

Sense the Unexpected



Lurie Garden Fall Festival and Plant Sale

Saturday, September 17, 2011
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE

Here's your chance to purchase stunning perennials grown by Northwind Perennial Farm, the nursery that provides many of the plants for the Lurie Garden.

The Fall Festival and Plant Sale will also include

- tours of fall blooming perennials & grasses
- hands on gardening tips
- garden-based activities for kids
- face painting
- local honey tasting

Quart size perennials cost \$5 and gallons \$10. All proceeds support the Lurie Garden's free, year-round public programming.



Plants available at the sale will include the following perennials:

- *Geum triflorum*. prairie smoke
- *Heuchera villosa* 'Autumn Bride'. coral bells
- *Sanguisorba officinalis* 'Red Thunder'. burnet
- *Parthenium integrifolium*. wild quinine
- *Calamintha nepeta* ssp. *nepeta*. calamint

We will also offer the following grasses, great for fall and winter interest:

- *Molinia caerulea* 'Moorhexe'. moor flame grass
- *Sporobolus heterolepis*. prairie dropseed
- *Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster' feather reed grass

Information on all these plants can be found on the Lurie Garden website at:

<http://lurigarden.org/plantlife/overview>



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Schedule of Events. September 17, Rain or Shine

- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Plant sale in Lurie Garden Maintenance Yard
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tours of Lurie Garden. Start from tent on south end of boardwalk in Lurie Garden. Tours leave continually as groups form.
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Indoor composting demonstrations with Urban Worm Girl. 
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lurie Garden led children's activities. Face painting, ladybeetle and butterfly ring making, worm-based activities and more.
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Youth drawing activity with the Art institute of Chicago. Children will receive drawing materials and be encouraged to explore the garden.
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Honey Tasting. Be the first to sample the Lurie Garden's own honey, as well as other local honey. Learn what is involved with beekeeping and how you can support pollinators in your own garden.
- 11 a.m. Erik Grossnickel of Bartlett Tree Experts will give a brief introduction on beneficial insects and release ladybeetles.
- 11:45–12:45 Shana Harvey will perform garden inspired songs and encourage children to move to the music.

All activities will take place on the lawn at the south end of the Lurie Garden, except for plant sale which is held in the Lurie Garden maintenance yard. The maintenance yard is directly west of the Lurie Garden under the Nichols Bridgeway.