

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

April, May, June 2014

Sunshine & Springtime

We're so looking forward to some consistent sunshine and all of the beautiful blooming things that come with it! We'll have our usual huge selection of blooming annuals and perennials this spring, so stop by to see what's new!

We're excited for some good ol' homegrown vegetables, too. We already have some tasty lettuce, spinach, peas and onions for your early crops and will have tomatoes, peppers, etc., out soon!

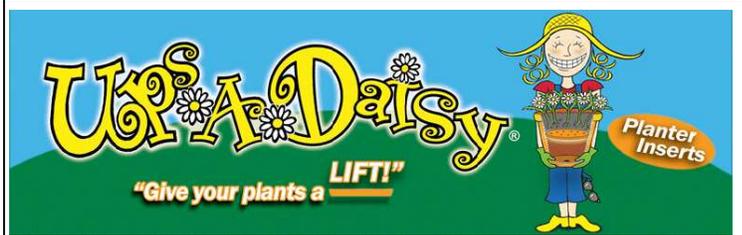
We have some fun new additions to our shrub inventory—the Bloom-A-Thon re-blooming Azaleas that will give you big clusters of flowers in spring, again in summer and once more in the fall, as well as a re-blooming Lilac called 'Bloomerang' and some unique new evergreens.

Shop early and shop often; we can't wait to see you!

- Kate & the Staff at Patt's

Farewell, Friend

As many of you know, in January we had to say goodbye to our beloved Patt's Pooch, Ali. She spent nearly 15 years with us, greeting our customers and looking after them while they shopped. We sure miss her! To those of you who brought Ali treats when you visited: thank you! To those of you who offered kind words and sent cards after her passing: thank you! It's so nice to know so many of you were as fond of her as were. Though a new pup will have pretty big paw prints to fill, we look forward to another four-legged employee in the near future.



Tired of spending a ton of money on soil to fill your containers every year? The Ups-A-Daisy® Planter Insert is coming to the rescue! The Ups-A-Daisy simply sets about halfway down into your container (for most plant varieties), raising the bottom of the container, allowing you to use half the usual amount of soil, making your container half as heavy as well! The plastic plant insert has holes that **allow for proper drainage and essential oxygen to access plant roots.**

Most annual plants have a short root base requiring only 6"-8" of soil to thrive. If you give the roots too much room to roam, your plants may get long & leggy. But with less soil, the roots will be confined forcing nutrients back into your plants where they belong, **producing healthier plants with bigger blooms while saving you time & money in the process!**



Ups-A-Daisy Plant Inserts come in a variety of sizes, so measure your containers and come visit us!

Mighty Miniatures

We have a big selection of miniatures this spring! It's so fun to channel your inner kid and get into accessorizing your miniature spaces with all of our great choices. We have something that should fit nearly any mood. New to us is a bright and cheery 60s-inspired camping set with tiny picnic baskets, a fire pit, a tire swing...even a groovy RV!



If you're into a more traditional style, we have some great arbors, birdbaths and gazing balls. Did I mention these's a miniature solar-powered house, and a tiny cottage with a plant-able roof? Talk about "big" fun!

April In The Garden

- ◆ Control root weevils now. New products available.
- ◆ Watch for slugs and snails. Control them before they multiply. Bait around new growth.
- ◆ When transplanting, use a solution of B-1 to encourage root growth and continue with a regular fertilizing schedule.
- ◆ Divide and rejuvenate perennials—share with a friend!
- ◆ Spray fruit trees after petal drop to prevent insects from ruining your fruit crop. Both chemical and organic options are available.
- ◆ Weed and thin strawberry beds.
- ◆ Apply rose systemic and fertilizer once 1 inch of new growth has emerged. Deep-water after feeding. Cut deadwood from climbing roses.
- ◆ Direct-sow or transplant cold tolerant herbs and vegetables. Thin early plantings of seedlings. Rotate crops yearly to replenish the soil and prevent the build-up of pathogens.
- ◆ Fertilize azaleas, rhododendrons, trees, shrubs, container plants, and fruit trees. Water thoroughly after fertilizing.
- ◆ If you have billbug damage (brown irregular shaped patches) to your lawn in the past, an April application of grub control may prevent the build-up of larva populations to damaging levels.
- ◆ Add yard debris from clean-up to the compost pile.
- ◆ Amend the soil with organic matter such as peat moss, compost, or well-aged manure.
- ◆ Now is the time to start adjusting the soil pH in order to change the color of your hydrangea blooms.
- ◆ Start to plant your potatoes and onions now.
- ◆ **May Basket Class April 30th 5:30pm-7pm \$19. Join us in celebrating this great tradition!**

May In The Garden

- ◆ Don't forget to leave May Baskets for your neighbors and loved ones!
- ◆ Pinch back fall-blooming chrysanthemums every two weeks through the months of May and June to thicken plants and delay bloom.
- ◆ Plant warm season crops and seed (melons, cucumbers, corn) when danger of frost has passed.
- ◆ Lightly fertilize newly transplanted seedlings.
- ◆ Beautiful Memorial Pots available week of May 19th.
- ♥ **Remember Mom w/a gift from Patt's! May 11th is Mother's Day!**

May In The Garden, cont.

- ◆ Begin planting annuals. Stop by Patt's to find your old favorites, as well as new and unique choices.
- ◆ Continue root weevil control.
- ◆ Deadhead rhodies by cutting off faded blooms.
- ◆ Apply liquid herbicide when weeds are still small and actively growing to control broadleaf weeds in lawns.
- ◆ Set out plants of tomatoes, eggplant, melons, cucumber, squash and peppers.

