



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** Honeycrisp apples now available
- **Plants of the week:** The minor bulbs
- **Gardening Tips:** A major daffodil pest; Fall pruning
- **B.C Fruit:** Only about 10 days left to get Peaches
- **Garden Centre:** September 35% OFF Sale continues

Sept.11th E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday

This Week from the Orchard:

APPLES: We provide 'tasters' so you can **'TRY BEFORE YOU BUY'**.

- *Earligolds, Summer Reds and McIntosh: 45¢/lb, 30lb. @ \$12
- *Hanna Special: 69¢/lb, 30lb/\$18
- *Elstars, Galas: 89¢/lb, 30lb/\$24
- *Crabapples: 99¢/lb, 15lb/\$12
- *Honeycrisp: \$1.29/lb.

*5lb bags of lunchbox-size apples:
\$2.00 - \$2.50 depending on variety*

End of the PEACH Season:

- *O Henry: last canning variety,
\$1.29/lb. \$30/30lb.

- *Cresthaven: fresh eating only. NOT recommended for canning. 69¢/lb.

PEARS: Bartlett's 69¢/lb.,
30lb/\$18.00

PRUNES: Damsons now available
Italian prunes in this week

BLACKBERRIES: \$3.99 pint (U-pick available: \$3.00/lb. Please call ahead to book a time.)

NEW FOR 2010: U-PICK APPLES

After considering the high demand for U-Pick we've decided to offer it this year. Of course, each apple variety ripens in its own time, so not all varieties are available for U-Pick at any one time. This week we have **Summer Reds**, **Earligolds** and **McIntosh**~ all tasty apples that are great for pies and applesauce and are also nice eating apples @ 30¢/lb U-Pick.



All you have to do is report to our market; get a tag and a bag, and we'll direct you to the appropriate section of the orchard. If you want more than a bagful, bring your own containers please, or you will be charged \$1 for one of our boxes (to cover the cost of the boxes). As other varieties become available, prices will vary depending on variety, demand and quality.

PLANTS OF THE WEEK: Minor Bulbs



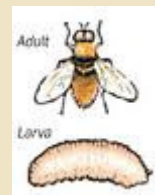
Snow crocus **Glory of The Snow** **Striped Squill** **Grecian Windflower**

I'm surprised that many people bypass the 'Minor Bulbs' in favor of the big, showy bulbs like tulips and daffodils. My favorite spring bulbs are those that settle in and perform well in the garden for many years. In the 'Ask and Expert' section of the Salmon Arm Observer this week, I've written about the best tulips for perennializing (naturalizing) but the minor bulbs are, without doubt, the best naturalizers of all. The snow crocus (*Crocus* species), Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa*), Striped Squill (*Puschkinia*) and Grecian windflowers (*Anemone blanda*) all settle in well and happily multiply or spread by seed to form sizable colonies that bloom early and prolifically each spring. Other good multipliers are the winter aconites (*Eranthis*), snowdrops (*Galanthus*), and the Siberian squills which have the best blue blooms in nature. Even the grape hyacinth (*Muscari*) is a good naturalizer although I must admit that I find the new foliage that is produced in the fall rather messy looking. All is forgiven each spring, however, when the jaunty purple-blue flowers produce a carpet of colour in the garden. What I especially appreciate about the minor bulbs is that the foliage ripens quickly after blooming is finished and has the good grace to disappear without a lot of effort on my part. I hope you'll plant some minor bulbs this fall and enjoy them for many years to come.



Winter aconites **Snowdrops** **Siberian Squill**

GARDEN TIPS: Narcissus Bulb Fly



Adult fly



Larval stage causes the damage

Looking more like a small bumble bee than a fly, the narcissus bulb fly may not immediately strike you as a pest to be wary of. But the larvae can do a tremendous amount of damage to tunicate bulbs (like narcissus, daffodils, snowdrops and amaryllis) and you won't even be aware of the damage until your bulbs don't bloom the following spring or at best, send up only a few straggling leaves. The fly lays its eggs at the base of the ripening foliage in spring and the larvae, once they hatch, move through the soil and usually enter the bulb through the basal plate at the bottom. They then proceed to feed on the inner scales of the bulbs and next year's developing buds, leaving the bulbs riddled with tunnels and frass. The larvae grow quite large and remain inside the bulbs over winter to pupate and then emerge as flies the next spring.

If your bulb plantings, particularly of narcissus/daffodils, fail to bloom after several years of blooming well, suspect that the Narcissus Bulb Fly is making its nefarious presence known. Organic methods of control should be aimed at the adult fly stage. Use a spun-bonded cloth barrier to prevent the flies from gaining access to the foliage to lay their eggs.

GARDEN TIPS: FALL PRUNING?

I received a request this past week to provide some information on fall pruning of ornamentals and fruit trees. Two years ago I wrote a series of tips on pruning and perhaps it's time to repeat them. So to learn more about whether to prune in fall or not, read this excerpt:

Fall pruning of woody plants (trees and shrubs) is generally **NOT** a good idea because

a), if done *too early* in the fall may encourage new growth that doesn't have time to mature and harden off before the onset of cold weather, and

b) if done *too late* in the fall may leave wounds that don't have time to heal and thus become susceptible to winter damage.

That said, there are some things that you should prune in the fall. If you have diseased, damaged, or dead branches (the 'Three Ds' of pruning), by all means remove them. By doing so, you can limit the carry-over of disease and insects into next year. Once you've pruned out the 'Three Ds', you should take care of a fourth D that I've added to the list: **deranged** branches~ any branches/limbs that are growing in the wrong direction, are rubbing against another branch or limb, have a very tight crotch angle or are growing up into power lines. Removing them now will help prevent wind, snow or ice damage this winter.

Grape vines can be pruned after harvest to limit the amount of 'bleeding' the pruned cuts will produce next spring.

NOTE: We grow about 50 different varieties of apples, some of them in relatively small quantities. If you like the more unusual varieties, we recommend that you place an order to make sure you get what you need. Check the **Products** listing on our website to learn about all the varieties we grow.

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THE GARDEN CENTRE:

This time of the year is perfect for planting trees, shrubs and perennials and for renovating/seeding a lawn. **All trees, shrubs, perennials and garden décor items are 35% off** during the entire month of September (excluding Masserelli statuary and fountains, Wind-chimes, fertilizers, soils, chemicals and new arrivals). Nursery prices will not be discounted further this season.

IN THE STORE:

Peaches 'n' Cream Corn: 75¢ ea., 6/\$3.99 or 12/\$6.99

Organic Garlic: \$1 ea, 4 or more @ \$8/lb

Field Tomatoes: 99¢/lb., or \$32/40 lb. box

Happy gardening,

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