



Wilson's Nursery

Customer Appreciation Day!

(see flyer below)



Wilson's Nursery
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It's Happening !
Our Annual Customer Appreciation Day



Thursday September 28, 2023
8 am - 3 pm
Coffee & donuts 8 am-10:30 am
Lunch served From 11 am - 1 pm

We will have farm tours available, plant display, door prizes and sales!

Orange Ribbon Specials - 50% off selected items
20% off all orders placed & paid for on 9-28-23

All orders placed that day must be picked up by Friday 10-6-23



DRAWING PRIZES:

GRAND PRIZE:
\$500 in Wilson's Grown Plant Materials
2nd PRIZE: 1 Free Metro Delivery
3rd PRIZE: Happy Hour for up to 10 people.

Everyone in attendance receives one entry into the drawing. For every \$100 purchased on 9/28/23 your company will receive an additional entry.

All prizes must be redeemed by November 1, 2023



Wilson's Nursery 2024 Retail Program is ready!

With a few great years working with this program, we have continued to hone in on our offering. We have handcrafted a great selection of plants to preorder for your Independent Retail Garden Center.

We offer easy-to-manage container trees and perennials, complete with the tagging requirements you need for your garden center.

Please contact Matt for details at: matt@wilsonsnurseryinc.com or his mobile device: (612) 990-4073



Wilson's Nursery Contract Growing Program

Do you have any big projects coming up this next year that will require a quantity of perennials that seem unobtainable? Don't worry, we've got you covered! Please let us know as soon as those

plant lists hit your desk and we can get your project quoted out for you.

As your partner in growth, please let us know how we can help!



Connie's Corner

(note: Connie is back in the office this week, as this newsletter was postponed. We are pleased to say that she had a great trip and we are happy to have her back with us!)

Scaling Back the Wild

by Connie Kratzke

By the time you read this, I will be far away. Far enough at least, for I am going on vacation! Almost every year, my husband and I spend the week of our anniversary camping somewhere in Minnesota. We spend the vast majority of our time in state parks because we like being able to hike and kayak without driving anywhere. Don't get me wrong- we head into town almost daily for beers and burgers. We just like to fully embrace where we're at once we get there. Being surrounded by beauty and inhaling crisp air are more than enough.

This year, we're heading away from what we're typically drawn towards to explore Lake Shetek in the south-west portion of the state. We have been to Blue Mounds where we found wild roses and prickly pears scattered amongst granite outcroppings. That is the only other southwestern park we've toured. Lake Shetek is a glacial lake, surrounded by prairies and forests. The contrast between the two parks is quite dramatic.

At one point our goal was to camp in all of the parks before revisiting any. Then we found ourselves frequenting Scenic and Savanna Portage. Both parks are enormous with a plethora of trails seamlessly transitioning woodlands, bogs and meadows. Glendalough is lovely with its pristine lakes, dark forests and flowing prairies. Lake Carlos has lovely pines and lakes, along with a fascinating history. Banning is an awesome place to hike with its river and rock. Cascade, Tettegouche and Split Rock Lighthouse are all amazing! I don't have

to say much about those parks because you've probably been there. Beaver Creek Valley was an extremely pleasant surprise with its aqua pools full of trout amidst a creek full of cress. I could go on. Our parks are why I love Minnesota. It's no wonder so many homeowners are looking to duplicate that "Up North" feel within their postage stamp.

Today I thought about some of my favorite, compact, native cultivars. 'Tiny Tortuga' Chelone, 'Little Goldstar' Rudbeckia (*Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Little Goldstar' PP22,397) and 'Little Joe' Eupatorium (*Eupatorium dubium* 'Little Joe' PP15,798) are three that come to mind. 'Standing Ovation' Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium* 'Standing Ovation' PP25,202) makes a phenomenal backdrop for just about everything. 'Pixie Meadowbrite' (*Echinacea* 'CBG Cone 2' PP18546) is just a weird little Echinacea, but I love it completely. 'Huron®' Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa* 'Hurzam') is a really great plant for tough, shady, understory areas. There are more, but I'm too tired to Google all of their legal names. 'Kobold' Liatris doesn't have a number and it's a great, compact, native cultivar.

Some native plants are naturally compact and tidy, blending well into suburban life. *Geum triflorum* can be used very effectively in beds and borders. When in bloom, its wisps of pink smoke drift in the breeze, creating a campfire ambiance. Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*) is a nice little groundcover for cool, shady areas. Canadian Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) is, too. I just planted Wild Petunia (*Ruellia humilis*) in my pollinator garden this summer and its heat and drought tolerance are commendable. Strong blooming and compact growing, I am totally willing to pretend it's a Minnesota native, despite its Packer roots. Nannyberry *Viburnum* in tree form works very well in urban landscapes. In shrub form, it makes a great Buckthorn replacement. White Snowberry is another one that is neat enough to maintain as a hedge, but native enough to help folks feel connected.

There are some non-native plants that make excellent imposters. 'Tannenbaum' Mugo Pine is one of my favorites. Can't fit a Red Pine into your backyard? Give it a whirl! Weave some 'Red Gnome™' Dogwoods (*Cornus alba* 'Regnzam') around it and call it a day! No, wait! Put a 'Parkland Pillar®' (*Betula platyphylla* 'Jefpark' PP25,468) or 'Dakota Pinnacle®' Birch (*Betula platyphylla* 'Fargo' PP10,963) in the mix! Do whatever you want. I am going to bed so I can survive my last day of work before embarking on my next, inspiring quest for knowledge and nature.

Follow us on Social Media:

Please take a look at our beautiful social media pages! You will find it a nice glimpse into the happenings at Wilson's. Once you've had a look, please give me a call and we can take a little walk around the farm!



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