



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

Garden Tips: [Join a Garden Club](#)
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Apple Lane Gift Shop: [All Jewelry on Sale this week](#)

-Sign up for FALL WORKSHOPS: Due to popular demand, there will be second sessions of 'A Breath of Spring' and 'Winter Wonderland'. Phone for details and to sign up.

Oct. 17th E-NEWS



It's October and most of the wholesale grower catalogues have arrived so it's time to get my tree and shrub orders in for spring 2014. While I ordered fruit trees and roses back in July, there's still time to place orders if you have something specific in mind. I LOVE looking for unusual and hard-to-find items, so **let me know if you've been pining for a particular plant (or garden product) and I'll do my best to source it.** Of course, I'm not always successful but if I can't actually order in the item, I'll try to give you the information required so you can order the item yourself.

One of the plants that I've been looking for has been nut-bearing hazelnuts (filberts) and there's good news. A disease-free variety, 'Jefferson', is finally available from a BC grower. For those of you who didn't know, hazelnut trees have not been available for about 5 years now, since the one grower who had them retired. We couldn't import them from the US or bring them in from E. Canada because of a fungal disease

called Eastern Filbert Blight (EFB). Now, however, because of the wonders of micro-propagation which has allowed the development of disease-free stock, there will finally be new varieties available to us over the next few years. This year only the Jefferson variety will be available. Because hazelnuts require cross-pollination with another variety in order to set nuts, we will have to use the native variety to fill that role.



Due to mechanical difficulties, the Mobile Juice Factory wasn't able to be here for Thanksgiving Weekend but they've been here all this week juicing up a **Jonagold/Mac/Gala blend that is mighty fine juice!** Come in and taste it (we have samples) and you'll be convinced!! **Pricing is 12.50 ea. for 5L bag-in-box; 2/23.50, or 10/110.0. We also have 10L size available @ 23.00 ea. or 5/110.00** Just in case you've forgotten, with this technology the juice can be stored on the shelf (no refrigeration required) lasting up to a year and, once opened, up to three months!

GARDEN TIPS: [Join a Garden Club](#)

When the weather gets chilly and it's not much fun getting hands dirty, gardeners' thoughts

often turn to how to make next year's garden even better than the last. A great place to get ideas and get together with others who share your passion for gardening is a garden club. There are active clubs in Armstrong, Enderby, Sorrento, and North Shuswap. In Salmon Arm we have the **Shuswap Garden Club** which meets the 4th Thursday of each month @ 7:00 at the Scout Hall (2460 Auto Road SE). I've been a guest speaker for various clubs many times and have found that they're lots of fun and always a hub of activity and sharing of ideas! If you'd like more info on the Shuswap Garden Club, call Larry @ 250 832 6342 or Kathy @ 250 832 2028. Contact Jetta @ 250 838 6642 for more info on the Enderby and District Garden Club and Gene @ 250 546 0156 for the Armstrong and District Garden Club. I don't have current contact info for other clubs in the area but if you do, please email and let me know.

Seasonal Needle Drop



Pinus strobus 'Nana' with Seasonal Needle Drop

One of my favourite evergreens, the dwarf white pine (*Pinus strobus* 'Nana'), is looking really awful at the moment due to seasonal (fall) needle drop. You may have noticed that older, inside needles on native Western red cedars and Douglas firs have been turning yellow and dropping. **This is a completely natural phenomenon.** Despite the name, *evergreen* needles do not stay green forever. Older, inner needles discolour and drop after a year or more, depending on the species, with Eastern White Pine being one of the most dramatically affected.

Because new needles are added every year, there is often an overlap between green healthy needles and those that are due to fall and if the drop is gradual it may be barely noticeable. But when many needles turn yellow all at once it can be quite alarming and is *often mistaken for disease or insect damage*. Stress such as drought, herbicide injury, root damage and insect or disease damage can, however, intensify the autumn needle drop. (Fertilizing and spraying are not going to make any difference but make sure your trees go into winter well-watered.)

White Pines (*Pinus strobus*): retain needles 2 years

Austrian and Scots Pine (*Pinus nigra*, *Pinus sylvestris*): 3-4 years

Douglas firs (*Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca*) and Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*): 5-7 years

Japanese pines (Black: *Pinus thunbergii*, White: *P. parviflora*; and Red: *P. densiflora*) and **true firs** (*Abies*): 3-5 years

Junipers (*Juniperus*) 3-7 years

Mugho Pines (*Pinus mugo*): 5+ years

Pyramid and Emerald cedars (*Thuja occidentalis*): inside needles turn brown rather than yellow after 2-4 years and are often retained.

Spruce (*Picea*) 5-7 years

Yew (*Taxus*) 3-7 years. Needles turn yellow and drop in spring and summer.

Larch, Bald Cypress and Dawn Redwood (*Larix*, *Taxodium*, and *Metasequoia*) annually

Natural needle drop occurs ONLY to the inner, older needles. If entire branches, or needles at the growing tips, are dying, this is NOT seasonal needle drop. Bring in an affected branch so we can help you identify the cause.

APPLE LANE GIFT SHOP:

Because new stock is coming, we've put all of our in-stock jewelry on sale this week. All Judy Coyote earring sets are 40% off while all other



in-stock jewelry is 30% off. By the way, there are a still a few items priced to clear at 50% off.

FEATURED THIS WEEK: Oct. 17-24

All floor mats.....30% off

All Judy Coyote earring sets.....40% off

All other jewelry.....30% off

Apples available this week

Ambrosia

Apricot apple (yes, tastes like apricot)

Belle de Boskoop

Bramley Seedling (few)

Calville Blanc d'Hiver (antique French dessert apple from the 1500s)

Elstars (few)

Empire

Gala

Golden Delicious

Granny Smith

Honeycrisp

Jonagold

Jonamac

Jubilee Fuji

Kandil Sinap (few)

McIntosh

Mutsu (aka Crispin)

Newtown Pippin

Orin

Pink Pearmain (few)

Pinova (aka Sonata, Corail)

Red Delicious

Senshu

Snow

Spartan

Spigold

Vanderpool Red

Pears.....Bartlett, Bosc, Anjou, & Asian

We also have: local Garlic

Local Squash: Acorn, Buttercup, Butternut, Delicata, and Spaghetti.

Pumpkins: pie & jack o'lantern

Happy fall everybody!

Harriet

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We have **'Santa's Little Helpers'** amaryllis in stock. Specially cultivated in South America to bloom in 4-6 weeks (just in time for Christmas) these varieties tend to produce foliage and flowers together giving them a fuller appearance than other varieties that produce foliage after the flowers have bloomed,

Rudolf: rich rosy red

Blitzen: bold white stripes on bright red, double petals

Vixen: velvety, deep red

Comet: white streaks and edge on red petals

Cupid: candy-heart pink

There is a white variety called 'Dancer' that I didn't bring in because whites don't usually sell well. If you want to learn how to grow them, check out this article and video posted by Steve Whysall in the Vancouver Sun on November 1st of last year:

<http://blogs.vancouversun.com/2012/11/01/want-flowers-for-christmas-try-growing-these-amazing-amaryllis/>