

Northeast Natives & Perennials
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It seems that warmer weather is finally arriving in time for the Memorial Day Holiday! I always think of Memorial Day as the kick-off for planting perennials and re-vamping the gardens. We are in full swing here at NEN and are excited to be able to offer so many lovely plants.

Speaking of Memorial Day, we will be open for business on that day, so come see us!

Remember to check out our new website at

www.nenativesandperennials.com.

In the near future there will be a special offer posted on the website; don't miss it!

For those of you who have visited us for the first time this year, this is our second year in business. We offer a wide variety of perennials, about 70% of them are native to the U.S. and particularly the Northeastern U.S. We like to educate on the benefits of using native plants in the landscape, but also recognize the demand for some of the popular non-native plants. We also added a few native trees and shrubs to our selection this year.

We grow many of our plants on our property and in the greenhouse. We do not collect native plants from the wild, and would discourage anyone else from doing that. Many of our beautiful natives are on the decline and we would not want to contribute to decreasing their numbers.

[Got Deer?](#)

I recently designed a deer-resistant garden for a friend who has a home in the mountains, and of course lots of deer! Believe it or not, there are many plants that the deer do not care for and will avoid unless they are starving. Most of our plants are marked as to deer-resistance and if you have more questions, I'll be glad to help.

If you are like me, and still want to have the plants in the garden that deer do like to nibble such as hostas, daylilies and phlox, try Liquid Fence. It is made from garlic and rotten eggs, and yes, it smells bad. But if you can get by the application part, it dries and only the deer and rabbits can detect it. It lasts through rains, usually about a month and then you need to re-apply. It really works!

Here are just a few of the many plants deer usually pass by:

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| Achillea | Coreopsis | Penstemon |
| Agastache | Dianthus | Phlox subulata |
| Alchemilla | Echinacea | Polygonatum |
| Amsonia | Ferns | Rudbeckia |
| Aquilegia | Iberis | Salvia |
| Asclepias | Lamium | Scabiosa |
| Baptisia | Liatris | Solidago |
| Brunnera | Monarda | Tiarella |
| Chelone | Nepeta | Tradescantia |
| Cimicifuga | Oenothera | |

Thank you for your business!
Have a wonderful Holiday and hope to see you soon!

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