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MARCH 22nd E-NEWS

Now that it's officially spring, the weather's been less spring-like than it was a few weeks ago. It's March; it's to be expected but after the cold, wet springs we've had the last few years I'm not alone in hoping this one is a warm and dry one!

As we've been making changes and putting out new stock in the market, we're taking discontinued stock and setting up a Giftware Clearance Table. You know we do great sales when we want to clear stuff out so everything on the table is **40-70% off!** There are even some garden items on the table.



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I am so excited about starting another season in the market. There's so much going on in the world over which we have absolutely NO control, but that doesn't mean we can't do everything possible to make our own little corner of it beautiful and joy-filled - an oasis from the everyday! As I did my buying for this year, that was my goal when choosing what to bring in. Of course there are 'nuts and bolts' that a garden center has to have in stock, but the 'lifestyle' items are what make it interesting and I think you'll love what we have coming.

A trend that has been building for the last few years that is now becoming a full-blown hit is the making of miniature gardens. Whether they are in the form of terrariums, fairy gardens, hanging air plants, or even vertical wall gardens, it doesn't matter whether you set them up indoors

or out, miniature gardens are HOT! HOT! HOT! I think part of the appeal is that kids of all ages love them. They are so much fun to make and maintenance is minimal. What's not to love???



Are your creative juices working yet? I can hardly wait to try my hand at making one (or two or??) and I know my granddaughter will love making them too. We're planning on having at least one Miniature Garden Workshop this spring. Some others in the works are:

- Making a moss basket for sun
- Making a moss basket for shade
- Making a simple vertical garden out of a pallet
- Making a container herb garden
- Making an air-plant masterpiece
- Making succulents containers (One with tender succulents like cacti, echeverias, and aloes; and one with tough perennials like hens and chicks and sedums)

So that brings me to this question; what have you been 'dying' to try but feel you need

some help with? I'm writing here about growing things (just so I don't get a bunch of weird suggestions) because we'll conduct the workshops in our potting greenhouse. While you're giving this some thought, remember these workshops would be a fun 'staff' outing too. "Bring a friend, have some fun, and leave the mess behind!"

Some of you are anxious to get your hands in the dirt and I'm happy to say most of our seeds are now in. If you're not sure what can be started early **outdoors**, check out the FAQ on our website for some guidance.

<http://www.hannaorchards.com/faq.php?cat=2>

Scroll down until you come to the heading: ***When can you start seeding vegetables and flowers outdoors?***

If you have fruit trees, fruiting bushes, or roses take a minute or two to read the other FAQ on that link to learn when and why dormant oil should be applied. While it's still too early to put on dormant oil, if your peaches had Peach Leaf Curl last year, now is the right time to apply Fixed Copper if you didn't do it last fall.

I've been getting calls about roses so if you're also wondering if it's time to prune your roses yet, **wait until the forsythias are in bloom**. The weather's more likely to be consistently warm thus there'll be less chance of poor weather that might lead to losses or dieback.

We have CA apples in the market (Fuji, Ambrosia, and Spartans) @ 89cents/lb. CA Controlled Atmosphere apples stay as crisp and juicy as the day they were put in storage last fall. We also have some well-priced apples regular storage apples that are great for cooking: Granny Smith @ 39 cents/lb or Golden Delicious and Crispin @ 29cents/lb. Don't forget that Easter is 'just around the corner'; you need applesauce to go with your Easter ham, don't you??

This spring we can be grateful that the winter was mild, that there was a good snow-cover to insulate the plants, and the birds and animals fared reasonably well. Maybe too well - deer have been foraging in my garden and in the

orchard all winter. So if you're having the same problem, make sure you apply some repellent before they eat all the tulips!!



Deer Repellent for:
• Use on flowers, shrubs and trees
• Lasts up to 100 days
• Rain resistant
• Ready-to-use

And one last thing: if you're looking to add some colour to your garden, we do have some **early-blooming, tough perennials and violas** in now.

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Black Oil Sunflower Seed: 25.50/40 lb. bag
C&S High Energy Suet: 12.75/cs.12
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I'm looking forward to an exciting growing season and I hope you are too,

Harriet

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