



Friends School Plant Sale

WE'RE BACK!
But different in 2021

Photo by Michelle Mero Riedel. Spiderflower *Cleome Cherry Queen*.

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A close-up photograph of several vibrant pink clematis flowers with yellow centers, set against a background of lush green leaves. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, some fully open and others as buds.

Friends **School Plant Sale**

May 6–9, 2021
Minnesota State Fair

More info at www.FriendsSchoolPlantSale.com

YES! There will be a 2021 Friends School Plant Sale

Here's how it will be different*

- 1** The plant sale will be **outdoors** at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.
- 2** The sale will be **open an extra day**. The dates are Thursday, May 6 to Sunday, May 9. State guidelines limit the number of shoppers at a time, so the extra day means we can accommodate more shoppers. Sunday is still our usual 1/3-off discount day.
- 3** Each person will **sign up ahead of time for a single shopping entry time** on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (*plus* a second Sunday time if wanted), wear a mask, keep social distance, and meet all the current state health guidelines. Signups start on April 1 at 8:00 a.m. at 2021plantsale.com.
- 4** **Seeds, bulbs, and bareroots will be sold online** ahead of time at 2021plantsale.com starting March 1. Seed orders will be mailed. Bulbs and bareroots will be picked up curbside during the plant sale May 6–9 without needing to enter the sale.
- 5** There will be **no printed catalog** this year. *This is the only mailing you will receive from us.* The 2021 plants will be updated on our website by March 1. Please go there to see photos of plants, read descriptions, and make your shopping list.
- 6** There will be **no hanging baskets** this year, and being outdoors means we can't have as many cold-sensitive plants. (For instance: no Outdoor/Indoor section, begonias, coleus, or impatiens.)

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE, LIKE EVERYTHING THESE DAYS ;)**

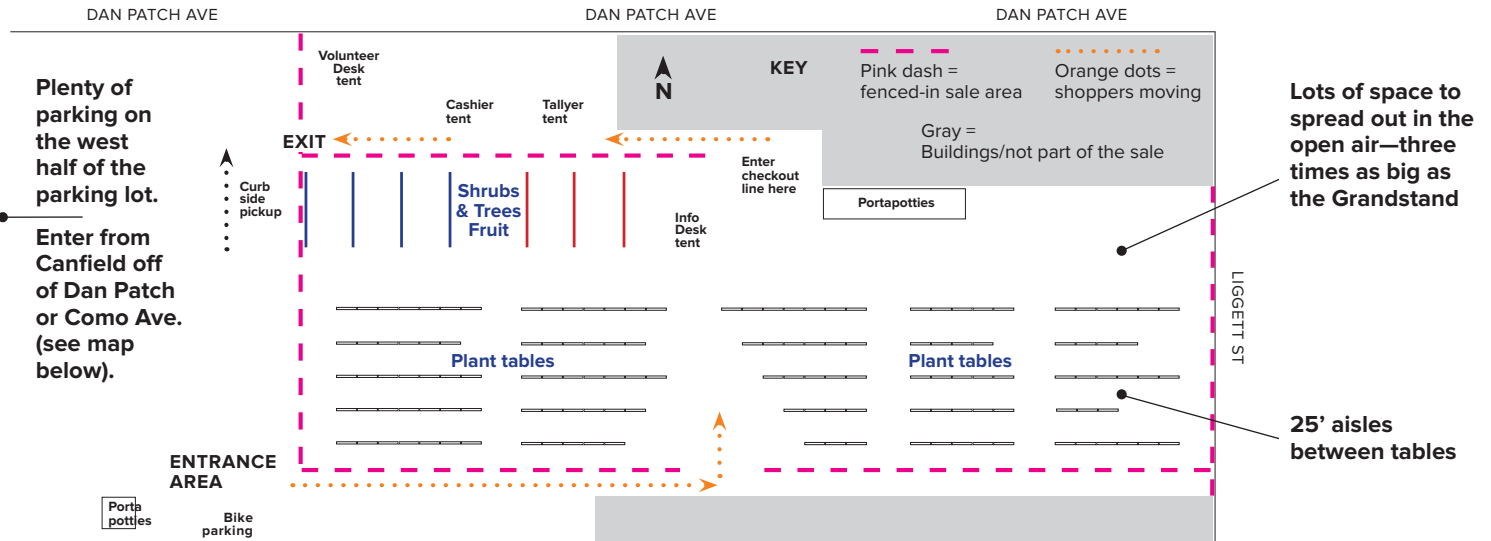
To get email updates and reminders, sign up at
FriendsSchoolPlantSale.com/email

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What will the outdoor sale look like?

Here's what we're planning for the sale's layout, based on current guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health:

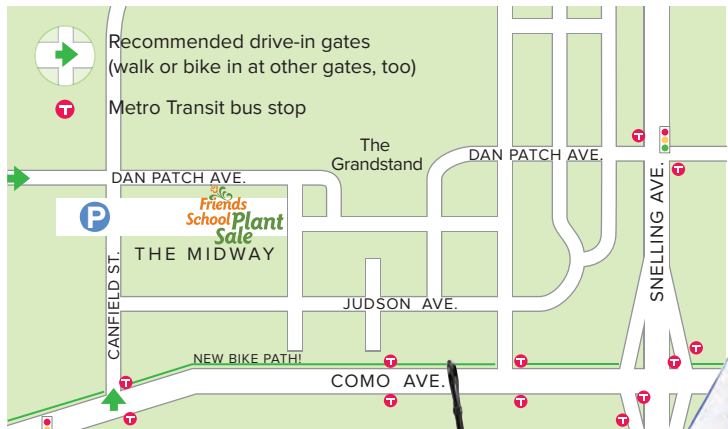
The Grandstand is over this way... (see you inside in 2022, we hope)



Location and parking

The sale will be in the huge parking lot that's the Midway during the State Fair. It's several times larger than the Grandstand. Aisles will be 2.5 times wider than usual, and the number of shoppers will be one-quarter as many at a time or less.

Enter the parking area from Canfield, either from Como or Dan Patch. Park on the west end of the big parking lot. Shoppers will enter from the west end of the plant sale.



We will have some shopping carts, but you are encouraged more than ever to bring your own wagon and boxes.

Also, bringing your own clipboard and pencil is greatly encouraged!



We're going cashless for 2021. We'll be accepting checks, Apple Pay, and all credit cards.

Does the plant sale need volunteers?

As always, the plant sale is completely run by volunteers!

We need you more than ever this year, and we're doing everything possible to make the sale a safe place for everyone to be.

Our COVID preparedness plan is available for anyone who would like to see it, and we will continue updating it with best practices.

FriendsSchoolPlantSale.com/covid

Volunteer signups start at 8:00 a.m. on February 1 at:

FriendsSchoolPlantSale.com/volunteer

No computer? Call 651-621-8930 to volunteer

Volunteers shop early: The volunteer-only pre-sale will be earlier in the week than usual. Volunteers will shop with scheduled times on Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 5, before the sale opens.

