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Newsletter

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Petal Postings

Welcome flower friends!

As I have been marking off seeds in my catalogs, I have noticed how many varieties of Rudbeckia are available. In doing my research, I found that Rudbeckia is a herbaceous plant, related to Asters. So if you are wondering what herbaceous means, so was I. A **herbaceous plant** is a plant that has leaves and stems that die down at the end of the growing season to the soil level. Examples of non herbaceous would be flowers like Roses or Lilacs. Trees are not the only thing you can determine the age by looking at the rings. It turns out that you can do the same with a Rudbeckia by looking at the growth rings in the root. In the Rudbeckia family there are annuals and perennials. These were such strong performers this year that I am trying several more varieties next year.

I have already purchased 30 bare root limelight Hydrangeas. I love hydrangeas when fresh and they are especially beautiful when dried. I have about a dozen different varieties but chose the limelight for its green and white color and its hardiness. I hope to have lots of flowers to dry next season. I have also chosen next year's flower seeds and bulbs and will put in my order soon. I have my eye on some perennial plugs for my field on the hill. If I planted everything that catches my eye, I would not have a blade of grass left. This would be fine with my husband as mowing is NOT one of his favorite weekend activities.

IN YOUR BOUQUET

Russian Sage
Statice
Rudbeckia (3 varieties)
Foxglove
Calendula
Asters
Dahlia
Pearly Everlasting
Helianthus

Katie in the Rudbeckia Garden!

