



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** Clean out the Greenhouse Sale
40% OFF ANNUALS
- **Plant of the week :** A seedless maple?
- **Gardening Tips:** Recycling plastic pots. Slugs. Magnesium deficiency.

June 28th E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday

This time next week, I expect to be completely exhausted (our daughter's getting married in the garden on the long weekend) so this newsletter will cover the next two weeks. Even though the entire garden hasn't been whipped into shape yet, it's coming along nicely and parts of it look great! The countdown is on!

It's also time to clean out the greenhouse so we've put all the ANNUALS, except planters, at 40% OFF. That means that ALL flowering bedding plants for sun or shade, ALL vegetables, and ALL hanging baskets, no matter what size pot they're in, are 40% OFF. We've still been receiving new stock and our plants look great.



LOBULARIA 'SNOW PRINCESS'

We have gorgeous big planters, like the one in the photo above, and other plants available to rent for weddings or special events. Call 250 832 4574 for more info.



We are exclusive dealers for Massarelli statuary & fountains in the Shuswap. Check out the quality of the products we have in-stock and browse the in-store catalogue for more of the superb quality pieces available. I will be submitting an order Friday.



ZAUSCHNERIA GARETTI

'ORANGE CARPET' has finally arrived. This hardy heat-loving groundcover plant is a hummingbird magnet.



STRAWBERRIES ARE IN

While we don't grow our own strawberries and don't offer U-Pick, we do have beautiful berries that we bring in from Armstrong. \$28.00/flat



CHERRIES IN BY MID-WEEK

We don't grow cherries either. We took out our trees years ago when we had to wage war against the starlings to get any (and we were losing). So we're bringing in cherries from Osoyoos and they should be here late Wednesday.

We sell ONLY B.C. FRUIT and because we've been in the business of growing fruit for a long time, we know some of the best growers in the province.

(I find it amusing that many stores and fruit stands advertise fruit or produce as 'LOCAL' when what they mean is 'Grown in B.C.'. The earliest cherries are ripe in Osoyoos but none are ripe in our area yet. Personally, I don't consider any place that takes longer than an hour to reach by car to qualify as 'local'. What do you think?)

Plant of the week: Autumn Blaze maple



Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'

Having just spent the last week cleaning up my shade garden (where the most prolific 'weeds' are sugar maple seedlings), I would heartily recommend this virtually SEEDLESS maple. Hardy to Zone 3b, Autumn Blaze maple is a hybrid of the silver and red maples and combines the best attributes of both. It's fast growing (but not weak-wooded), is tolerant of a wide variety of conditions (including poor soils, pollution, and short periods of flooding), and has amazing fall colour (see photo above). Autumn Blaze grows to about 50 feet with a spread of 40 ft at maturity. Relatively low maintenance, this maple rarely requires pruning, but if necessary, can like other maples, be pruned in summer when the tree is in full leaf otherwise it will 'bleed' sap.

Great fall colour

Fast-growing

Low-maintenance

FEW FLOWERS OR SEEDS!!!!

What more could you ask for?

GARDEN TIPS: Recycling pots

We will ONLY accept and reuse containers that are larger than 6 inches (15cm square pots and 1 gallon or larger nursery pots). Pots less than 6 inches or the flimsy plastic bedding plant paks are just not practical for us to reuse but can taken to the Salmon Arm Landfill and put in the bin set up for recycling plastics.

UGGH! SLUGS!



Cool, wet weather is perfect for slugs and they've been busy in the gardens. If you notice foliar damage like that in the photos above, the likely culprits are slugs. Slugs come out at dusk to feed by rasping the foliage and making holes in the leaf surfaces (usually not the leaf edges) and then hide in the soil during the day. A 50:50 mix of household ammonia (better than salt) and water is very effective in killing slugs when it is sprayed directly on the slug but can damage plants. (In case you are not aware of this interesting little tidbit, slugs are cannibalistic; they will eat their fallen comrades. If you kill a slug, leave it in place and go back in the evening or the next morning to get his 'buddies' who have come out to dine with the ammonia spray.)



If doing 'Slug Patrol' isn't your idea of fun, the **Safer's Slug and Snail Bait** is also very effective. The active ingredient is Ferric Phosphate and is safe to use around pets, children and in the environment. Sprinkle it on the soil beneath susceptible plants.

MAGNESIUM DEFICIENCY



Yet another result of the cool spring weather is the incidence of magnesium deficiency showing up in susceptible plants like tomatoes, peppers, potatoes and apple trees. This is a particular problem in light sandy soils because magnesium is a soluble salt and quickly washes through. Plants that have recently received a major dose of potassium fertilizer can also show symptoms of magnesium deficiency; potassium 'binds' magnesium so that it cannot be used. Typical symptoms include interveinal yellowing (chlorosis) and orange necrosis (dead tissue that can later turn brown) between dark green veins and margins. Treat the deficiency with Epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) by mixing up a solution of 3 tablespoons Epsom salts in a gallon of water. This solution can be used as a soil drench or as a foliar spray.

CLEAN OUT THE GREENHOUSE SALE

June 29th – July 12th

ALL* ANNUALS: 40% off

*flowering bedding plants, veggies, hanging baskets (does NOT include planted containers)

ALL PERENNIALS: 25% OFF

ALL GARDEN TRELIS, STAKES, GARDEN ORNAMENTS (EXCEPT MASSARELLI ITEMS): 40% OFF

Our holiday hours are the same as our regular hours. So here's hoping the weather's nice this weekend,

Happy gardening,

Harriet

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