



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** SUMMER'S HERE PLANT SALE
STRAWBERRY SEASON IS HERE, TOO
- **Plant of the week :** Lily of the Nile
- **Gardening Tips:** Sitka Spruce Weevil

June 21ST E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday

Summer officially begins today and in celebration we are announcing our **'SUMMER'S HERE PLANT SALE'**. I know that you've probably got most of your planting done, but **don't miss this sale.** **ALL THIS WEEK** (starting Tuesday morning, June 22nd and running regular business hours until 6:00 on Monday, June 28th), we are putting **ALL** of our **PLANTS @ 33% OFF** regular price. That's right! All annuals, all planters and baskets, all perennials, shrubs, roses, and trees are on sale. This is the **BEST SALE OF THE SUMMER!!** Summer's just begun and it's a terrific time to fill in those odd bare spots with annuals, containers and baskets to add a jolt of colour! And planting now gives perennials, shrubs and trees lots of time to put down roots and settle in well before winter.

STRAWBERRY SEASON BEGINS



We all know how wet and chilly it's been this spring, and I was expecting strawberries to be flavorless. But I'm happy to report that they are very tasty and sweet (I take my duty to report the truth very seriously so I had to taste quite a few to make sure).

By the 1½ quart basket: **\$8.00**

By the flat (appr. 8 lb.): **\$28.00**

To keep your berries at their best, we stock some really cool tools:



Joie Simply Strawberry kit



Joie Strawberry Fresh Pod



Norpro Strawberry corer



Plant of the week: Lily of the Nile



Agapanthus x Headbourne hybrids

Lilies of the Nile make superb container plants. While only hardy to Zone 7, bulbs can be lifted and overwintered in a frost-free location (like begonias, gladiolus, etc.) Large 5-8 inch round heads of true blue flowers top 3 foot tall stems in summer. Free-flowering and showy, the plants look especially effective next to pools. Full sun is best but they will tolerate light shade. Our plants are just starting to set buds and all this week, they are 33% off.

GARDEN TIPS: Treatment for Blue spruce leader turning brown



Typical damage



Larvae inside stem

While many species of spruce are affected by the Sitka spruce weevil, the most commonly grown ornamental variety is the Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens* 'Glauca'). The damage caused by this weevil can be heart-breaking when the top leader of a gorgeous blue spruce starts to turn brown and later dies.

In spring, the female weevil chews holes in the bark at the tip of the leader in which it lays its eggs. The larvae (legless, creamy-white with brown heads, up to 7 mm long) hatch and feed under the bark, which causes the leader to die back. The treatment in years past, a systemic insecticide known as Dimethoate (Cygon 2E and Lagon) is no longer available so that means that the only treatment available is to cut out the affected portion well below the browning to stop the spread of the larvae. Burn the pruned-out leader to kill the larvae~ do not compost or leave lying on the ground.

Unfortunately the beautiful symmetrical outline of the spruce will be lost unless you train one of the side shoots at the top of the tree to become the new central leader. Tie a Sturdy Stake to the trunk of the spruce in several places so that it will provide solid support for the side shoot once it has been tied into place. Next year, the new leader will be growing properly and the support stake can be removed.

The Sitka Spruce Weevil is a problem pest in this area and part of the reason is that many people don't realize what is causing the damage and just how destructive it can be. Young trees can be killed if the damage is extensive enough. Because most types of spruce and the Eastern White Pine can become victims to this weevil, be on the lookout for the damage and take control measures right away.



Adult weevil

SUMMER'S HERE **PLANT SALE***

ALL PLANTS: 33% off

(Still the best selection
in the Shuswap!)

**ALL HOSES, WATERING
WANDS & SPRINKLERS:
15% off**

**ALL CERAMIC, PLASTIC,
& METAL POTS: BUY 2,
GET 1 (of equal or
lesser value) FREE**

*During this special sales event, please note that the discount applies only to regularly pricing (multiple pricing of perennials, etc. is not in effect) and DOES NOT apply to special orders or items already on hold. PERSONAL SHOPPING ONLY: because all sales are on a 'first come, first served' basis, there will be NO holds or phone pricing. The sale starts on Tuesday, June 22nd at 9am and runs through regular business hours until 6pm next Monday, June 28th ONLY.

I hope you've gotten your tickets for Saturday's Garden Tour. If not, we still have some on sale @ \$15.00 per person. Garden tours are a wonderful way to check out what grows well in the area and to get some great ideas that you just might be able to use in your own garden.

Remember that if you plan on stopping in on Sundays, we are open in the afternoon from 1 to 5 only.

Happy gardening,
Harriet

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