

# The Village Garden Center's Garden Club Newsletter

## February 2008



It's that time of the year again and our greenhouses are starting to buzz with new seedlings, plugs, and employees with spring fever. Believe me, after a few mornings bent over a potting bench, the spring fever has definitely moved to my back. However; it does mean that our garden club members are probably getting the urge to see what is new, and learn about the new trends for 2008.

### Did you know.....

We are one of the few garden centers in the area that carry a full line of culinary herbs. Not only are they great in the kitchen, but many add a distinct and interesting look to hanging baskets and containers. We will have cinnamon basil, ginger mint, and a new lavender. Add herbs to your life-both in the garden and in your container recipes!

Feel free to stop in and see what is going on when you are out and about.



Mystic Dahlias

### Did you know.....

Space is still available in our Spring Garden parties. Call and reserve your space in our hanging basket and container parties! Fun, food and foliage for all!



### REMINDERS:

- Our spring garden luncheon is on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. Mark your calendars and remind your friends that this is a great time to join the garden club!
- Please contact the store staff or myself on the Friday prior to our Garden Club Meeting to verify your attendance. This would be greatly appreciated as I need to have account for our giveaways and the food. Thank you.
- We chose August 9<sup>th</sup> for our Garden Club Walk. Mark your calendar and think about putting your yard on the walk!



Lifeline Coleus

### Garden Club Seminar

February 16th, 10am

Our seminar this month will include a run down of all of our new specialty annuals, new geranium varieties, and the new annual grasses. Bring your notebook, you will want to write your favorites down!

### March Specials

30% off for garden club members only

Eden's Angels- one style, your choice — Metal Birds-small hanging décor

Any one item with green on it-Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## New specialty annuals for 2008

Mystic Dahlias: dark foliage (almost black) with intense flower colors of deep scarlet, magenta, and bright yellow.

Big Red Judy Coleus: Rich red leaves

Lifeline Coleus: Chartreuse colored foliage, and likes some sun!

Abutilon 'Melon Sorbet': Hibiscus like flowers featuring orange veins with a yellow center.

Anagallis 'Cinnamon': Cinnamon scented trailier with medium pink flowers. We've had it before in royal blue and orange, but never scented!

Asteriscus 'Compact Gold Coin': Dark foliage with a small bright yellow flower. Great for containers.

Cleome 'Linde Armstrong': Compact with pink flowers and great heat tolerance.

Evolvulus 'Hawaiian Blue Eyes': True blue flower that thrives in summer heat.

Ocimum Perpetuo 'Lemon Basil': First variegated basil plant. Slight lemon flavor with a great texture and scent for container gardening.

Osteospermum 'Sunny Phillip': Spoon shaped DARK purple blooms, and more heat tolerance.

Osteospermum 'Sunny Davina': New dark purple without the spoon.

Osteospermum 'Sunny Mary': Dark magenta.

Otocanthus 'Peek-A-Blue': Brazilian snapdragon with dark green foliage and bright purple blue spikes. Loves heat and requires no deadheading.

Ozothamnus 'Rose': Australian rice flower. Paper-like flowers that stay that way for months. Light pink.

Russelia 'Peter's Komet': The firecracker plant with bright scarlet tubular flowers. Hummingbirds love this plant. Foliage is shrub-like.

Syngonium (Pothos) 'Neon': Marbled shades of delicate shell pink contrasted with a chartreuse underside. A great climber for containers.

Tradescantia 'Baby Bunny Bellies': Foliage plant with glossy green tops and soft velvet purple undersides. A wonderful plant for hanging baskets and containers.

New Annual Grasses for 2008:

Carex 'Java Twist': Similar to toffee twist, yet fuller habit, finer leaves, and a lighter tan color.

Melinis 'Pink Champagne': A showy flowering grass with narrow ruby-pink blooms.