



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** Spring-blooming bulbs now **25% off**
- **Plant of the week:** Beauty Berry
- **Gardening Tips:** How to prune junipers and cedars
- **B.C Fruit:** **20 apple varieties** available for Thanksgiving
- **In-store special:** Kitchen harvest tools **25% off**

Oct. 4th E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



IN-STORE HARVEST FEATURE:

Kitchen harvest tools: **25% off**

apple peeling machines	Chinoise strainers
steam juicers	canning tool sets
food mills	corn cutters
multi-use strainers	kitchen composter

Re-usable Turkey Timers: **\$5.59**

LAURA'S HOMEMADE PUMPKIN PIES: Baked **\$9.50**, unbaked **\$7.99**

This past week, Lorie and I attended the **CanWest Horticultural Trade Show**. It was exciting to get new ideas, see new plant varieties and learn about where this industry is going. We're coming to the end of our third year as a full-service garden centre and while the year has had its share of challenges, I can say that in spite of the cold spring weather and then hot, but short summer things have gone well. Soon we'll put the plants to 'bed' for winter and gear up the store for (do I dare say it?) the Christmas season ahead.

But first comes Thanksgiving. If you have company visiting for the weekend, be sure to bring them in to **taste-test** all the different apple varieties that are available right now from our orchards. By the weekend we should have over **20 different varieties** to sample! We also have a great selection of fall bouquets, pumpkins, mums, kale and squash to decorate your entrance or your table.



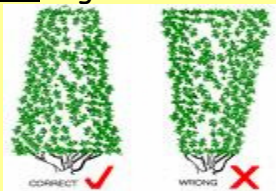
Not only has this year brought challenges in the garden centre, we've also had challenges in the orchard: we have a small apple crop because of poor fruit set during the cold spring, we got hail in early summer, and fireblight was the worst we've ever experienced. In spite of it all, we had our best crop of peaches ever and the flavor of the apples is wonderful! We have much to be thankful for! We are especially thankful for our staff and you, our customers, for your continued support and encouragement. Our hope for you is that you will have a lovely time of Thanksgiving: good times with family and friends.

Holiday Hours: Sunday 1-5, Monday 9-5

GARDEN TIPS 1. Pruning junipers & cedars

It's a good thing that plants are so 'forgiving' of the pruning we do to them. Deciduous shrubs and trees take the brunt of the worst practices (including tree topping but more on that in a future e-letter) but evergreens also come in for their share of poor pruning. Most of the mistakes result from not knowing the growth habit of the particular variety. This week I have some pointers on how to prune junipers and cedars.

Junipers and cedars tolerate pruning well and may be pruned to control size, sheared into hedges and used as topiary. They can be safely pruned at any time in the growing season but respond best to early spring pruning when a flush of new growth will quickly cover pruning stubs. Hard pruning in late summer is not recommended because it may result in succulent new growth that won't harden off before winter. Junipers look best if pruned so that the natural grace of the plant is maintained and require pruning only to remove the 'four D's'(dead, diseased, damaged, and deranged branches). This is done by **selectively thinning out entire branches back to their point of origin on the parent branch or stem** rather than bluntly cutting off the ends of the branches. **Selective thinning** will not stimulate excessive re-growth and plant size can be reduced without changing the plant's natural appearance. When pruning junipers and cedars, **DO NOT PRUNE BEYOND THE GREEN ZONE!** The green zone is the area of live foliage where the buds receive sufficient light to survive. Beyond the Green Zone is the '**Dead Zone**' in which the buds have atrophied due to lack of light. As a result, there are no live buds on these interior, shaded branches. All juniper and cedar hedges will develop 'dead zones' as they mature. Pruning into the Dead Zone will leave stubs that will not regenerate fresh growth and will look unsightly.



As you prune hedges, remember to consider the light requirements of the growth buds. Always make sure that the lowest growth is getting as much light as that above by shearing with a slight taper from top to bottom.

If your hedge has become too tall, cutting back hard (but no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the height) will necessarily result in cutting into the dead zone. In this case, you can maintain your hedge by allowing new growth to cover the dead zone (in effect, like a balding person's 'comb-over') and then shearing the new growth at the appropriate height. Remember, however, that shearing is a lot of work, and it is work that is ongoing. It is much better to plant appropriate cultivars ~ ones that even at maturity will remain in scale and within bounds; in other words: **RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE.**

PLANT OF THE WEEK: Beauty Berry



Callicarpa bodinieri
var. giraldi 'Profusion'

In spite of being rated as hardy only to Zone 6, this plant has grown in my Zone 5 garden for more than 15 years. Admittedly, winters like last year's, with poor snow cover, are hard on it but it has re-grown from the roots and is now bearing its signature bright purple berries. There is absolutely nothing else like it! The berries look amazing in the garden but really add 'POW' to a fall arrangement of oranges and yellows. We have only a few plants left and they're 35% off.

IN THE GARDEN CENTRE:

***Spring-blooming bulbs 25% off**

***Garlic bulbs for fall-planting,
6 varieties: 25% off**

***Garden décor, trellises, stakes,
pots & Nursery stock: 35% off**

APPLES:

*Earligolds, Macs, & Low Colour

Jonagolds: 49¢/lb, 30lb/ \$12

*Red Delicious, Spartans: 59¢/lb,
30lb/\$15

*Empire, Hanna Specials, Galas,
Jonamac, Golden Delicious, Fuji:
69¢/lb, 30lb/\$18

*Jonagolds: 79¢/lb., 30lb/\$21

*Elstars,: 89¢/lb, 30lb/\$24

*Pinova, Boskoop, & Honeycrisp

(our own Honeycrisps are now sold out but we are
bringing in a shipment from another grower)

\$1.29/lb, 30lb/\$36

Before the weekend we will also
be picking: Shamrocks, Snows,
Calville Blanc d'Hiver, Idareds,
Mutsus, and Red Romes. Check
our website to learn more about
our varieties:

www.hannaorchards.com

*Lunchbox-size apples: \$2.00 - \$2.50
per bag depending on variety*

U-PICK: The picking is almost complete
so there will be **no u-pick** this week
but we do have **U-PICK-EM-UP**
windfalls:

Spartans, McIntosh, & Jonagold
@ 10¢ per lb.

PEARS: Bartlett 49¢/lb, 30lb/\$12.00

Bosc&Anjou 79¢/lb 30lb/\$21

PRUNES: Italian 99¢/lb, 20lb/\$20,
30lb/\$24

BLACKBERRIES: \$3.99/pt, \$38/flt
(only available until they freeze)

Local Produce:

Carrots-organic:

Jumbos 10 lb. bags/\$8.99

Smalls 3 lb. bag/\$10

Corn: 75¢ ea, 6/\$3.99, 12/\$6.99

Garlic-organic: \$1ea, 4+ @ \$8/lb

Potatoes-organic: 10 lb./\$6.99

Winter Squash-organic: 69¢/lb

Pumpkins: Pie: 59¢/lb

Field: 39¢/lb.



Happy gardening,
Harriet

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