



Sept. 3rd E-NEWS



HONEYCRISP APPLES

Some of you may have heard via Salmon Arm's active - but not always accurate - grape-vine that we've sold our orchards. To set the record straight, we had two orchard blocks (the 'home place' and the 'top orchard' at 30th and 30th) and it's the top orchard that has sold. The home place remains intact and we will continue to farm the top orchard for the new owner through 2016. For the time being at least, its business as usual at Hanna and Hanna Orchards and Hanna and Hanna Farm Market.

That being the case, harvest is in full swing - *about 3 weeks ahead of usual* - and we're already picking 'main season' apple varieties like **McIntosh, Galas, and Honeycrisp!** (Also ready is a *very small crop of Elstars* so I hope you have your orders in because we fill the orders first and then put out whatever is left for general sale.) We've also picked our Italian prune plums and the Asian pears and grapes will all soon be picked.

Harvest is a big operation and we often hire 20 or more pickers each fall depending on the size of the crop and the urgency to get the crop picked. This season is already presenting some challenges

in that many varieties are coming to maturity at the same time. My brother-in-law Stuart and his son Chris have the herculean task of coordinating what needs to be picked and when, who's going to pick it and then hauling it to our market or to the packing house receiving station in Vernon. It's an exhausting 'dance' and it will be a great relief when the scope of the job becomes more manageable after next year.

Whether it's the orchard, the market or the garden center operation, there is always planning to be done and the worklist never ends. As Garden Center Manager, I do all the plant ordering (and the giftware, too) so my 2016 rose, cedar and fruit tree orders have been placed. Now it's time to order the rest. If you have something you want to order for next year, let me know because sometimes it can be quite a challenge sourcing new or unusual items. **In the meantime, all remaining trees, shrubs, roses, vines, and perennials are now 40% off. Fruiting trees/shrubs/vines are 50% off.**

GARDEN TIP OF THE WEEK: [Vine Weevils](#)

I have many different rhododendrons and other broadleaf evergreens like wintercreepers and hollies in my garden. They rarely present any problems but they are susceptible to damage from vine weevils. Over the last two weeks I've found at least 5 of these hard-shelled little critters in my house so no doubt there are many more in the garden. Vine weevil adults chew the edges of broadleaf evergreen leaves but the larvae do even more damage underground as they chew on the roots and stems. Vine weevil eggs are now hatching

so this is the time to take control measures because they are most effective against the grub stage.



