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Third Annual *Fall Heirloom Plant Sale* at the Hermitage, September 20th

Norfolk, Virginia - The Hermitage Museum and Gardens will be hosting its third annual *Fall Heirloom Plant Sale*, September 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Museum Members will have the opportunity to view plants and make purchases at the Members Only Preview, September 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The sale will feature perennials, shrubs, native and wetland plants, and several other heirloom plants that grow well in the Tidewater area.

Fall is the best time to plant small trees, shrubs, and hardy perennials. Fall planting allows roots to establish and strengthen before winter dormancy and also helps create the frame of your garden design.

Like art, the beauty and passion found in heirloom plants have stood the test of time. Surviving, adapting, and thriving for generations, heirloom plants bring a classic look to your garden. They invoke the nostalgia brought on by the sights and scents of older generation blooms.

Heirloom Plants for sale will include Anemone, Anise Hyssop, Beautyberry, Camellia, Fern, Gardenia, Hibiscus, Hydrangea, Mexican sage, Mexican petunia, Rose of Sharon, Seaside goldenrod, Seashore mallow, Solomon's Seal, and many more!

For more information on the *Fall Heirloom Plant Sale* contact Yolima Carr, Curator of Gardens and Grounds, at (757) 423-2052 ext. 202 or yc@thfm.org.

The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, children under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5 for Adults, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information museum and membership offerings call 757-423-2052 or visit www.thfm.org.