

Perennial Plant Exchange (and Free Compost) are Coming

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You are invited to meet your new best friends (people and plant) at the Perennial Plant Exchange Saturday, May 18, 2024, **rain or shine, in the parking lot** of the Family Aquatic Center (Huber Park) near the tennis bubble. You may bring your labeled plants to trade placed in containers, wrapped in newspaper, or bagged (if bulbs or tubers). Don't bring cash, though a water bottle might be a comfort, as there will be a lot of talking and trading. Some people find wagons are helpful in bringing treasures back to your car or taking your extras plants from vehicle to vehicle. Some people make a poster of what they have to trade and what they are looking for: either the plant, the color, or the season of bloom. Happy, healthy, disease-free, **non-invasive** plants are all welcome. Come prepared to have gardeners' fun.

Please refer to the following schedule of helpers, designed for overlap so one shift can orient the next shift. You should have time before or after your shift to shop, talk shop, or window shop. Please don't forget to **bring your bags or buckets if you wish to take home some of the FREE City of Troy delivered compost.** Sign up for your shift at the April or May meeting, or email JoAnn Preston at JAKPre24@msn.com.

8 AM - 10 AM	Set-up
9 AM - 11:00 AM	Compost (some shoveling and lifting involved)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Compost (some shoveling and lifting involved)
9 AM - 10:30 AM	Direct Traffic
10 AM - 11:15 AM	Orphan Table
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Greeter, Host, Prize sign-up
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Master Gardener
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Master Gardener
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Photographer (can be combined with other tasks)
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Orphan Table with clean-up
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Greeter, Host, Garden Walk handouts

Please plan to sign up and help with this "open-to-the-public" perennial plant exchange. We especially need a photographer and help at the late Orphan Table, when it is the busiest.