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Welcome to Hamlen's  
Helping Hand!

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## 4th Newsletter of 2009

### Computer Landscape Design Seminar

Wondering how to landscape your home? Have the expertise of a landscape designer help you turn your dream design into a workable plan. This 30 minute session is only \$25.

**When:** 06/27 - 10AM

**Where:** Hamlen's Garden Center

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# Hamlen's Helping Hand



Hamlen's Garden Center  
157 St. Albans Road  
Swanton, Vermont

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Visit us at Hamlen's. Enjoy browsing through our garden center. Take a look at all the new items for 2009 including our selection of decorative garden gazebos.

Our friendly staff will be glad to answer your gardening questions and help you select just the items you need. Come and discover wonderful ideas for creating an inviting and relaxing garden environment inside and outside your home.

The 1818 Rachel Hamlen homestead is looking for a new owner! Rachel's lovely vintage home on St. Albans Road would be the perfect location and fit for a family, a cozy B&B, or an ice cream parlor/café restaurant. Interested? Give Dave a call at Hamlen's (802) 868-4255.

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## Bring on the Summer and those Tough Plants for Tough Sites!

What a gorgeous—rainy, but gorgeous—spring we have enjoyed! The brilliant green hues of spring foliage have deepened into their lush greener shades just in time to herald in the first days of summer. And what an art show of color, form, and detail Mother Nature has provided! Even the vast species of wildlife and birds know its time to show off their young and with call and song add their unique symphony of life to our world.

Ah, it would be great if the soft, cool, breezy days of spring would linger. But, go they must and as we advance into June, now is a great time to finish planting that vegetable garden and place a few more purple, pink, or red Petunias in a garden pot or planter. Also, take a look around your yard—maybe this is the summer to do some new landscaping—plant that *Weeping Willow*, *Red Jade Crabapple*, *Blue Chip Juniper*, or the *Autumn Blaze Maple*.



This is the perfect time to stop by **Hamlen's** and talk to us about your landscaping and gardening ideas. Find out which native plants provide food and nectar for hummingbirds and migrating Monarch butterflies. Find those plants that are deer and critter resistant. Yes, those bunnies are cute but not when they are munching on your Pansies

With the summer months come the heat and possible water restrictions but this does not mean that your yard or gardens have to suffer. This doesn't mean that the colorful and lush gardens of spring planting need to turn into a gravel or desert cactus stone accentuated landscape.

For example, herbs are some of the most fragrant and colorful plants you could imagine and can tough it out in that hot summer sun. There are dozens of varieties of Thyme and Sage that provide wonderful ground cover in sunny areas to serve as borders to sidewalks and driveways.

The folks at **Hamlen's** can help you select just the right variety of plants, shrubs, and trees according to height, leaf texture, appearance, and soil composition to help you create an inviting outdoor environment.

Think you have a tough site to accommodate? Then take a look at the following tough site categories. There is just the right tough plant, tree, and/or shrub to match that tough site. So, look at your tough site challenge as an opportunity to

introduce a new addition to your yard or garden. Enjoy your June planting! We look forward to seeing you at **Hamlen's**.

## Salt Tolerant Plants

Adam's Needle	Mulberry	Rugosa Rose
Yellow Birch	Red Oak	Colorado Blue Spruce
Sweet Birch	White Oak	Tamarack
Horse Chestnut	Russian Olive	Weeping Willow
Black Locust	Austrian Pine	
Honey Locust	White Poplar	

## Plants for Dry Sites

Achillea Cerise Queen	Blue Chip Juniper
Achillea Moonshine	Blue Prince Juniper
Artemisia Silver Mound	Calamagrostis Karl Foester Grass
Summit Ash	Stachys Lamb's Ear
Wilton Blue Rug	Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac
American Bittersweet	Autumn Blaze Maple
Green Mountain Boxwood	Fothergilla Mount Airy
Green Velvet Boxwood	Chaparral Weeping Mulberry
Compact Burning Bush	Diabolo Ninebark
Asclepias tuberosa Butterfly Flower	Summer Wine Ninebark
Northern Catalpa	White Oak
Nepeta Walkers Low Catmint	Bur Oak
Autumn Magic Black Chokeberry	Northern Red Oak
Coralburst Crab	Walker Peaschrub
Indian Magic Crabapple	Weeping Peaschrub
Indian Summer Crabapple	Siberian Peaschrub
Kelsey Crabapple	Peony Duchesse de Nemours
Liset Crabapple	Peony Felix Crousse
Pink Spires Crabapple	Peony Sarah Bernhardt
Prairifire Crabapple	Potentilla Abbotswood
Red Jade Crabapple	Potentilla Goldfinger
Red Splendor Crabapple	Potentilla Mango Tango
Sargent Crabapple	Potentilla Pink Beauty
Festuca glauca Elijah Blue Fescue	Spiraea Renaissance
Baptisia australis False Indigo	Perovskia Russian Sage
Greenspire Linden	Rudbeckia Goldsturm
Hackberry	Sedum Autumn Joy
Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle	Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac
Goldflame Honeysuckle	Trumpetvine
Engelmann Ivy	Mohican Viburnum
Boston Ivy	

## Plants for Moist Sites

River Birch	Laurel Leaf Willow
Ivory Halo Dogwood	Winterberry

Autumn Blaze Maple  
Swamp White Oak

Jim Dandy Male Winterberry  
Red Sprite Winterberry

## Plants for Deer Resistance

Artemisia Silver Mound  
Buddleia Black Knight Butterfly Bush  
Forsythia Northern Gold  
Peony Felix Supreme  
Peony Sarah Bernhardt  
Russian Sage  
Nordine Smokebush

Spiraea Little Princess  
Spiraea Magic Carpet  
Spiraea Bridalwreath  
Spiraea Anthony Waterer  
Spiraea Renaissance  
Trumpetvine

## A Happy Moment to Celebrate the Month of June!

In Pine, Louisiana, every year about this season, Hummingbirds pass through the Alfano's backyard on their migration route known as *Hummingbird Lane*. Mrs. Alfano for days makes sure that these feather-light creatures have fresh sugar water. One morning, she placed the red dish of sugar water in her hand; and as these photos taken by her husband attest, one after one the Hummingbirds lighted for a drink before they continued on their long journey.





## Hamming It Up

**Q.** What does one penny say to the other penny?

**A.** Let's get together and make some cents.

**A kindergarten pupil** told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead. 'How do you know that cat was dead?' she asked her pupil. 'Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move,' answered the child innocently. 'You did WHAT???' the teacher exclaimed in surprise. 'You know,' explained the boy, 'I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move.'



## Hamlines

***Excellence is not an act. It is a habit***

-Aristotle

***By facing our challenges, we discover our potential.***

– The Nature of Success, Mac Anderson, Founder of Successories

***It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life . . .***

***we can never help another without helping ourselves.***

– Ralph Waldo Emerson



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