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The spring planting season has begun in earnest. Most of the nursery stock has now arrived and our selection is amazing ~ **the biggest and best in the Shuswap!** Come see for yourself because **seeing is believing.**

We're going to pot up our fruit trees next week but we'd rather sell them than pot them. We've kept them in the shade to keep them dormant, we've sprayed them with dormant oil and they're in great shape but they need to get into the ground. For this week only, all our **bare-root fruit trees are 2/\$40.00.** If you haven't checked out our selection, let me assure you that it's the best you'll find anywhere. After all, we're fruit growers and we KNOW what grows here!

Our **'Contain Yourself'** section has now been set up and the selection of different pot styles, colours and materials available is great. The more you buy, the more you save: Buy 2 pots save 15%; buy 3 pots, get 20% off, and if you buy 4 or more pots, we'll give you 25% off the marked prices.

The **Sarritor** biological dandelion control product I wrote about in last week's newsletter arrived on Friday. Another biological lawn product called **'Grub Busters'** is also now in stock. This is a liquid formulation that is sprayed on the lawn and contains nematodes that will attack and destroy damaging lawn grubs. If you are having this problem in your lawn, this is a safe way to bring them under control.

Another shipment of container-grown Emerald Cedars has arrived and they are beautiful. Because the roots are intact, unlike those of Balled and Burlapped plants, they will transplant better with much less likelihood of loss.

GARDENING TIP 1: Success with rhodos



'MORGENROT'



'CALSAF'



'PERCY WISEMAN'

Without doubt, my favorite spring flowering shrub is the Rhododendron. The first time I saw one was on a school band trip to UBC when I was a teenager; it was love at first sight. There are two essential cultural requirements to get rhodos to settle in and grow well:

1. They must have an acidic soil pH range of 4.5 to 5.5 (10 to 100 times more acidic than our native soils). Careful planting in a loose, open mix of chunky peat and rotted sawdust amended with sulphur has worked well in my garden.
2. They must be placed where they will be in shaded in winter. Direct winter sunshine thaws the leaves causing them to lose moisture that cannot be replaced by the frozen roots. This results in considerable winter-burn which is unsightly and can sometimes cause death. The best position for rhodos I've found is on the north side of my home, where it's bright and open, but out of direct winter sun and winds.

Some of my rhodos are over 25 years old and continue to bloom well each spring.

GARDENING TIP 2: Degrees of Shade

Some of the most often asked questions in the garden centre are:

1. 'What does the sign mean when it says 'Full sun'?
2. "What's the difference between part sun and part shade? Aren't they the same thing?"
3. Why are the plants that are supposed to do well in part shade getting burned to a crisp on the west side of my home where they only get afternoon sun?
4. Will plants that need part shade grow on the east side of my house where they get sun until noon?

To shed some light on these questions, here are some general rules:

Full sun= 6 hours or more of direct sunshine

Part sun= 4 to 5 hours of direct sun

Part shade= dappled light throughout the day or two to three hours of direct sun.

To fine-tune this even more, part sun or part shade is very different depending whether it's an eastern or western exposure. Morning sun, when plants have the opportunity to 'warm up with the day' is easy on plants and even plants that are generally classed as 'shade growing' will do well in an eastern exposure. After all, by the time the sun is at its highest and the temperature's rising accordingly, these plants are in the shade. Those same plants, however, if planted in a western exposure (even if they are getting fewer total hours of sun exposure than those on the east side) will burn to a crisp in the full blast of the afternoon sun. Because western exposures get very hot, plants grown there should be ones that do well in full sun.

Northern exposures, even though they get little direct light, are often bright and open and almost anything can be grown there. Don't assume that northern exposures require only shade-tolerant plants. Determine how deep the shade actually is and then plant accordingly.

***Plant of the week:**



Hydrangea arborescens 'Invincibelle Spirit'

The most recognizable hydrangea in North America is 'Annabelle', an iron clad variety that can be grown almost anywhere. It's adaptable to many soil types, can be grown in full sun to fairly deep shade, and the only drawback is that it only comes in white~ until now. Hydrangea arborescens 'Invincibelle Spirit' is the best new plant introduction of the year. Why is it so special?

-the flower emerges a dark, hot pink and matures to a rich clear pink

-it continues blooming from early spring right up to frost.

-it blooms on new wood so it will still produce flowers even if the top is winter-killed.

-in the USA, where most of the plant propagation is done, a portion of sales of Invincibelle Spirit at the wholesale level will be donated to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Use 'Invincibelle Spirit' on its own, in a mass planting, in a woodland setting or in a mixed border.

New this week: Miniature roses



Miniature roses are not only cute but they're work-horses in the garden. Blooming late spring through fall, most are quite hardy with some winter protection.

A new shipment will be arriving on Tuesday. Included will be a great selection of different types including climbing minis.

Miniature roses: \$5.50 ea.

Climbing miniatures: \$6.50 ea.

In the Store:

The soil's warm enough now to plant out cannas, gladiolas, begonias and dahlia bulbs so we've put them on sale this week. There's still a good selection so get some before they're all gone.

Mother's Day is just around the corner. Check out the selection of wall art, photo frames and giftware in the store; we have some very nice items at very nice prices.



Features : April 20-26

Packaged summer bulbs: **40% off**
(gladiolus, dahlias, begonias, cannas)

Packaged Onion sets: **40% off**

Packaged Strawberries: **40% off**

Packaged Black & Raspberries: **40% off**

Packaged Grapes: **40% off**

Packaged Cranberry plants: **50% off**

Bare-root fruit trees: **2/\$39.00**

Rhododendrons: **20% off**

Clematis: **2/\$25.00**

Moss Phlox: **15cm pots 4/\$15.00**

Pkg'd seeds: **30% off**

12L Seed Starter mix: **2/\$10.00**



24 X 72 Arch trellises: 40% off

More stock is arriving daily in the greenhouse. Check out our new Proven Winners Showcase area.

MASTER GARDENER CLINIC
Saturday, May 1, 2010
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Master Gardeners will be in attendance and will be delighted to answer all your gardening questions.

Happy Weeding,

Harriet

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