



Let's Get Gardening!

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Good May Everyone!

With the warmer weather here and the flowers in full bloom it is a great time to get dirty and get gardening. I believe I have finally traded my jeans in for shorts and that the goose bumps just might go away. I still can not believe we are almost gone through the biggest gardening month in Victoria, I think my brain still must be back in April because that is how it feels.

I have included some special savings just for our newsletter readers so take a peek at the bottom of the newsletter for some great saving coupons.



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NATIVE PLANTS

Our regions here on Vancouver Island have some of the most beautiful and exquisite native plants to offer. We are very proud to offer a brand new section of native plants this year. We have a huge selection of native plants and are excited to learn more and more about how we can help you and the environment by encouraging to plant, at least a few natives in your yard.

Why plant native trees and shrubs.... well I am glad you asked. First and foremost they are super easy to grow and they are already adapted to our environment, and with the ever changing global climates these tough plant species are good to go.

They also provide great habitats to wild life so if you enjoy watching the birds and the bees (hee hee) this is a really great way to attract them to your yard.

Native plants are also a great way to save water and to save the environment because

We are always filling our store from one of our 16 greenhouses so do not be afraid to ask one of our staff if we have something you do not see. We are always willing to do our best to get it for you. It might take a few moments but our products are worth the wait.

UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

SEMINARS

Drought Resistant Gardening
May 24th 11:00 am

Showcase Theatre
Discover plants that are happy in certain environments. We will be showcasing plants that are deer resistant to plants that love their feet wet. Join us June 7th at 11:00am. This seminar is free of charge and will be a lot of fun.

they are so at home in our climate the plants rarely need more than the natural rainfall to survive. For saving the environment and your wallet you wont have to spray and buy chemical control for pests and diseases, native plants have developed their own defenses against many pests and diseases.

If these facts are not convincing enough to at least plant a few native plants in your garden just come on in and take a look at the fascinating, beautiful plants that we have to show you and I am sure you will find one specimen that will fit your garden scheme.



Native Plant section is in Area 7 in our field.



Waryn's Wieners

Now Open

Come enjoy one of Waryn's dogs, sausages or even an icecream cone. They are delicious! Most of us here are averaging one a day, I about 2 my brother about 3. He is open Wednesday through to Sunday from 10-3. He is definitely worth a visit if not for food his personality!

MARIGOLD LOYALTY MEMBERS

Earn points this month when purchasing Mixed 12" Hanging Baskets. With each basket purchased earn 20 points. Earn 4 points per 4" perennial purchase.

Redeem your points this month and recieve either:
Garden Pro Transplanter \$7.99
Later's Garden Sulphur \$9.99
Green Valley Dolomite Lime \$5.99
Origins Flower and Rose Food \$5.99
Decorative Garden Owl \$15.99
Or a Marigold Gift Card worth

\$5.00



Container Gardening

Container gardening has become a huge trend over the past few years and Marigold has grown right along with it. We have a huge pottery barn that we fill twice a year so we can offer a great selection of containers. We also offer a wide range of plants from annuals and perennials, shrubs and trees that you can choose to fill your container with. Also keep checking our website for our new web page dedicated all to container gardening, coming soon.



When it comes to container gardening the options are endless of what you can grow in pots. Almost anything you grow in your garden you can grow in a container, as long as the container size and shape match the type of planting you choose to do. For example if you are going to choose a tree that will eventually need re-potting you should not choose a pot that is narrower on the top than the bottom. If you do you will most likely have to break your pot to remove the tree. Before you go buying your containers keep in mind what sizes you will need, how they will look, what plants you want to grow and how much time you can dedicate to watering. Smaller pots will require more watering where as larger pots can retain more water for your plants. Also if planting more tender perennials or plants that require protection in winter the larger the pot the more protection they will receive over the winter.

When choosing your plants for specific containers make sure to pick the right plants for the right places such as shade, sun, wet, dry, deer and so forth. When planting a wack of annuals or flowering perennials deadheading is key to ensure continuous blooming. When deadheading your plants make sure to follow the stem right down to the main branch, do not just pick the head off. This way you will keep your plants from getting leggy and you will help promote new blooms. Also when planting up your containers use a slow release fertilizer such as 14-14-14. This will not take the place of fertilizing but will help in case you forget a week or two here and there. Slow release fertilizers respond to temperature and moisture changes and are designed to release when plants are in active growth. Perennials and herbs do not need as much food as summer flowering annuals and it is important not to overfeed. Some great fertilizers to use for containers or hanging baskets is Rain-Gro 4-2-3 once every two weeks or Miracle Gro 15-30-15. These are both water soluble plant foods which are great for plants as it is more readily available for your plant roots to absorb. Do not apply fertilizer to dry wilted or sick plants. Just water them well and don't resume feeding until they have

recovered.