Creamy coloured grubs have brown heads



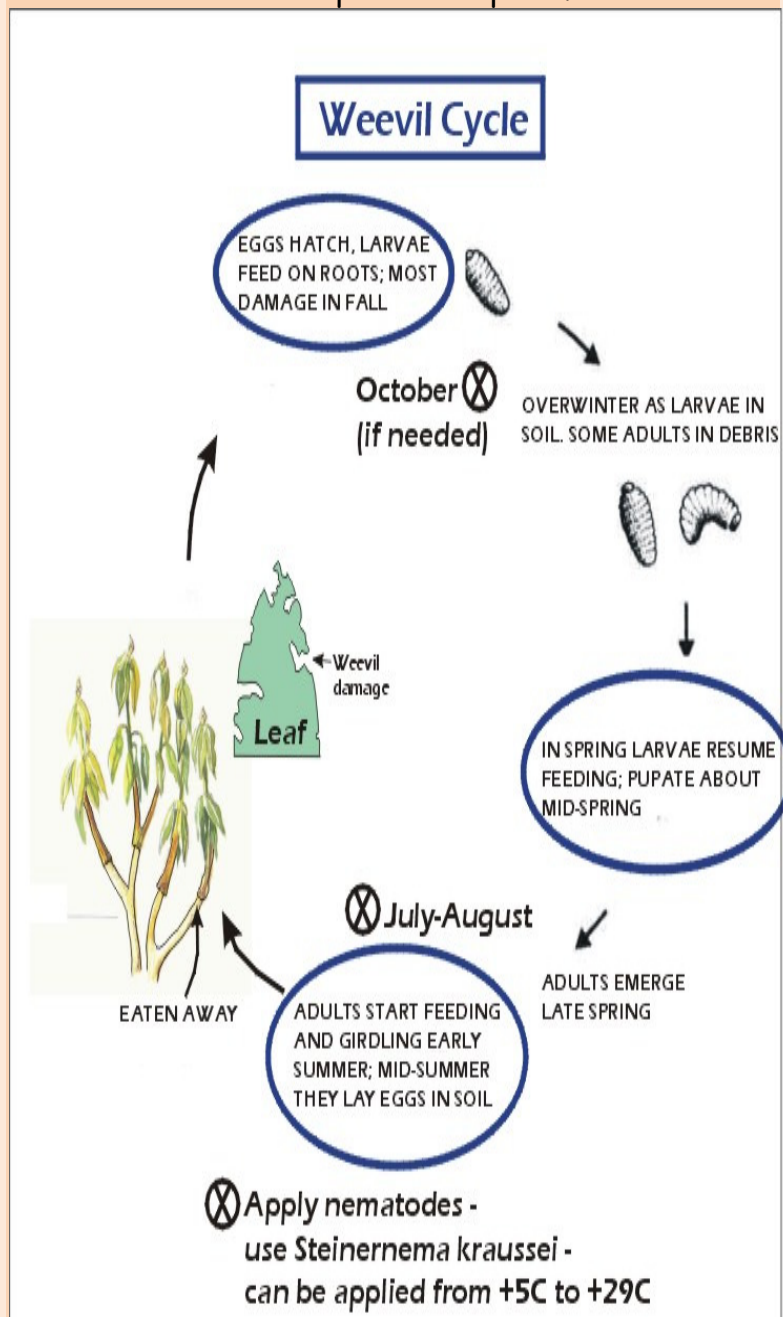
Adult weevil and feeding damage



Weevil damage on Rhododendron

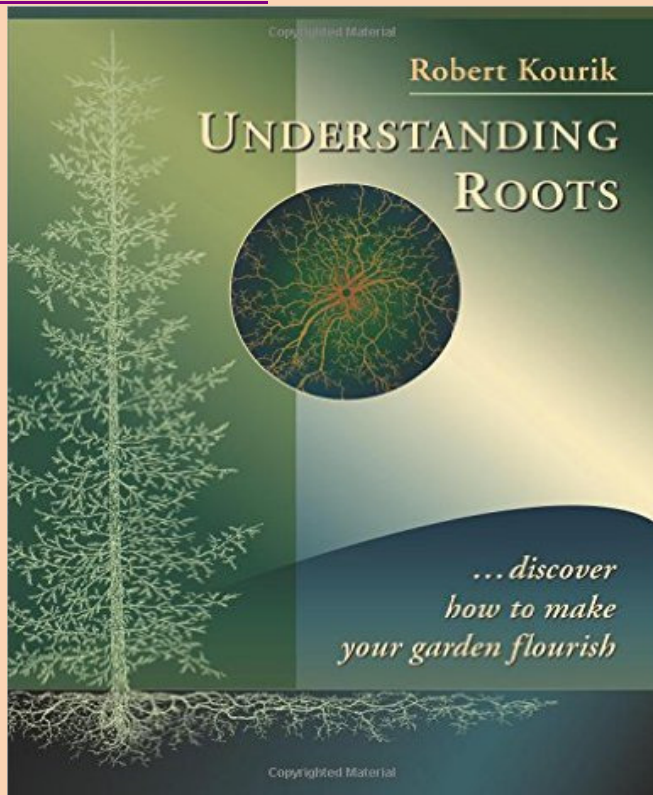
WEEVILUTION is a product containing **beneficial nematodes** (miniscule transparent worm-like organisms) that will seek out and destroy larvae

in the soil. *I have some on order that will be here later next week.* As for the adult weevils, the damage they create is cosmetic and rarely causes plant death, and the most effective controls are monitoring and trapping. The adults are wingless and hide in the soil/mulch during the day, crawling up into the plant to feed at night. If you're so inclined, you could do a nightly patrol and dispatch of any you find by squishing them (they crunch) or set newsprint or paper plates under the affected plants to which the adults can retreat during the day. Lift the traps every couple of days and drown the weevils you find in a bucket of water. I've found that banding Rhodo trunks with heavy paper smeared with **Tanglefoot** will also trap adults - provided there are no other access points at which the adults can crawl up into the plant.



Of all the garden blogs and emails I receive, one of the most interesting is **Margaret Roach's 'A Way to Garden'**. A recent blog contained the transcript of her interview with Robert Kourik, the author of a new book called 'Understanding Roots: Discover How to Make Your Garden Flourish'. Please take a few minutes to read the blog at this link because I think you'll find it incredibly informative and you may be surprised by a thing or two.

<http://awaytogarden.com/understanding-roots-with-robert-kourik/>



Because our summer has been unusually hot and dry over an exceptionally long period, many trees and shrubs, even native plants that normally thrive, are under stress. Very few people realize that the root-zone of most plants (including huge well-established trees) is *relatively shallow and is very extensive*; stretching well beyond the 'drip-line' and that merely watering at the base of an established tree isn't enough to water it properly. Once you read the interview, you'll get a much better appreciation for how and where to water plants in order to use water wisely to help them survive.

Early September is an ideal time to plant most nursery stock and perennials so start planting and take advantage of our **Fall Savings Event!**



Sept. 4th to Sept, 18th

All Nursery Stock & Perennials
.....**40% off**

Garden Décor.....**40% off**

Plant Pots.....**50% off**

Fruit trees, small fruits.....**50% off**

Summer fashions, discount'd giftware....**additional 40% off @ till**

Small lunchbox Summer-red apples.....**25¢/lb.**

We still have peaches (but these are the last of the season!) so **get them NOW!!!**

Have a great long weekend and
Have fun Planting!

Harriet

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