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HOORAY FOR SUMMER! *Finally*

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Well the dog days of summer seem to have passed us by for now, and gardening weather could not be better for this time of year. August is a perfect time to relax in your garden and really enjoy the rest of the season. With that now said they will probably be here any day (hopefully next week since I am on holidays in Youbou)!

While relaxing in your garden this month it is a perfect time to plan your fall plantings. From spring flowering bulbs to garden mums, pansies, ornamental kale and winter veggies. All of these should be arriving in the next few weeks at our garden centre. Planning is a key component to a great landscape so take the time this month (if there is any) and look at your garden. A great place to pick up new ideas is checking out all different garden centres, ask the employees what is going to be new in the fall. Another great source are gardening and design magazines.

I would like to let everyone know that our web site is now up and running. I would like to thank Carollyne at Star Global for all her help with the web site... it's awesome. I have added a link at the top of the newsletter so everyone can check it out.

One other thing I would like to mention is our Summer 'Wine' Down Ladies event happening here on September 6, from 6pm until 9pm. Tickets to this event are \$10 and the event includes wine and hors d'oeuvres, 2007 Christmas stock on display for one night, education sessions on container refreshers and bulb planting, and 20% off storewide. Ten percent of all tickets and merchandise sold at the event goes towards The Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation. We are looking forward to this event and recommend picking up your tickets early.

Relax and enjoy the rest of the summer!

Cheers

Brooke Smith

[PLANT PICKS AND TASKS FOR AUGUST](#)

Liisa's picks for August

Delphiniums
Cannas
Banana-Musa basjoo (hardy)
Salvia Mystic Spires
Heuchera
Hibiscus Luna
Hydrangeas
Buddlejas
Hardy Hibiscus
Summer flowering heather.
Guara



TASKS AT HAND FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Think about water saving tips that you can use throughout the upcoming dry month. A great website for tips on water conservation is the CRD at www.crd.bc.ca/water/conservation

- Start winter veggies this month from seed
- Keep all newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials well watered.
- Keep an eye out for powdery mildew on plants, particularly on roses and rhodos.
- Start planning your fall plantings of spring flowering bulbs. Bulbs will start arriving later this month.
- Prune any flowering shrub to shape once the flowers are *finished*
- Remember to keep deadheading your annuals and perennials to keep them looking fresh
- Spring flowering perennials can be divided in the coolest part of the day and water thoroughly after transplanting
- August is a great time to propagate your plants and to gather seeds.



MARIGOLD'S GARDEN OF THE MONTH

If you want your garden 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. And if you don't have a garden but have a great container you would like to show off feel free to send them in also.

This awesome garden featured above is Darrel Mackay's from View Royal, situated on the Gorge.

UP AND COMING SALES AND EVENTS

Our super saver coupon is valid until August 19, 2007. If you did not receive one in your mail check out our website and you can print it off from there. The coupon is good for 20% off storewide.

IN STORE SPECIALS

Too many to list. Worth checking out!!

September 6 *Summer 'Wine' Down*

On September 6 of this year we will be hosting our first annual Summer 'Wine' Down Ladies Event at our garden centre. Tickets are ten dollars. This event is catered to ladies but is open to everyone. It will be from 6pm until 9 pm with wine and hors D'oeuvres served. We will also have our new christmas stock on display for one night only along with spring '08 stock on sale. We will be having container refreshers seminars along with bulb planting seminars also. Everything in the store from 6-9 will be 20% off. 10% of all proceeds made from tickets and merchandise sold during this event will be donated to the Saanich Peninsula Hospitals Foundation.



Question & Answers

From Christine

I was wondering if you could help again with some advise- I bought 3 hanging calibrachoas from you guys and now they are full of aphids- what is the best way of getting rid of them. A high powered spray won't do because the flowers are so delicate and I am afraid that the stems would break. Can you help?

The next best thing than a good hard spray is a product called End All. It is a Safer's product and works very well. Just make sure when you use it that you actually hit the aphids with the spray, also make sure that you give the product a good shake since there is canola oil in it to make the product adhere better and smother the aphids.

Thank-you Christine for writing in. If anyone has questions please feel free to email them to me at brooke@marigoldnurseries.com

The summer isn't here for long so I hope everyone gets a great chance to enjoy it and I hope to see you around in the nursery!

Sincerely,

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