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# Spring is a Knockin!

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Well I hope everyone is ready to start getting dirty in their gardens. March is the month where most gardeners really start getting into it. It's the month to start prepping your garden beds, adding some spring colour and planting those summer and autumn flowering bulbs.

We have our bulb flyer out right now full of huge savings. Our selection of bulbs and seeds is unbeatable and your possibilities for a fantastic combo of colours and textures are endless.

Perennials are arriving almost every day now and the shrubs and trees are arriving weekly. We have a beautiful selection of ornamental grasses and an outstanding display of colour with our own grown pansies.

We also have a very fun event planned again for March 27th. It is our Spring Up! Wine Down and it will benefit the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 at our Garden Centre. If you want to learn some more on bulbs we are having free seminars starting Saturday March 15th at our store. You can check out more details on these in our events portion of the newsletter.

And if your not a member of our Loyalty Program yet now is your chance to become one for only \$25. For our introductory price of \$25 you become a member for life so no renewals ever! You are entitled to 10 % savings on all

of our regular priced merchandise, including bedding plants! You also earn points on specific products that we feature on a weekly basis. This membership is definitely worth it but it is only \$25 for a few more days.

Cheers  
Brooke Smith



#### PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR MARCH

### Liisa's picks for March!

## Trees & Shrubs & Perennials

- Salix Caprea 'Pendula'* Weeping Pussy Willow
- Ribes Sanguineum 'White Icicle'* White Icicle Flowering Currant
- Helleborus
- Clematis- Assorted Varieties
- Rhodos - Assorted Varieties
- Blueberries- Super Rich in Antioxidants.
- Assorted Grasses- Awesome Selection.
- Aubretia
- Prunus Bliriana*-Flowering Plum

## Instant Colour!!

- Pansies
- Osteospermum
- Heather
- Potted Bulbs



## Edibles

- Fruit Trees
- Strawberries
- Asparagus
- Onion Sets
- Garlic

## Bulbs & Seeds

Dahlias, Hostas, Ferns, Trilliums, Callas and Cannas, Gladiolas, and loads more

When it comes to seeds we have 5 different companies worth to choose from. Our selection could not be better.

## TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

Put your gardening gloves on and get ready to get dirty!

- Prepping your garden beds with organic composts or well rotted manure. This will add nutrients into your soil naturally and get your beds ready for your new spring plantings and also give your established plants a treat.
- Fertilize your shrubs and trees. Feed your rhodos with an acid type rhodo and azalea food. For hedging and other evergreens use an evergreen food. For flowering and other deciduous shrubs use an all purpose food such as a 6-8-6.
- Feed and Prune your roses and other late flowering plants.
- Prune your Red Twig Dogwoods hard to encourage new growth for next winters colour.
- Slowly remove winters mulch from perennial beds to acclimatize them to the weather.
- Move or transplant shrubs and trees to a new spot if they have outgrown their old spot.
- Pull all the little weeds that are starting to sprout. Now is the time before they have time to flower and set their seeds.
- Sow your vegetable and summer flowering seeds. Summer flowering annual seeds can be started indoors. Vegetable seeds that can be planted directly into the ground now are peas, beans, potatoes, leeks, onions, beets, asparagus, rhubarb, garlic and artichokes, parsley
- Start tomatoes inside now.
- Purchase and plant your summer flowering bulbs.



## MARIGOLD'S GARDEN OR CONTAINER OF THE MONTH

If you want your garden or container featured in one of our newsletters or even posted on our website email them to us. We love hearing from our customers and we love to know that our products are helping with your garden creations. Every month we will choose an entry by a randomly picking the winner of a \$50 Marigold Nurseries gift card.

This colourful creation is sent in by Justin Hodkinson. Justin says, "Primulas from Marigold's in just one pot will help any garden leap into spring. Look what on pot will do!

Thanks Justin and congratulations!

## UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

### BULB PLANTING SEMINARS

*March 15th, 22nd, 29th Starting at 11am*

Join us for our free bulb planting seminar. Learn some exciting container combos with bulbs and some tips on how to plant and care for summer flowering bulbs. This seminar is FREE!



## Spring Up! Wine Down.

*March 27th, 6-9pm*

Yes Ladies and Gentleman it is that time once again we will be having another fun event coming up on March 27th from 6-9pm. Come enjoy some glasses of wine and some great Hors D'oeuvres while shopping and saving! And all at the same time helping support the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation. 10 % of all ticket and merchandise sales during the event will go to the Foundation. You as a shopper will save 15% on ALL regular priced items and will also be eligible for some awesome door prizes. We will also have free workshops going on throughout the event. Buy your tickets here at Marigold!

## FLYER SALES

*March 4th - 23rd*

Bulb Flyer Sale On Now. We have an extensive selection of summer and autumn flowering bulbs for great prices. Along with bulbs on sale there are fertilizers and plants, along with a hot deal on spring cedar containers.

[Bulb Flyer](#)

No need to print this flyer we have many copies in store. It is worth checking out though.

## EASTER

*March 21st*

Remember Marigold for all of your easter gifts, baskets, bouquets and much much more.



Question & Answers

From Mia

If I remember correctly, February is the month to plant fruit trees. Are there any ornamental tree's (fruit or otherwise) that the deer will leave alone?

February is a great time to plant fruit trees it is also a great time to plant shrubs or other trees. Here is a list of trees less likely to be eaten by the deer. All trees should be protected when first planted and try to protect them until the lowest branches on them are 5ft tall.

Trees

Paper Bark Birch  
White Birch  
Japanese Dogwood  
Ginkgo Biloba  
Corkscrew Willow

Shrubs

Choisya  
Mahonia  
Forsythia  
Buddleja  
Ribes  
Senecio

[Deer Resistant List](#)

Thank-you Mia for your question!



I know the title of the newsletter is Spring is a Knockin, but when the sun is shining and the temperatures warm up it feels like spring is in full swing here. I hope that everyone starts getting that itch to get into their gardens and that we see you here soon!

Cheers,

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