

Please take some time to read through this week's newsletter. We've got some great things going on: A Summer Sale, Connie's Corner, our weekly Bud & Bloom and more!

Just a friendly reminder that we are now operating under our Summer hours. Please make note of this when planning out your coming pickups and deliveries!

> <u>Summer Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Please come on by and meet the wonderful customer service representatives the next time you are in the area. Barb and Autumn would be very happy to see you!

I also would like to thank Katelyn for the wonderful job she has done over the last couple of years. Her last day is the 11th of this month as she will be moving for a teaching job in Wisconsin. We all are wishing her well and know she will be an exceptional teacher at the school she has chosen to work with.



Summer Specials on overstock Trees, Shrubs and Perennials!

Contact Matt at 612-990-4073 or **matt@wilsonsnurseryinc.com** for more information. From shade trees and evergreens to many varieties of shrubs and perennials, let us get these lists in your hands so you can add them to your next design (and SAVE!)

Wilson's Bud & Bloom (Lily Edition)

This week's Bud & Bloom was shot by guest photographer, Hannah, my lovely girlfriend and third grade teacher. She took a lot of enjoyment snapping some great ones of all the Lily varieties we have to offer!

If you would like to get any of our beautiful perennials on order, please reach out to our wonderful customer service staff with your orders at 952-353-2762 or:

orders@wilsonsnurservinc.com!



I would recommend getting some of these Lilies in your next installation or in front of your Garden Center! They are beautiful right now!

Click on the photo or title above to view the Google Album



Connie's Corner

Stachys Stats by Connie Kratzke

I remember the first time I met 'Helen Von Stein', snug in her Sensory Garden bed at the U of M Arboretum. Her soft, gray leaves looked and felt just like their namesake, 'Lamb's Ears'. My boyfriend (now husband) thought that characteristic was so cool. I vowed to plant some when we bought our first home and twenty years later they are still here. Trickier to keep presentable in nursery pots, they value good drainage and need space to spread. I love how their silvery tones make surrounding colors pop. Since they play pretty well with others in the garden, you can use them as fillers.

I encountered 'Hummelo' a few years later. Quite different from cousin Helen, 'Hummelo' is commonly referred to as a Betony. This species of Stachys (S. monieri) forms a tidy, layered mound of scalloped green leaves. Foliage is slightly hairy and coarse; in contrast to Helen's plush texture. 'Hummelo' earned the honor of "Perennial Plant of the Year" in 2019 and that's really when it started appearing everywhere. Offering superior form, texture and color; 'Hummelo' easily earns its welcome. Bullet-proof hardiness is another perk. There really isn't anything bad to say about it. Still, there are some other neat species/cultivars worth mentioning.

'Pink Cotton Candy' (S. officinalis) has soft, pink flowers you can nearly taste. When seen en masse, its subtle color really gains momentum. Sturdy flower spikes stand proudly above tidy skirts of apple green foliage. I can imagine 'Pink Cotton Candies' mingling with Little Bluestems and 'Dazzleberry' Sedums along paved pathways, soaking up the evening sunlight.

'Summer Crush' (S. hybrid) presents similar hues, resulting in a two-toned effect as flowers fade from top to bottom. Brilliant spires appear to shimmer as they age and I love everything about that! When their tall stems sway with the breeze, foamy waves of pink soothe the eyes and cool the soul. That's just what the doctor ordered on sultry, summer days!

Please see the Stachys options pictured below:



Helen Von Stein



Helen Von Stein against Summer Crush



Summer Crush







Hummelo

Pink Cotton Candy

Pink Cotton Candy

4-Hour Turnaround Time and other reminders:

- Please remember that our 4-hour turnaround is from the time your order has been responded to and confirmed - and that those are within business hours.
 No action is taken on orders outside of our normal operating business hours.
- Please be sure to send your orders to **orders@wilsonsnurseryinc.com** or call the office at 952-353-2762. This is the only way we can guarantee that timing.
- Restocking fees: We do operate with as many people as we need so that we can get your orders pulled and ready for pickup or delivery. Not taking ordered product in a timely manner or sending back items you did order does cost us additional time and labor, so we must assess these fees. Please call Matt with any questions.
- We love feedback and can only improve oversights with the help of our vendor partners. We are in business to serve you and do so in the most effective, efficient and service-oriented way we can. We promise to fix any mistake we make along the way and to act on the information we are provided. Thank you for your continued business!! We hope you all are having a great season so far!

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