



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** Thank you.
- **Plants of the week:** Hemerocallis; Buddleia
- **Gardening Tips:** Summer fertilizing
- **B.C Fruit:** Early Red Haven Peaches now in!
- **FEATURES THIS WEEK:** BOGO Sale bigger this week!

July 19th E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday

To everyone who wandered through our 'Open Garden' last Saturday and gave a donation to the Food Bank, **THANK YOU.**

Every week I try to give you timely garden tips that you can use as you garden. It's gratifying to get feedback when you've found them helpful. I tend to use customers' questions as my guide for what to feature in the newsletter even if it does feel sometimes like I'm repeating myself.

After writing about deep-planting of roses in last week's newsletter, a repeated question this past week has been 'how or what should I be fertilizing my roses at this time of year?'. Read the 'Tips' section for the answer.

Last week's 'Everything's Comin' Up Roses' **Buy One Get One FREE** Sale was such a success that we're running it for one more week. And to make it even more interesting, we're adding all the vines and **Balled & Burlapped** evergreens and ornamental small trees (the Balled & Burlapped items are some of the most interesting and/or rare plants we stock so you know these are really special). Plant junkies take note!!

'B.O.G.O SALE'



Buy **one** rose, **one** vine (tender or hardy), or **one** B&B plant at regular price and **get one** (rose, vine, or B&B plant) of equal or lesser value **FREE.** (If you only need one plant then it's 40% off reg. price.) This offer cannot be combined with any other discount.

Be sure to look for our great coupon in the July 23rd issue of 'Lakeshore News' and read my answer in the Ask an Expert page in 'The Observer' for info on Powdery Mildew; what it is, why it develops and how to help prevent and control it.

Plants of the week: Daylily 'Exploded Pumpkin' (*Hemerocallis: hem-er-oh-KAL-iss*)



There are thousands of daylily cultivars worldwide but this one is unique. 'Exploded Pumpkin' is a double flowered tetraploid (has an extra set of chromosomes which means the flowers have great substance) with an interesting colour combination (orange with frills/ eye-zone of fuchsia-purple) and reblooms later in the season. The foliage is semi-evergreen in milder climates but I'm sure here it will die back to soil level each fall. Like all *Hemerocallis*, this daylily blooms best in full sun, is tough and hardy to Zone 2.



Butterfly Bush 'Nanho Blue' (*Buddleia: BUD lee ah*)

Earlier this spring, I featured the new 'Blue Chip' butterfly bush which at 60cm. ht. is the most dwarf cultivar to date, but the Nanho Blue variety at 90-120cm is a good intermediate size shrub for the average landscape. Long-blooming, fragrant, and a butterfly and hummingbird magnet, this is a beautiful shrub in the summer garden. I've found that dead-heading the spent blooms keeps them blooming well into the fall and NOT pruning back in the fall enhances winter survival. By leaving the plant stems in place over winter, snow is caught and held in place to insulate the roots. (The roots are hardier than the top structure and I've often had what I thought was a very dead plant re-grow from the roots.) While not long-lived and sometimes winter-killed without adequate snow-cover, the 'flower-power' and scent make them irresistible 'must haves' in the summer garden.

GARDEN TIPS: Summer Fertilizing

July 15th: It's hard to believe that we've already passed this important date. I use July 15th as the cut-off date for applying nitrogen to perennials, shrubs and trees; by that point in season many plants are setting up terminal buds and preparing to wind-down for the year. High nitrogen fertilizer, when used after mid-July encourages fresh new growth that may not have time to harden off before the onset of winter.

One of the reasons that we can't guarantee plants against winter damage is that so many people are unaware that their cultural practices impact how their plants fare through the winter. Fertilizing is only one case in point. If your plants need a pick-me-up or if you're planting or transplanting, use a fertilizer that is low in the first number (Nitrogen) and higher in the second and third numbers (Phosphorus and Potassium). Look for formulas like 0:10:10, 5:15:5, and 4:10:10.

With hotter weather and watering restrictions, lawns may be looking yellowed or even turning brown. This is NOT the time to apply fertilizer. The lawn is not dead, it's dormant, and will recover with the cooler, moister conditions of autumn. Rather than fertilizing your lawn, maintain its health by **deep watering** (apply 1 inch per week in the morning before 10 a.m. ~ deeper watering encourages deeper roots that are less susceptible to heat and drought damage); **raise the cutting height to 4 inches** (longer grass shades and keeps the soil cooler); and **mow less often** (you have to like that). Don't remove more than 1/3 of the blade length in each mowing so that cuttings can be left to decompose on the lawn. As they decompose, they'll add organic matter (which helps to retain moisture) and nutrients to the soil.

Of course, annuals can be fertilized as long as temperatures are conducive to growth. Container plantings especially need a constant source of nutrients; that's why slow-release fertilizers are such a good idea.

OTHER FEATURES THIS WEEK:

All annual bedding plants: **30% off**

Every Deck Deserves a Planter so
All planted pots are **15% off**



These innovative candles are a wonderful gift for the home or a friend: just choose a colour strand then separate candles by trimming the wick to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Place on a ceramic candle holder (included), light, and enjoy!
DecoGlow Candle on Rope 30% off



Summer: weddings, reunions, and fun times with family and friends. Choose the PERFECT frame to set off the perfect photos of your summer memories.

Photo frames 15% off

NEW PRODUCT: Garlic Zoom



Take your garlic for a spin and keep your hands clean. Learn more <http://www.chefn.com/Product.aspx?id=42>

B.C FRESH FRUIT IN THIS WEEK:

BULK PRICES:

Apples: Spartans **59¢/lb,**

5lb bags Lunchbox size \$3.50

Apricots: Goldbar **\$1.79/lb**

Cherries: Lapins **\$1.99/lb**

Blueberries **\$36.00/flat**

Raspberries **\$38.00/flat**

Peaches: Early Redhaven **10lb/\$12.00**

Happy gardening,

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