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May 24th E-NEWS

So, I'm ready for more sunshine; how about you? It is great planting weather though, so don't let a bit of rain stop you from getting out in the garden! We've had a couple of people come in with a plant problem that I haven't seen very often (actually the last time was about 20 years ago), so working on the principle that if there're two, there are bound to be a lot more of you experiencing this same problem, I'll address it in this week's Garden Tips section.



When we opened our garden center six years ago, we asked you to bring us your empty pots, particularly pots 1 gallon and larger (as pictured above) rather than throwing them into the landfill. Since then, a recycling program has been set up in our community that accepts all sizes of plant pots including the single 2", 4 and 6 paks that are really not sturdy enough to be used a second time. While we appreciate getting the larger pots~ and we do re-use them ~ we can't use the smaller pots and would encourage you to recycle them yourselves in your neighbourhood's bi-weekly collection.

Just because we're heading toward the end of May doesn't mean that we won't be bringing in more bedding plants. While box stores operate that way, we're a Garden Center and as such will have a great selection of plants through the growing season. We take care of our plants and, judging by the number of comments we get saying that we have the best looking plants in town, that's important. We may not have the lowest price on every item, but I know you want good value for your money and I believe we deliver. Don't forget that many of the nursery and perennial items we carry are discounted when you purchase more. **However, the discount only applies to multiples of that particular item (same variety, same size pot, same price) and CANNOT be combined with any other variety.** And only regularly priced items (not sale/discounted items) are counted on your



VIP card. If you haven't planted your tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and melons yet, good for you! Waiting until the soil is warm is better for these heat-loving plants. If you haven't tried the Mighty Matos yet and are scared off by the high price tags, take a look at this video to see what all the fuss is about.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pISjzyTPfgI>
Mighty Matos have been grafted onto vigorous, disease resistant and precocious wild rootstocks

that then produce larger, cleaner tomatoes earlier, and in larger numbers than their non-grafted counterparts. In the photo (below left) you'll see two 'Big Beef' plants grown in identical conditions except that the one on the right is grafted and the one on the left isn't. You'll note a remarkable difference not only in vigor but in yield and rate of ripening as well. If you only need a plant or two, Mighty Mato's are the perfect choice!

GARDEN TIP: Pear Trellis Rust

This week we've had a number of people in with weather-related plant problems. Samples of Peach leaf curl and leaf spots on various ornamentals have been coming in regularly. While it's too late to do anything about either at this point, you may want to mark your calendar and purchase some Bordo so that you can spray your trees this fall. Of course, it's also time for the first population of leaf rollers to show up so be on the watch for them. BTK works quite effectively on them but if it rains much in the next week you may have to reapply it.

One problem that I've only seen once before but have seen twice this week is Pear Trellis Rust.



Lesions on Pear leaf Jelly-like telia on junipers

Quoting from

<http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/peartrellis.htm>

"This fungus requires the presence of both pear and juniper hosts to complete its life cycle. The disease overwinters on junipers. In early spring, reddish brown **telia** emerge from infected juniper twigs. The telia gelatinize during spring rains in April to May, and shed their spores which are wind-blown to nearby emerging pear foliage. Pears planted close to infected junipers are most

likely to become infected. Infected pear leaves develop orange spots from May to late June. By July, the black pycnial stage appears in the centre of the spots. These spores do not spread to other plants. From late August through October, the aecial stage appears on the infected leaves, petioles and fruits. At this stage, aeciospores spread the disease back to junipers."

So both pears (including ornamental varieties) and junipers have to be present for this disease to complete its life cycle. If you have infected plants, the best course of action would be to remove one of the hosts because there is no fungicide specifically registered for use on Pear Trellis rust.

In researching the problem, I learned that Pear Trellis rust (*Gymnosporangium fuscum*) looks just like Cedar Apple rust (*Gymnosporangium juniperi-virginianae*) which apparently doesn't exist west of the Rockies. (In eastern North America, upright junipers are often referred to as 'red cedars' but they are indeed junipers and are the alternate host to Cedar Apple Rust.) While Pear Trellis rust is listed as only being a problem in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Southern Vancouver Island and Cedar Apple Rust doesn't exist here, it looks like it could be either one. Regardless, it isn't a problem to be treated lightly if you have either pear or apple trees. Drier, warmer weather will cause the jelly-like telia to dry up on the junipers but the problem will not disappear if both hosts are within close proximity of each other.

PLANT OF THE WEEK: Big Sky Echinaceas

Echinaceas have always been a late summer favourite in the perennial garden but with the introduction of many new hybrids with longer blooms periods and flashy new colours, echinaceas have become a staple throughout the garden. Some of the best new varieties are found in the 'Big Sky Series' developed by ItSaul plants. These wonderful hybrids have all inherited the large green leaves, strong branching stems, wide flower petals, and profuse blooming tendencies of *E. purpurea*. Once they become established, they are fairly drought tolerant—even in hot, windy conditions. They do their best in full sun and average well-drained



garden soil, and they bloom from mid-summer until early fall with deadheading. We have an amazing selection of these and other new echinacea varieties at great prices. Planting them now will allow you to enjoy them this summer and give the plants time to establish well before the onset of winter.

NEW PRODUCT: WEED BLASTER PRO



Have a weed problem? Want to limit how much herbicide you apply even if you're using an organic type? Now you can "Kill Just the Weed, Not the Lawn". Weed blaster Pro is a product whose time has come. Check out this video to learn more:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usHggQDhTPI>

Now why hasn't anyone thought of this before?

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

All 4 paks: Flowers..... 1.49

Veggies..... 1.29

Mighty Mato's 1 gal.....10.99

12" Tumbler Tomato baskets

Reg. 24.00.....19.99

Bare root Fruit Trees.....30% off

**Small fruit (bushes, vines, and
brambles)30% off**

**All shrubs (deciduous & evergreen)
.....30% off**

Weed Blaster Pro.....21.99

**And don't forget to clip the coupon
and get 50% off your purchase of a
second deciduous shade tree of
equal or lesser value to the first one
you purchase.**

Enjoy the weather~ whatever we get. Listening to the news coming out of the USA, I think we live in a particularly wonderful area!!

Harriet

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