

## MARCH 2019

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## Real Estate

New owners,  
Welcome to Pittsfield Village!

Since this time last year, we've  
had 35 resales!



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off** **Winner: Christina Koory!**

*Pictured below with staff Tracy (w/ Cecilia) and Kendra*

Congratulations, Christina. Your chili was delicious! It was a close race, as we almost had a 4-way tie, but "Koory's Kitchen" took first place!



## IN THE GARDEN

By Lisa Joseph, Community Horticulturist

Welcome to March! Is it spring yet?

It's time to shrug off the wintertime puttering and come out of hibernation. Rev the engine and recharge. But don't go dashing out to the garden too quickly. If the soil is wet and muddy, you will end up potentially compacting the soil structure. I rake out and tidy up only the areas in the garden where the very earliest bulbs will soon be poking through. The rest of the garden I will leave as is for a bit longer, no matter how antsy I feel to get out there. Not only to protect my garden's healthy soil, but also to care for the overwintering beneficial insects sheltering in the garden debris.

### HAVE A SHADY GARDEN? WANT IDEAS? I HAVE WHAT YOU NEED!

All plants listed prefer filtered sun or full shade; avoid placing in afternoon sun.

#### HEUCHERELLA 'EYE SPY'- Foamy Bells Mature size 10 x 20"



Rosy pink blossoms rise up on willowy stalks in early summer. The spectacular yellow foliage with its deep rose centers brings interest to the garden all season long.

#### HEUCHERELLA 'CATCHING FIRE'- Foamy Bells Mature size 10 x 20"

Lime green leaves have cherry red centers that deepen to dark reddish brown in summer. Creamy flowers appear in early summer.



#### HEUCHERELLA 'PINK FIZZ'- Foamy Bells Mature size 8 x 18"

Green leaves with silver and dark wine markings. Pink flowers bloom from early to mid summer. The flowers are closely spaced on the stems making them look like pretty pink fizzy soda.

**Combine Heucherella with:** Athyrium niponicum 'Crested Surf' (Crested Japanese Painted Fern); Hosta 'Halcyon'; Hosta 'June'; Brunnera 'Jack Frost' (Siberian Bugloss).

**Heucherella Care:** Shear off tatty leaves in spring to make room for vibrant new foliage.



#### TRICYRTIS FORMOSANA 'AUTUMN GLOW'-

##### Toad Lily

Mature size 24 x 36"

Lovely variegated foliage, green with yellow margins all season long. The violet speckled orchid-like flowers that appear in late summer are stunning. I like to place this beauty where the blooms can be admired up close. Toad Lily prefers humus rich soil with consistent moisture in partial shade. They are late to appear in the spring so be patient with them. **Combine with:** Aconitum (Monkshood); Cimicifuga 'Chocoholic' (Black Snakeroot); Dryopteris 'Brilliance' (Autumn Fern); yellow Hosta; Heucherella (Foamy Bells).



#### PULMONARIA 'RASPBERRY SPLASH'- Lungwort Mature size 12 x 18"

The vivid raspberry coral blooms that arrive in spring are gorgeous enough, but the silver-spotted fuzzy foliage carries this perennial through the whole season. Pulmonaria 'Raspberry Splash' is resistant to powdery mildew that had proven to be a common problem with past Lungwort varieties. Site in partial to full shade.

**Combine with** Heuchera 'Midnight Rose' (Coral Bells); Hosta; Astilbe 'Visions'; Cimicifuga 'Chocoholic' (Black Snakeroot); early spring-flowering bulbs; Dicentra (Bleeding Heart).





**TIARELLA 'CUTTING EDGE'- Foamflower**  
**Mature size 10 x 18"**

Dissected green leaves with a dark burgundy splash. Lightly scented creamy bottle-brush flowers appear in early spring, making a good early food source for bees. Tiarella prefers filtered sun to full shade in humus rich evenly moist soil.

**Combine with** Astilbe 'Visions'; Hosta; Athyrium filix-femina 'Lady in Red' (Lady Fern); Cimicifuga 'Chocoholic' (Black Snakeroot); Geranium m. 'Bevan's Variety' (Bigroot Cranesbill).

**CIMICIFUGA (SYN. ACTAEA) 'CHOCOOLIC'- Black Snakeroot**  
**Mature size 4 x 3'**

This belle of the ball requires space to spread out, but once you've seen the incredible sweetly scented pink and white flower spikes in late summer, you will gladly give up the valued garden space to grow this one. The purplish brown foliage makes a great backdrop for the bright colors of summer. Black Snakeroot prefers consistent moisture in partial to full shade and takes a few years to reach maturity. Once established, Black Snakeroot resents disturbance.

**Combine with:** Pulmonaria (Lungwort); Aralia 'Sun King' (Spikenard); Hosta 'Gold Standard'; Hakonechloa (Japanese Forest Grass); Anemone 'September Charm'; Geranium m. 'Bevan's Variety' (Bigroot Cranesbill); Impatiens; Browallia 'Endless Illumination'.



**A STUNNING NEW PERENNIAL FOR A SUNNY SPOT!**

**HIBISCUS 'SUMMERIFIC BERRY AWESOME'- Hardy Hibiscus**

Mature Size: 4 x 5'

This glorious shrub-like perennial is covered with huge 8" lavender pink blooms with a cherry red eye from mid to late summer. The dazzling color of the blossoms stands out against the dark green foliage & leaves.

Hardy Hibiscus prefers full sun and moist, well-drained soil. I recommend that you mulch to conserve moisture.

Prune back stems in spring before new growth appears. The stems are thick so you will need a good pair of loppers for this task. Hibiscus will take its time emerging in early summer so be patient and keep the faith that you didn't kill it. Once started, it will grow vigorously in the heat of summer.

Hibiscus 'Summerific Berry Awesome' is a native to North America and attracts hummingbirds and pollinators.

Companions: Aster, Panicum 'Cheyenne Sky' (Switch Grass), Phlox paniculata 'David', tall Zinnias, Ironweed, Joe-Pye Weed, Nepeta 'Walker's Low' (Catmint), Gomphrena 'Fireworks', and sunny yellow and orange tall Dahlias.



HANG IN THERE! SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

# Mulch Pre-Emergent Garden Markers

**MULCH / PRE-EMERGENT forms** are being mailed soon. Forms must be returned by the deadline, only if you prefer:

- NO PRE-EMERGENT SPRAY and/or
- NO ADDITIONAL MULCH

Also, look for the **Garden Marker Program** registration.

**BLUE STICKS THIS YEAR!**

**Please note:** if you opt for NO SPRAY, then you must use garden markers and tend your own garden. The crews will not.

Each program has a deadline—so get your forms filled out and turned in as soon as you can!

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### Looking Ahead...

**April**— FY 19/20 payment booklets mailed to only those not on direct debit

**April**—Mulch is added to the fronts of buildings

**Spring**: Roofing and Paint cycles to begin. If your building is affected, you will get direct notice from the office

**May** — Annual Meeting (look for notice in April)

**May** — Flower Giveaway Event (date TBD)

**May** — Pool opening—Memorial Day weekend

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## MARCH 2019

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