

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

April, May, June 2013

Let it Grow

It's a great time of year to be a gardener! From my desk I can see bright yellow Forsythia blooms and fuzzy Magnolia buds about ready to burst. Cheerful pansies are turning their heads toward the sun and the foliage of tulips peeking from the ground assure us that Spring is well underway. I suppose the crowded tables and overflowing greenhouses at Patt's are a sure sign of spring as well! Come visit us (often) to see what's new this season! We have blueberries, raspberries and blackberries for your summertime cobbles, as well as a great variety of veggies for your gardens! We have Onion Sets, Seed Potatoes, and tons of veggie starts like Lettuce, Cabbage, Broccoli, Kale, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Peppers, Melons, etc., ornamental trees and shrubs, as well as all the supplies you need to help them get growing. Come visit us!

- Kate and the Staff at Patt's



Musical Garden Tour

The Valley League of the Washington Idaho Symphony once again presents its fabulous Musical Garden Tour! The event will take place **June 20th from 5:30-8:30pm** and includes live music by symphony musicians, food and a visit to three area gardens. This year's gardens are those of **Paul & Deanna Stewart at 2875 Grandview Dr., Clarkston, Tom & Karen Sattler at 3444 Quails Nest Dr., Clarkston, and Diane Leffler at 417 3rd Ave, Lewiston.** Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the gate and admit ticket holders to all gardens. All tickets are nonrefundable and are available from league members and from area retailers, including Patt's Garden Center! Watch for advertisements and more information mid-May.



CLASSES AT PATT'S

Enchanted Fairy Gardens AND a Fairy! Join us for a workshop where you craft your very own miniature garden and a fairy to go in it! Stop by for more details **Sunday April 7, 1-3pm. \$60 per person.**

Living Wall Planter Come create a living piece of art work! You'll plant an innovate wire planter and hang it on the wall! Stop by for more details. **Sunday April 21st, 1-3pm. \$100 per person**

Side-Planted Baskets This side-planted basket system allows you to plant the top and sides of the basket to create the most beautiful hanging basket ever! Stop by for more details.

Sunday April 28th, 1-3pm \$75 per person.

All classes are held at Patt's. Sign up through LCSC Continuing Education by calling (208) 792-2447 or online at www.lcsc.edu/ce under the Home & Garden tab.



ALI'S BIRTHDAY SALE APRIL 5-7TH

Ali the Patt's Pooch is turning 14! Celebrate with us April 5th, 6th and 7th! In honor of our favorite four-legged employee, you'll enjoy 20% off Flowering Dogwoods, 20% off NineBark and 20% off all Redtwig and Yellowtwig Dogwoods. Come paw around our new inventory—it'll be a doggone good time!



A Sweet Deal

Patt's Pantry is fully stocked with tasty soup mixes, dip mixes and now, our newest addition: Hugus Creek Honey! This sweet treat is made in St Maries, ID by Hugus Creek Honey Farms. Their bees are raised in the mountains of Idaho and gather pollen from native wildflowers. Visit their page on Facebook to learn more about raising Honey Bees, and visit Patt's to snag a bottle of their delicious honey!



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.
- ◆ **Visit Patt's April 2nd to wish Ali the Patt's Pooch a Happy 14th Birthday!** She would love to see you! (And your biscuits.)
- ◆ 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.

May In The Garden

- ◆ Pinch back fall-blooming chrysanthemums every two weeks through the months of May and June to thicken plants and delay bloom.
- ◆ **Fertilize roses and attend our Rose Propagation Workshop with Jerry Hendrickson on May 4th at 10am.**
- ◆ 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 20th.
- ♥ **Remember Mom w/a gift from Patt's! May 12th 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.
- ◆ **Remember Dad with a gift from Patt's! Father's Day is June 16th.**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Support the WA-ID Symphony by attending the Musical Garden Tour June 20th! Ask at Patt's for more details and ticket info !**

The Grass is Greener...

