Botanical garden reveals dates for plant sale

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CLEMSON — The South Carolina Botanical Garden recently announced the dates for its two-day fall plant sale, which will take place during the second weekend of October.

The sale will begin Oct. 7, when members of Friends of the Garden — memberships will also be available at the gate — can shop from 2-6 p.m. The following day, the public is invited to shop from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. All sales will be held in the nursery section of the garden, located at 154 Lacecap Loop.

Trees, shrubs, fruits and berries, grasses, bog plants, perennials, ferns, tropical plants and orchids will all be available, while many native plants and landscape plants grown from the garden plant collection will be available for purchase as well.

The Children's Garden will be offering chrysanthemums and pansies, and new offerings for the sale are in the Southwestern Corner featuring plants that are heat- and drought-tolerant and tropical orchids from the garden's collection.

"Our semi-annual plant sales each fall and spring are a major source of revenue for the South Carolina Botanical Garden," said Jeanne Briggs, nursery manager of the garden. "Proceeds are used for special projects that would not be possible without income generated by the plant sales."

Garden staff, master gardeners and Clemson horticulture faculty will be available on both sale dates to assist with selection of plants. A catalog of plant material will be available online at the garden website before the sale, and a catalogue also will be available at the gate.

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