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June 29th E-NEWS

WE SELL ONLY BC GROWN FRUIT:



**STRAWBERRIES
&
CHERRIES ARE IN NOW!**



What a month this has been in the BC interior especially for lakeside residents here in the Shuswap! I've lived in Salmon Arm most of my life and this definitely feels like the wettest June ever but we'll have to wait for the Weather Office to announce whether or not that is the official verdict. Obviously, Canada Day holiday celebrations will be a bit subdued this weekend but if you're out and about, we will be open regular business hours throughout the weekend: **Monday through Saturday 8am through 6pm and Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 5pm.**

JULY DISCOUNT DAYS

Starting today and continuing through the month of July, you'll find lots of great discounts on items throughout our market and garden centre. **Use the coupon** at the top of the page to get that **one special plant** you've had your eye on!

All annuals are CLEARANCE PRICED:
6" pots and smaller.....**Half Price**
Hanging Tomato baskets....**Half Price**
Hanging Baskets & planters..**40% off**

Shrubs, trees, perennials and vines are 25% off during July (except special orders, items on 'hold', or otherwise advertised).

GARDEN TIP: Planting trees, shrubs and perennials in summer

If you didn't get time to get that landscape project finished, don't despair because planting **container-grown** nursery stock in the summer is just fine. Creating a **soil ring** to collect water at the base of the plant (see illustration on next page) is good policy however, to make sure the water gets directly to the root zone. **Overhead sprinkling is often NOT sufficient when plant roots are not yet established.** This is also true for the 'water-hogs' like roses and cedars that were spring-planted: make sure you apply water to the **root zone**. (If your plants are getting powdery mildew, it's a good indication that, in spite all the rain we've gotten, the leaves are getting wet but the soil is not. Hard to believe, isn't it?)

Plant Your Tree Properly

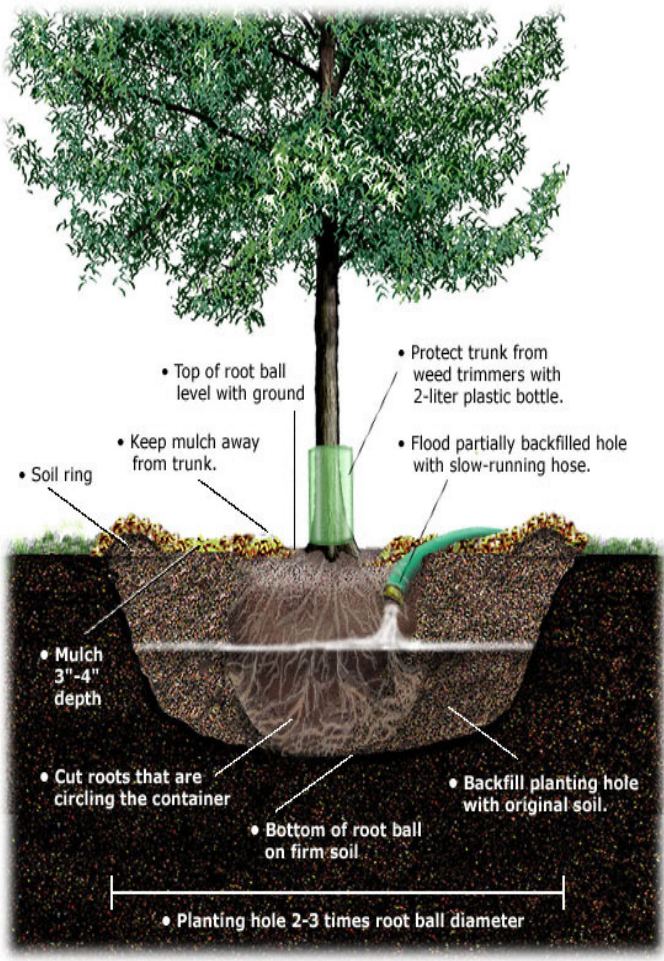


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This diagram is very well done in that it shows how:

1. The planting hole needs to be wide rather than deep (plant roots are generally found in the top 30cm of soil)
2. The top of the root-ball should, in most cases, be at ground level (Exceptions: roses, clematis, tree peonies)
3. Roots that are circling the outside of the rootball should be cut to encourage new roots to form and prevent the formation of encircling roots that can strangle the trunk.
4. Backfilling the planting hole with the **original soil**, rather than amending with compost, etc., is the right way to plant. Highly amended backfill often results in the plant roots staying in the backfill rather than reaching out into the native soil.
5. Mulching the soil is beneficial to help retain soil moisture and reduce weed growth.
6. The tree has **NOT** been staked. Unless the tree is going into an area subject to vandalism or high winds, staking is actually detrimental to the development of a strong, well-anchored trunk and root system. (Regardless, any staking should not stay in place longer than a year.)

GARDEN TIP: Slugging it out with Slugs 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 and water (better than salt) is very effective in killing slugs when it is sprayed directly on the slug but be careful because it can damage plants.



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 Sodium EDTA and is safe to use around pets, children and in the environment. Sprinkle it on the soil beneath susceptible plants. For more information:

http://www.agrireseau.qc.ca/phytoprotection/documents/Safer's%20Slug%20and%20Snail%20Bait%20II_28774_E.pdf

If you have used physical barriers like eggshells, wood ashes or diatomaceous earth in the past, you'll probably have noticed that they are not effective when wet (and when haven't they been wet this year?) Likewise trapping slugs in a dish of beer! Slugs are attracted to the scent of fermentation and rain-diluted beer just isn't strong enough.