Get a head start on a healthy lawn this summer by following these steps:

- Keep the mower blades sharp. A cleaner leaf-blade cut heals more quickly, reducing water loss.
- Mow at the proper height. Be sure to mow at the recommended height for the particular grass seed variety.
- Fertilization. Keep up with the program. Lawns will need nutrients to recover from summer heat stress, so a fall fertilizer application is beneficial.
- Insect and disease control. During warm summer months, when grass may be stressed, it is critical to remember disease and insect control.
- Aeration. Besides opening up the soil and relieving compaction, it prunes the roots (promoting the growth of new roots) and helps in thatch reduction.
- Reduce traffic. If possible, reduce the amount of traffic on the lawn. This minimizes crown damage to stressed or dormant grass blades.



WATER ROUNDS

WaterRounds Manufacturing has introduced an innovative product that channels water where it is needed most; to the deep root zone. WaterRounds can be used in conjunction with common irrigation systems or with a garden hose. The nonerosive water basin allows water to slowly penetrate the soil three inches deep before flowing horizontally to the plant's drip line. Because water no longer travels along the surface, evaporation is drastically reduced and valuable water is saved. Use WaterRounds in your vegetable garden or around trees and shrubs.



A Wheel Good Harvest

Growing veggies in a wheelbarrow or wagon makes it easy to move your garden indoors on stormy nights or if there is a threat of frost. Drill holes in the bottom for drainage, fill with an equal mix of peat, compost and potting soil, fill with plants (veggies or flowers, or both!) and you're ready to roll!



Kids' College

The Patt's Gang is going to try our hand at Kids' College at LCSC this summer! We'll be teaching courses for two sessions—June 24-27 and August 5-8. Sign up the kiddos for a few days of garden-themed fun! From birdfeeders to homemade stamps and stepping stones, we'll have a great time! Sign up through LCSC Kids' College online at www.lcsc.edu/kidscollege or call 792- 2207.

GARDEN CLUB FOR ALL SEASONS

The Lewis-Clark Valley Chapter of Garden Club for All Seasons is a group that strives to create, promote and further interest in horticulture, gardening, civic beautification and natural resource conservation through educational, charity and community improvement projects.

Meetings are the third Tuesday of every month from September through June at 1:30pm at the Lewiston Seventh-Day Adventist Church at 1212 19th St Lewiston. Contact Janet Marugg for more details: (509) 295-4061 or jamarugg@cableone.net

Also visit the Garden Clubs of Idaho website: www.gcii.org



Going GREEN

The Winter GREEN Project is a campaign to encourage homeowners and businesses around Lewiston and Clarkston to plant more evergreen trees and shrubs to add winter interest to our Valley. The Winter GREEN Project hopes to raise awareness about the benefits of planting more winter GREEN in our area, which include creating wildlife habitats, cleaning the air and providing an interesting landscape in otherwise bleak winter months. Winter GREEN can be added to your yard in a variety of ways from Ponderosa Pine to Rhododendrons, to Laurel, to Giant Sequoia, so come visit us and let our helpful staff find just the right touches of green for your yard. Join the movement and visit with Winter GREEN Project founder Kathryn Claassen at Patt's Saturday April 6th.





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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! All Shade, Flowering and Ornamental Trees are **10% off** through the entire month of April.

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

April 5-7th: Ali's Birthday Sale! To celebrate the 14th birthday of Ali the Patt's Pooch, all DOGwoods and NineBARK are 20% off for the weekend. Stop by to see Ali (and bring a biscuit!), it'll be a doggone good time!

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May 4th: Rose Propagation Workshop with Master Gardener and Rose Expert Jerry Hendrickson at Patt's. 10am. In this free seminar, learn how to propagate your favorite roses to expand your collection, or share with friends!

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

May 20th: Memorial Pots are available. Come check out our selection!

June 17th: 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!

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