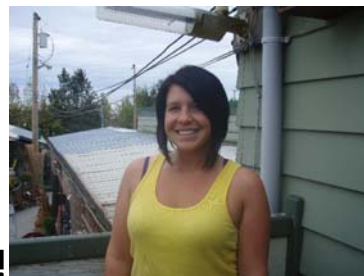
When choosing soil use a premium commercial container mix, like our own, which is high in peat moss for good water retention, resistance to compaction and good air circulation for roots.

For some great container ideas come on in and see us for great combinations.



Laurie is our own 'Container Guru' here. She does an amazing job with all of our moss baskets and containers.

PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR MAY



Liisa's picks for May!

Trees & Shrubs & Perennials

Native Plants - To name a few that we have,

- Shooting Star *Dodecatheon hendersonii*
- Ocean Spray *Holodiscus discolor*
- Indian Plum *Osmaronia cerasiformis*
- Oregon Grape *Mahonia*
- False Solomon's Seal *Maianthemum racemosum*
- Blue Elderberry- Produces edible fruit and is great in dry areas.
- Madrone- *Arbutus menziesii*
- *Philadelphus lewisii*
- Black Twinberry

Acanthus





Japanes Maples are Amazing!
 Pink Flowering Jasmine
 Honeysuckle Vines
 Pond Plants- Great Selection!
 Clematis
 Kalmia
 Irises
 Astilbe
 Scented Geraniums HmMMMMM!
 Lilacs- Of Course!
 Callas
 Cannas



Instant Colour!!

Zonal and Ivy Geraniums
 6 Pack Annuals - Alyssum, Begonias, Coleus, Marigolds, Dahlias, Petunias,
 Impatiens, Snapdragons, Lobelia,
 Non-Stop Begonias
 Bonfire Begonias
 New Guinea Impatiens
 Fuchsias- Hummingbird favourite!
 Mixed Baskets, Beautiful Ceramic Containers for sun
 or shade



Edibles

Broccoli- 2 varieties
 Lettuce- 4 varieties
 Cabbage-2 varieties
 Squash- 6 Varieties
 Cucumbers- 4 Varieties
 Tomatoes- 10 Varieties
 Peppers- Jalepeno, Red, Green, Bannana, Yellow
 Brussel Sprouts
 Cauliflower
 Rosemary
 4" herbs over 10 kinds including basil, chives, parsley
 Herb Planters Great Selection of herbs in each one. Instant herb garden!
 Tomato & Basil Planters or Ready Spaghetti! Awesome container! Your basil
 will enhance the flavour of your tomatoes while the tomatoes shade the basil
 from the hot afternoon sun. This combo also does great together because both
 love humidity and together they create it. Basil is also a great way to deter
 aphids on your tomatoes. Available May 24th.

TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

- Stake your dahlias and peonies now to make it easier for when they grow big.
- Prune back flowering stalks on hellebores, leave some old flowers if you want to harvest seeds.
- Lightly trim off old flowers from aubretia, moss phlox, arabis and saxifrage and other alpines after the flowers have faded.
- Plant up new aquatic plants such as water lilies, iris, Marsh Marigolds. Now is also a good time to divide over crowded pots. Fertilize your pond.
- Tulips and late flowering daffodils should be allowed to die right back to reserve energy into the bulb for next years flowering. If this is in the way of your perennial beds, gently dig them up with very little root disturbance and place into a sunny location.
- Check all grafted plants, such as roses and trees for suckers. They should be cut off immediately.
- Keep on top of weeds. Weed Weed Weed.
- Keep on top of pests. Inspect closely and often. Warmer weather is perfect breeding time.
- Great time to prune back all cedar hedging.
- Fertilize lawn.
- Plant up summer containers and hanging baskets if you like to do them yourself, if not purchase some already to go.
- Vegetable gardens can be planted up now. Start with seedling or direct sow. Plant enough so that you may be able to donate to a local food bank.
- Add compost and mulch your beds. This will help with weed control and conserve water.
- Constantly dead head all your annuals for continuous bloom.
- Fertilize your annuals once every two weeks with an all purpose fertilizer such as Organic Rain-gro 4-2-3, or a Miracle gro such as 15-30-15.



MARIGOLDS GARDEN OF THE MONTH

This is Gillians 'Corner of Paradise'. What a beautiful display of container gardens. This goes to show how amazing of an impact containers can have on a patio. This

truly looks like a corner of paradise!

Congratulations to Gillian of Sidney. Thany-you for sharing your wonderful garden.

If you want to enter your garden into Marigolds Garden of The Month and have the chance to win a \$50 gift card just email your photo to brooke@marigoldnurseries.com. Looking forward to seeing all the entries come our way.

We hope to see everyone in the near future and that your visit will give some new inspirations for your garden.

Cheers,

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