(In case you are not aware of this interesting 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 spray the ammonia spray on the 'buddies' who have come out to dine.)

GARDEN TIP: June Drop and Fruit tree thinning

Home gardeners are often shocked by how many fruitlets drop from their fruit trees in late spring or early summer. They fear they've lost the entire fruit crop! But it is a natural phenomenon commonly called 'June Drop'. Given the late frosts and cold, wet spring we've experienced this year, it's to be expected that many fruitlets may have been damaged or pollination may not have occurred, meaning that the ovary in the fruitlet will not develop and fruitlets will abort. Some years, when weather during the bloom period is especially favourable, bee activity can lead to an excessive number of blooms being pollinated and the trees will abort a percentage of the fruitlets in order to reduce the fruit load. Many apple varieties are prone to biennial bearing (producing a heavy crop one year and almost nothing the next) because they bear too much fruit. In order to prevent this physiological response, it is necessary to 'thin' out the number of developing fruitlets within 3 weeks of blossom so that the tree will have consistent production every year.



King Bloom



Thinning to one fruitlet per cluster

As commercial orchardists, we '*spray-thin*' at blossom time with a sulphur-based product that burns the bloom's calyx so that pollination cannot occur. We wait to apply it until the main bloom in the cluster (king bloom) has been successfully pollinated and the secondary blooms are starting to open. If the application is successful, only the pollinated king fruitlet will develop and no further hand thinning will be necessary. *The advantage of spray thinning is that the crop load is limited as soon as pollination has taken place and as a result a reasonable crop can be expected each year instead of just in alternate years.* Unfortunately, perfect spray-thinning rarely happens (because weather factors in to it) so it then becomes necessary to '*hand-thin*' to remove excess fruitlets. Over the course of the summer the fruitlets are removed by pinching off the fruit while leaving the stem intact so that the stem of the remaining fruitlet isn't weakened. Ideally, hand-thinning should result in 1 fruitlet per cluster spaced from 6-12 inches apart on the tree (depending on the size of the tree and the variety) which will in turn result in larger, better coloured and better quality fruit. Summer hand-thinning, however, doesn't reduce the crop load on the tree early enough to ensure a good return crop the following year.

GARDEN TIP: Sow Seeds NOW for fall Veggies

I know it feels like you just finished planting your spring veggies, but it's time NOW to get your fall veggies started. If you haven't done it before, you might be surprised to know that many vegetables grow well (and some even better) in the fall than they do in summer. You can start them in place in the garden, in starter flats, or (better yet) sow them in an out-of-the way corner of the garden to be transplanted into bigger spaces as spring and summer vegetables are harvested and removed. This is called **succession planting**~ a great strategy to get the most out of your garden area and extend the harvest period.

Seeds to sow for fall veggies include:

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| Beets | Kale |
| Broccoli | Kohl Rabi |
| Cabbage | Lettuce |
| Carrots | Peas |
| Cauliflower | Purple top turnips |
| Chinese cabbage | Radishes |
| Green onions | Spinach |

Seed companies guarantee their seed which means that they come and take them back whatever didn't sell. That is happening now so if you need seed get in right away to get what you need!

PLANTS OF THE WEEK: Echinacea and Astilbe



Echinacea 'Sombrero Salsa Red'



Astilbe 'Peach Blossom'

The new **Sombrero** series of sturdy, compact plants has proven hardiness for years of enjoyment in the garden. **Salsa Red** is very floriferous in a stunning bright red~ the best yet! Echinaceas are best in full sun and are drought tolerant when established. While Echinaceas are hardy perennials, it is recommended that you provide extra protective mulch the first winter after planting.

Our Astilbes are in full bloom and they look fabulous. These hardy perennials with their lovely ferny foliage and plume-like blooms in a variety of colours are perfect in shady corners but they will grow well in full sun provided that the soil is rich and moist. They are stunning in a bog garden or next to a water feature.



Trying to be eco-friendly but love drinking from a can? Here's a perfect compromise! Winner of the **2010 iF Design Award**, **my EcoCan** is a cool portable cup that is completely biodegradable. Each cup is made of PLA, a natural corn-starch-based material that has the benefit of plastic properties but no petroleum components. A convenient tab and twist-off cap with double walled construction securely totes and insulates your drink of choice.

- *Microwave and Dishwasher safe
- *For Hot and Cold drinks
- *Low carbon, re-usable, recyclable, and compostable.
- *Comes in blue, green, or red



We have a huge selection of **Gourmet Village** products for all your summer entertaining: drink and dressing mixes, hot and cold dip mixes, easy dessert mixes and great spice mixes and rubs for the grill.

FEATURED THIS WEEK, June 29- July 6th :

Shrubby & vining fruits: 40% off

(Grapes, blueberries, currants, gogi berries, blackberries, kiwi vines, Saskatoon, cranberries, Nanking cherries, Haskaps, Tayberries, etc.)

Echinaceas and Astilbes: 40% off

All Grad related items: 40% off

A new shipment of big, healthy 1 gallon annuals (perfect for popping into those bare spots in the garden) has just arrived and all 1 gal. **Potted Annuals and Vegies** are NOW 4.99 ea.

By the way, **we rent out planters, shrubs, etc.** for weddings and other special occasions. Call us @ 250 832 4574 to reserve them.

We have knowledgeable plantspeople and creative garden designers on staff. We're here to help and have many years of practical gardening experience in this area to draw upon.

Let us help you with your garden questions, problems, and design. Now that the Spring Rush has passed, we have time to install landscapes as well. We look forward to serving you.



Happy Canada Day,
Harriet

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