June In The Garden

- ◆ Spray roses for black spot and powdery mildew. If you've had problems in the past, spray as a preventative measure. Fertilize roses.
- ◆ Thin and tie up brambles. Pinch runners on newly planted strawberries. Use netting to protect berries from birds. Top-dress established plants with fertilizer or compost.
- ◆ **Build Your Own Flower Press Workshop June 8th. 1-3pm. \$45 Join us!**
- ◆ **Remember Dad with a gift from Patt's! Father's Day is June 15th.**
- ◆ Thin fruit after the trees naturally drop their unpollinated fruit. Thin triple clusters to doubles and double clusters to singles.
- ◆ Feed new and established lawns.
- ◆ Deep water (all the way through the roots) all plantings, including areas where automatic irrigation might not reach fully.
- ◆ Continue to pinch back mums.
- ◆ Harvest roses so the cut is just above a leaflet with five, not three, leaves. You won't get new growth (flowers) if you cut above a three-leaf leaflet.
- ◆ Clip hedges so they are slightly wider at the bottom than the top. If you shear hedges twice a year, do it early this month and again in late summer or early fall. If you are a once-a-year trimmer, clip hedges in early July.
- ◆ To keep groundcover and low perennials compact, shear them back after the blooms have faded. Water them well and scatter a complete granular fertilizer over the area.
- ◆ Snap the tender new growth of pines (called candles) in half to control their size.
- ◆ Deadhead faded blossoms to prevent seed from setting which reduces flowering.

Indoor/Outdoor Decor

While we have a great many plants to decorate your yard, we now have a great selection of birdbaths and tabletop fountains to compliment them! Stop in to see our Tabletop Fountain collection with gentle running water and LED lights to accessorize a patio table or indoor endtable. Each fountain has a tiny submersible pump that runs best with distilled water.



Speaking of lighted décor, we even have some beautiful glass-topped solar-lighted birdbaths! These beauties come in two different sizes and several different styles.

And, of course, we have traditional ceramic birdbaths in a variety of sizes and colors, sure to compliment any yard and entice many feathered friends to visit your yard!



A Bright Idea

We have plenty of beautiful solar-powered yard art for you this year! The cute solar hangable lanterns



pictured on the right will look great on any patio this summer. Choose from four different colors!



New this year is Solar Accent Lighting! Pictured on the left, these solar globes come with a small sheppard's hook to bury in your planters to provide a little nighttime spotlight. There's even a version that will hook into your hanging basket hanger to show off your baskets in the dark! We also have a fun selection of solar yard stakes that change color

from blue to red to green in a variety of shapes and sizes—we're sure to have something to suit your yard (or your favorite gardner's!) with choices like humming birds, roses, butterflies, sunflowers and more! Just another "bright" idea from Patt's...



Grow-Through Plant Supports

Even the biggest, heaviest blooms like peonies can hold their heads high with the help of these clever Grow Through Plant Supports. Set them out in spring and stems will grow right up through the supports, keeping plants standing straight and tall and preventing unsightly flopping. The grid-shaped design helps tender stems support heavy blossoms. Each support consists of one top and three legs and are dark green-coated sturdy wire that will blend in with



plant foliage. Supports come in several sizes and are ideal for many perennials like Shasta Daisies, Poppies, Peonies, Campanula, Rudbeckia and others.

WormGOLD

Wormgold Pure Worm Castings contain all of the micro-biological colonies for healthy soil. Pure Worm Castings have over 10,00 separate biological organisms.



These are what are needed for healthy soil. These colonies are the engines which convert fertilizer so that plants can use it. Without these colonies, plants will not grow. Wormgold Worm Castings are the feces from earthworms and are produced when earthworms are fed landscape trimmings. The process by the earthworms eliminates pathogens. Worm Castings are non-toxic, non-poisonous and safe to handle. Wormgold contains living biological organisms. These can be killed with the use of chemical pesticides, fungicides and herbicides. In most cases, these chemicals will no longer be needed with the use of Pure Worm Castings. If they are needed, use them very lightly to limit the damage to the soil biology.



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Spring Happenings at Patt's

Mark your calendars because we have a fun few months ahead of us!

April is Arbor Month! Watch for sales on all Shade, Flowering and Ornamental trees throughout the month.

April 2nd—Don's Birthday. Stop by to wish our boss, Dad and head grower a Happy Birthday!

April 27th: Side-Planted Basket Workshop 1-3pm. \$75 per person. Sign up through LCSC Continuing Education at (208)792-2447.

April 30th: May Basket Workshop 5:30-7pm. \$19 per person. Bring the kids, grandkids or grown-up "kids" and join us for a fun filled evening making good old fashioned May Baskets! All supplies (and snacks!) included in the class fee. Sign up through LCSC Continuing Education at (208)792-2447.

May 10-12th: Mother's Day weekend SALE. Keep an eye out for advertisements in the Lewiston Morning Tribune and on Facebook.

May 19th: Memorial Pots are available. Come check out our selection!

June 15th: Father's Day weekend SALE. Watch for ads in the Lewiston Morning Tribune and on Facebook.

Visit us often in April, May and June to check out our selection of vegetables, annuals and perennials grown right here at Patt's!

Spring Hours: Monday –Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 10am-4pm

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