Heartwood Nursery News

It's almost time for our 16th Annual Serviceberry Festival!



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Amorpha fruticosa False Indigo

The beneficial native shrub you may not have heard of! Host species for Skipper, Sulphur and other butterflies, this moisture-loving, small, open-branched shrub in the legume family increases soil health by fixing nitrogen. Can be planted for erosion control along streambanks, or as a focal point in a small garden. Create attractive mass plantings with *Clethra alnifolia* 'Hummingbird' (dwarf Clethra), *Itea virginica* (Virginia Sweetspire) and *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (Buttonbush).







Last Year's Growth Supports Spring's New Growth

A benefit to leaving previous years vegetation is to lend natural support to tender, new growth as it emerges. Besides providing a place for birds to perch and habitat for insects, we think it adds a unique sense of structure too!

Eupatorium fistulosum (Joe-Pye Weed) & Phytolacca americana (Pokeweed)



Deep watering plants is an important aspect of plant care, as it encourages strong root growth and helps plants establish a deeper, more resilient root system. Here's how you can deep water your plants effectively:

- 1. Choose the right time: Try to water your plants early in the morning or in the evening to minimize water loss through evaporation.
- 2. Use a watering can, hose, or drip irrigation system: Ensure that water reaches the root zone of the plant by using a watering can with a spout to direct water at the base of the plant, or a soaker hose or drip irrigation system to slowly deliver water directly to the roots. It is easy to overwater with a drip irrigation system. Take care that the amount of water does not exceed the needs of the plant.
- 3. Water deeply and slowly: Allow the water to penetrate deeply into the soil by watering slowly. This encourages the roots to grow downward in search of water, making them more resilient.
- 4. Water based on plant needs: Different plant species have different water requirements, so it's important to adjust your watering schedule based on the specific needs of each plant species.
- 5.Learn to accurately measure rainfall. Wet leaves on plants don't necessarily indicate sufficient rainfall for deep watering. A hard, driving rain may result in run-off and not adequately be absorbed into the ground. A steady rain measuring greater than half an inch or more is beneficial for plant roots.



Shorter days after June 21st mean that trees and plants begin to prepare for dormancy by slowing their growth rate.



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