back by 2/3 in July to promote reblooming in August to end of summer. Leave foliage on in winter and clean up in spring to help protect roots.

Available in one and three gallon sizes

Russian Sage:

PEROVSKIA Atriplicifolia - Russian Sage - Medium to Tall 2-4' - Plant 2-3' apart. Zone 4-9 Deepest purple blue blossoms with deeply cut silver foliage. Perennial Plant Association 1995 Selection. Long spikes of silvery-blue flowers accent its complementary silver-gray spicy foliage. Flowers from the summer into the fall. Shrub size semi-woody plants for full sun. Russian Sage should not be cut back further than 12" after frost in the fall, leaving some stem buds for next year's growth. Drought tolerant. Deer resistant, good for hot dry spots, Avoid too moist (wet feet), also dries easily. To obtain fuller plants, pinch back by 1/2 when 12" of new growth appears.

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