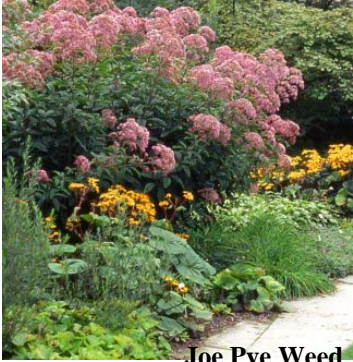


# The Village Garden Center's June 2008 Garden Club Newsletter



Joe Pye Weed

Hopefully you have survived the weird spring weather, and your gardens are starting to grow beautifully! I know that my tomatoes are praying for lots of sunshine and no more cloudy days. My apologies again for the lack of the newsletter in May. I now know that my schedule does not allow me to do anything extra during our busy season. Thanks for understanding- Megan

## BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BOLDER PERENNIALS

In the spring, these plants can be very misleading. They die back to nothing, and then during the season they grow into something spectacular. If you are looking for something to boost the look of your garden, you need to think about planting one of the following plants. For a shade garden: Ligularia 'The Rocket'. This is a noble plant with huge leathery leaves that are deep green on top, and ebony on the reverse side. The flowers are golden yellow spikes. This plant can grow up to five feet tall, and it is a moisture lover. Great for shade, and it is a good substitute for a shrub.

Another good choice for a shady place is Hillside Black Beauty Snakeroot. This plant has a dark (almost black) lacy foliage, and fragrant white bottlebrush blooms. This is a large showy plant that can grow to heights of seven feet.

For a full sun area there are some great choices. Gateway Joe Pye weed is an awesome pink blooming plant. This plant can get up to six feet tall, has beautiful green foliage and is nice in the back of the garden. It is native to the area, and is drought resistant. Give it plenty of room to grow!

Butterfly bush is another shrub that is cut down completely at the beginning of the season, and can be very showy by the end. With big bottle like blooms in shades of purples and pinks, this is a great plant for butterfly gardeners.

And last but not least-Hardy pampas grass. It is hard to believe that on the first of March there is nothing growing there, and then by the end of the summer, you can have beautiful fronds growing fourteen feet tall! Again, you have to have the right place to grow it, but it is worth the wait!

So try some of the amazing plants I have listed here. They are showy and can give you lots of surprises!

**REMINDERS:** Our garden walk is on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We need people to offer their yard for our walk.

**Did you know.....**Less than 2% of the insects in the world are harmful. Beneficial insects such as ground beetles, ladybugs, fireflies, green lacewings, praying mantis, spiders, and wasps keep harmful insects from devouring your plants. They also pollinate your plants and decompose organic matter.



**June Garden Club Special**  
30% off  
Shrub rose (limit one)  
Garden Trellis (limit one)  
Ceramic Mushrooms (limit 4)

**July Garden Club Specials**  
30% off  
Cottonburr Compost (limit 3 bags)  
Ornamental Grass (limit 1 gallon)  
Water Plant (limit 1 gallon)



Snakeroot