



*** LOTS OF STOCKING STUFFERS!!**

Ladies' fashions continue @ 25% off but we've added much more to our sale this week!!

Dec. 11th E-NEWS

With November having been so crazy-busy setting up the store for Christmas, taking part in the Christmas Café at the Gathering Place, running workshops and more, I didn't get all my spring nursery stock orders in yet. (So if you have something special you'd like me to try to find and order in for you, let me know.) Now that I'm back at it, I've noticed a few NEW plants that are really exciting!

Earlier this fall, I commented to James that what the nursery industry *needed* was a non-fruiting crabapple with pink flowers; non-fruiting being essential to address S.I.R (codling moth prevention) concerns in the apple and pear growing areas of the Okanagan/Shuswap/Kootenays. While there's a white flowering variety called 'Spring Snow' that blooms prolifically and smells divine, customers often comment that they want something that has more colour and express their disappointment that all the beautiful varieties that are perfectly hardy in this area, are not sold here.

I was therefore understandably delighted that a couple of the nursery catalogues now list a pink-flowering, non-fruiting variety called '**Courageous**'. It's bright pink blooms and bronzed foliage that matures to green in summer and then orange in autumn sounds make a winning combination!



Malus x 'Courageous'

Another new plant that addresses a need in the industry is a more dwarf-growing honeylocust. The Sunburst Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos inermis* 'Suncole') has long been a landscape favourite with its airy pinnate foliage and fresh yellow new foliage colour but contrary to what many believe, Sunburst eventually becomes a large tree. The new '**Spectrum**' variety, however, grows to about half the mature size of the Sunburst @ only 7-8m x 7-8m and is slower growing. It also is reputed to hold its gold colour better throughout the growing season.



Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Spectrum'

A clematis that has been featured in numerous magazine articles the last couple of years is '**Sweet Summer Love**' and finally I've been able to source some to bring in next spring. This new variety has the exceptionally fragrant, white-flowering sweet autumn clematis (*Clematis maximowicziana* syn. *C. ternata*) as a parent and the result is a long-blooming, free-flowering and very fragrant new variety that sports shining multi-coloured starry blooms that range from deep red to magenta to grape-purple., 'Sweet Summer Love' blooms mid-summer through fall on the current season's growth so pruning is easy: cut back the entire plant to about 1 foot high each spring. This clematis is such a good performer

that it's been named a **Proven Winner** which means that it has performed exceptionally well in 18 different testing areas - each with vastly different growing conditions - worldwide. Now that's impressive! I can hardly wait to plant one in my garden.



Clematis x 'Sweet Summer Love'

Yesterday I discovered yet another variety that hasn't been available before - a magnolia with *exceptionally dark blooms!* The name of this beauty is '**Genie**' and it's a cross between *Magnolia soulangeana* (Saucer magnolia) and *Magnolia liliiflora* 'Nigra' (Black lily magnolia). The result is a small, upright tree that produces some of the darkest, most richly-coloured blooms yet available in a magnolia. As a bonus, it blooms not only in spring and early summer but produces blooms throughout the summer. Unfortunately it's only hardy to Cdn. Zone 6 but those who live close to Shuswap Lake or live in a protected micro-climate should definitely give this beauty a



try.

When I started working in this industry 30 years ago, native plants were rarely seen in garden centers. In fact, I distinctly remember when I ordered in Oregon grape (*Mahonia aquifolia*) and kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva*

ursi) for the first time that many people made comments like this: "*Why would anyone buy those plants???* You can just go up the Fly Hills and dip up all you want!! While the use of native plants in the landscape industry took a while to become mainstream, the need for native plants in riparian (riverside/lakeside) areas has meant that more nurseries have come on board to grow them. Native plants add greatly to the palette of plants available to use in the garden and are often good choices for particular growing situations. With that in mind, I have more on order for next spring than I've been able to source in previous years.

Another native plant that I've heard people comment about negatively in a garden center is the **Douglas fir** (*Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca*). *It, like so many other natives, had to go to Europe before it was considered of any value!* It's still not a big seller as a live specimen in garden centers but it is, without doubt, one of the best cut Christmas trees of all. We have them in stock: beautiful, freshly-cut trees from Salmon Arm's own Jespersen Solvang Tree Farm.

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN...



TO PUT UP THE TREE!!!

And don't forget, if you're decorating in and around your home for the holiday season, we have fresh (and artificial) greenery on hand as well.

If a big turkey is just too much for your Christmas dinner this year, you may want to consider doing a beer can chicken. The **Gourmet Village beer can chicken kits** create an absolutely delicious meal - fit for company but at a size that won't have you eating leftovers 'til January!

We just (today) got in the shipment of ladies' patterned leggings we've been waiting for. They're fun, they're funky, and just what you need for comfort *and* style! And we've also got the sweaters and scarves that are the perfect go-withs. We even have some cozy, warm insulated leggings in stock too.



Patterns in stock similar to (but not same) as those shown

Our sale of ladies' fashions was so much fun this past week that we've decided to extend the sale. The sale *includes* the new shipment of leggings, watches, purses and jewelry that just came in. Everything else that was on sale will continue at the sale price but we're adding more items to make your trip to our store even more worthwhile this next week!

Added to the last week's list of sale items (in the yellow highlighted area to the right), are the following:

- All Calendars.....35% off**
- All Advent Calendars.....50% off**
- All Gourmet Village & Orange Crate hot chocolate mixes.....25% off**
- All Gourmet Village Beer Can chicken kits and accessories.....25% off**
- All Wall Art.....20% off**
- All Children's hats/toques.....25% off**
- All Puzzles.....25% off**
- All Pruners.....15% off**
- NEBO Jag and LARRY LED flashlights**
(Powerful yet lightweight, these flashlights are perfect stocking stuffers for active outdoors people and to stock in your home and vehicle emergency kits)
.....**25% off**

FEATURED THIS WEEK

Dec. 12th – Dec. 18th

- Ladies fashions.....25% off**
- Upper Canada Soaps items.....25% off**
- Suzi Toronto items.....15% off**
- Red Nek glassware.....30% off**
- Duck Shots glasses.....30% off**
- Vino2Go wine tumblers.....15% off**
- Christmas novelties.....**
(headbands, brooches, magnets)....20% off
- Bird feeders.....15%off**
- Christmas cards.....50%off**

Apples in stock right now:

- Ambrosia**
- Idared**
- Jonagold**
- Elstar**
- Gala**
- Pink Lady**
- Hanna Special**
- Spartan**

We also have: Bosc pears

We will have fruit in stock until we close at Christmas.

Enjoy the season,
Harriet

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