



American Cranberry Bush (*Viburnum*) (left)

These berries will ripen to a deep red & remain on the plant through most of the winter.

Purple Smoke Bush (*Cotinus*) (right) with Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea*), Autumn Magic Chokeberry (*Aronia*) & Butterfly Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla*)

That's really the color... no fakery.

Plant Selection

Sometimes it is very hard to convey how lovely some plants are when we are working with you in the store. We strive to keep the plants looking their best but you may not get to see them in bloom or at a certain time of year. And, let's face it, some shrubs growing in a pot are yearning for the ground where they really start to look their best after they are established. So, here's a look (above & below) at some beauties in the garden.



Shasta daisy (*Leucanthemum x superbum*)
Just look at all those blooms on one plant!

The native perennial Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) with Diablo Ninebark (*Physocarpus*) in the back of the perennial border.



Evaluate before you spray

Yes, hungry insects that eat plants have been a big concern this season.

Yes, you want color and produce.

Yes, you want to save money.

This is a picture of a 7+\" head of Pacman broccoli in my home garden taken this morning. This year I planted them in a new perennial border we created last fall. I did this just to take advantage of some new space and it's been fun to go just a few steps out the door and pick broccoli. What we want to show you, however, is there are holes in the leaves and I haven't used insecticides.

This amount of insect damage hasn't stalled production.

This is just an illustration of how a gardener can evaluate a situation and establish when they may or may not use

treatments on their plants. In my case, this insect damage did not call for insecticide treatment. Every gardener has to decide for themselves when to treat or not.

Stuff your reusable Drummers bag for 15% savings

- Bring in or purchase your reusable Drummers bag and whatever you can fit in it will be 15% off regular price. This offer is not valid with any other discounts and lasts through July 14.
- Our homegrown mixed 10\" hanging baskets (mocha in color) are \$5 off.
- Evergreens are 25% off through July 14.
- We are continuing the \$10 off fruit tree sale.
- All patio tubs and 4-packs are half off regular price.
- 3.5\" annuals are now \$1 so stock up on things like zinnia, lisianthus and morning glory.



Save these Dates

- Sunday, July 11, 11-4, Mankato area, **Blooming Pretty Garden Tour**, by Zonta, tickets on sale at Drummers
- Sunday, July 18, 11-4, **Cleveland/Le Center area Garden Tour**, by Relay for Life Hunting for a Cure Team, call Mary (507-340-8271) or Denise (507-934-3889) for tickets

- Thursday, July 22, 5:15 – 6:30 p.m, **Food Preservation: Where to Find Credible Resources & Canning Basics at Drummers**, with Glenyce Peterson-Vangsness. University of Minnesota Extension Educator, Food Science, Professor [Call Drummers at 507-388-4877 to register for this free class.](tel:507-388-4877) We need a minimum of 5 to hold it and want you to have a seat. *Part I - Food Preservation: Where to Find Credible Resources?* Canning, freezing, drying, pickling, jams, jellies, and salsas. Whether you're a novice or experienced food preserver, this course is for you. Explore where to find credible research based food preservation information and tested up-to-date recipes that will enable you to preserve safe and wholesome foods. *Part II - Canning Basics* In this course learn about the two methods of safe home canning – boiling water bath and pressure canning. Explore what foods can be safely processed using each method, current canning recommendations, and sources of research-based canning information and recipes for preserving safe and wholesome foods.
- Thursday, July 29, Drummers Growing Rewards Garden Party
- Saturday, Aug. 28, Drummers Vegetable Growing Contest
- Saturday, Sept. 18, Drummers 7th Annual Salsa Contest
- Saturday, Sept. 25, Largest Pumpkin Contest & Unusual Gourds



What's that plant?

It's blooming in gardens, ditches and even Interstate Highway shoulders now.... [Asclepias tuberosa](#), or butterfly weed. We've got pretty examples of it in our sun border at the store (which you're welcome to visit any time) and plants for your garden. Not only is this native an excellent mid-sized garden plant but also a food source for Monarch butterflies.