



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

Garden Tips: Pine, Fir and Spruce. What's the difference?

Apple Lane Gift Shop: Basket Stuffers & Gift Certificates

New fall hours: 9-5 daily Mon. - Sat.

Closed Sundays

Dec. 5th E-NEWS

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN...



TO PUT UP THE TREE!!!

They're here...beautiful, full, fragrant, 5-8 foot, freshly-cut, Salmon Arm-grown Douglas fir trees that make wonderful Christmas trees and they're only **27.99 each**.

I know there are folks who believe that *live Christmas trees* are more eco-friendly than cut trees because they can be planted outdoors after the holiday season. But getting a live tree through the transition from outdoors to indoors and then outdoors again can be a bit tricky~ it takes time, is hard on the tree, and more often than not, doesn't succeed! That being the case, trees that are specifically grown for the Christmas tree market are often a better choice and you're supporting local agriculture. We get our trees from Jespersen's tree farm - just up

the street. The only way they'd be more fresh or more local would be if we grew them ourselves in our own orchard!



Outdoor Hanging Baskets: \$22.99 ea.

We all love to dress up our yards and gardens in the summer with colourful containers and hanging baskets but we put them away each fall when, truthfully, we need colour even more in the winter! We have gorgeous baskets that are all dressed up for the holiday season (see photo above) at only 22.99 ea. Once the holidays are over, you can quickly change the look by removing the red accents or change the ribbon (how about something with blue snowflakes) and they'll look good for the rest of winter.

If you love the scent of fresh pine, fir or spruce in your home in December, remember that we have **bundles of fresh greenery** that you can tuck into vases or use in centerpieces in your home. Then deck your halls with fresh holly, green

or variegated, at 8.99 a bag. Later this week we'll be getting in Christmas tabletop gardens (see pictures below for a sampling of what we'll have available) to decorate the rest of your home.



By the way, did you know that Douglas fir isn't a true fir? True firs are in the genus *Abies* while Douglas firs, even though they look similar, are from the genus *Pseudotsuga* (which interestingly means 'False Hemlock' - which it doesn't resemble at all). Even though the common name of the Douglas fir can be confusing, we're surrounded by natural forest in this area and it surprises me how many people DON'T know the difference between the different types of needled evergreens, If you'd like a quick ID primer on the differences between firs, pines, and spruces, check out this link: <http://www.finegardening.com/plants/articles/spruce-fir-pine.aspx>

If there's one gift category we specialize in at **APPLE LANE GIFT SHOP**, it would be **'Basket Stuffers'**. We have a tremendous selection of small items that are perfect to tuck into each stocking of all the special ones your gift list including esoteric gifts for oenophiles and beer aficionados. And of course we have great gifts for the gardener (or the garden newbie) and our **Gift Certificates** are always a welcome gift!

On a final note, we've had many people approach us over the years asking for recommendations on who to get to prune fruit trees and whether or not we do custom spraying of backyard fruit trees and/or ornamentals. While there have been times we've been able to fit some custom work into our already busy schedules, I'm happy to report that our nephew, Chris Hanna, who works in our orchards and has a lifetime of experience in all aspects of fruit-growing, is now licensed to do custom work. If you are interested, **please call Chris at 250 803 3281** to discuss your needs.

FEATURED THIS WEEK: Nov. 29-Dec. 5



Scene Weaver 'Divine' throws

(Soft, silky 100% knitted eco-friendly bamboo throws are perfect for all seasons and they're naturally antibacterial and mildew-resistant.) **SALE INCLUDES SCENE WEAVER 'DELIGHT' FLEECE TROWS.**

.....**50% OFF**

Garden Books.....30% off

Red Neck Drink glasses.....25% off

Duck Shots Wineglasses.....25% off

All Candles (except LED).....40% off

Shabby Chic furniture & accessories

.....**40% off**

Key-Ring Books (Discont'd).....50% off

Apples available this week

- Ambrosia**
- Belle de Boskoop**
- Empire**
- Gala**
- Golden Delicious**
- Granny Smith (almost gone)**
- Honeycrisp (we got in some more!)**
- Idared**
- Jubilee Fuji**
- Newtown Pippin (almost gone)**
- Pink Lady**
- Spartan**

- Pears.....Bosc & Anjou**
- Quince**

Bundle-up and stay warm,

Harriet

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