

## The Garden is in Full Swing

For most of us it has been a wonderful spring. The weather has coaxed gardens into early glory. We have a couple of ideas to make it even better for you.



### Free Stella offer

To help recognize June as Perennial Month, we're offering a FREE Stella d'Oro Daylily in the #1 size (2.64 qt./2.50L) when you purchase \$15 worth of perennials. This offer runs until the end of the day on Wednesday, June 9 with a limit of 10 free Stellas. If you like to grow a plant that is compact and blooms it's heart out most of the summer then Stella is for you. Right now they are in full bud (right). To learn more about this versatile plant, [click to Walters Gardens](#), a wholesale perennial grower with a fun site for home gardeners. Walters classifies Stella as an extreme re-bloomer, extremely long blooming and an extremely popular seller.

### Composting Seminar

Join us on Saturday morning, June 5 at 10 a.m. for a composting seminar. This is an informal discussion about the craft of rotting organic material to benefit your gardens or just to keep the stuff out of the waste stream. Our special guest is Jean Lundquist of Blue Earth County Environmental Services. Jean shares her love of vermiposting (worm composting) and helps us learn how to unravel challenges with backyard composting. Sarah Malchow from Drummers also joins the discussion. There is no fee for the seminar but give us a call at 507-388-4877 if you plan to attend so we can save you a seat.

### Reusable Drummers Bags

Participants of our seminars this spring all received coupons to collect on a new, reusable Drummers bag. Shipment of the bags was delayed longer than we liked but they did arrive after all. Carol Bertrand (right) was the first to collect her new bag. We'll have more fun with the bags as the season passes.

### Try the Perennial of the Year

Stop for a visit to our demonstration gardens. There are a number of nice examples of perennials, shrubs and vegetables to study. Right now Amsonia tabernaemontana and Baptisia australis, are in full bloom (below). Both plants offer great structure for the perennial border and interesting seed pods later in the season. Baptisia australis is also the Perennial Plant Association's 2010 Perennial of the Year. Learn more at Walters about [Amsonia](#) and [Baptisia](#).





*Amsonia tabernaemontana*



*Baptisia australis*