

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

January, February, March 2015

Here's to a New Year

Happy 2015, gardeners! We're back to work and ready for whatever Spring brings. Here's to a new year full of growth (both in your yards and in yourselves) and new adventures.

Speaking of growth— our giftware offerings are expanding, as well as the tasty treats featured in Patt's Pantry. Stop by in January and February to try out new soups from Rill Specialty Foods like Shoshone Black Bean and you'll notice some of your favorites like Puget Sound Seafood Chowder and Columbia Corn Chowder are now offered in 5 cup sizes. And, as a perfect companion to our delicious soups, you're sure to love our new Beer Bread mixes from Chukar Hill in Pomeroy, WA.

We will have so many fun plants this season, many of which are grown right here. Your favorite spring Primroses, spring blooming bulbs and hellebores will be here in time for Valentine's Day, and our roses and trees will soon follow. Look for exciting new annuals and perennials starting in March and veggies in April and May. Check our Facebook page for daily updates on inventory and events. We look forward to seeing all of you this planting season!

- Kate and the staff at Patt's

Some Bright Ideas



Everyone needs a little bright spot in these gray winter months, so why not treat yourself or your favorite gardener to some solar yard lights? We have a variety of options from stakes topped with hummingbirds or flowers, to solar lighted birdhouses, strings of solar lights to accent your planters and solar-lighted birdbath stands with colorful glass tops.



Humming Birds

Hummingbirds love to swing and perch, so this patented Hummingbird Swing from Pop's Birding Company is a perfect addition to your yard! Simply hang the swing near your feeders, and watch the hummingbirds gather! You'll also be happy to know that hummingbirds winter here in the valley! Sharon and Don have a pair that have wintered in their yard for the past few years. The hummers nest in their crabapple tree and buzz the kitchen window every morning as a signal for them to set out the feeder. Bringing the feeder in every night ensures it won't freeze and that the hummers have adequate food. Be sure to mix your sugar water at a ratio of 3:1 in the winter, as they burn more calories keeping warm and with fewer flowers available, need a higher sugar intake.



Going Digital

The Patt's Garden Center Quarterly is about to go digital! We plan to launch the first e-newsletter as early as the next edition! If you would like to be included in this email list, please send a note to pattsgardencenter@gmail.com or stop by the store with your email address. We will still have paper copies available in the store until this new project is completely underway. With this new publication, you'll have easier access to news and events at Patt's, as well as special offers!

January Gardening Checklist

- Cut Forsythia, Quince and Pussy Willow branches to force for indoor blooming. Cut young sprays flush with the main branch and place in warm water in a bright window.
- Use dormant spray for disease control and spray oil for insect control on fruit trees. Apply while tree is dormant (leafless).
- Remember to water plants growing under eaves.
- Review garden plan. Now is the time to redesign on paper.
- Plan and purchase seeds for spring planting.
- Check stored bulbs and tubers. If dry, spray with water. Discard any that have rotted.
- Call Patt's to reserve your favorite rose varieties.

February Gardening Checklist

- ♥ Remember your Valentine with a gardening gift! (Hellebores, perhaps?)
- Repot stored geranium plants. Cut branches back to 4 inches. Soak roots overnight, stretch out and trim to 4 inches. Pot 4-6 inches deep and place in bright light in a cool room. Ideal method is to place in an unheated room with grow lights.
- Start cuttings from plants over wintering in the house. Set out in May.
- Bait for snails and slugs now - they don't hibernate!
- Prune trees and shrubs except for those that bloom in the spring—wait until they are finished flowering to prune spring bloomers.
- Pick up and dispose of all garden debris.
- Service and clean all garden machinery.
- Apply pre-emergent to flower and shrub beds for season-long weed and grass control. Most need to be watered in to achieve maximum results.
- Sow slow-growing annual, vegetable and herb seeds in flats indoors.
- Fertilize asparagus and rhubarb by side-dressing with well-rotted manure.
- Apply combination pre-emergent/fertilizer to lawn for crabgrass control. Timing is of the utmost importance.

Very Cool Stuff!

We have an awesome selection of giftware this season! Gloves, hats, aprons, miniature accessories, tools, Gazing Globes and more! Most of our Gazing Globes are stainless steel, which makes them unbreakable, a quality that any gardener can appreciate what with the variables of wind, wildlife and family life that often frequent our yards. They come in a variety of colors and sizes and can be either hung from hooks or displayed on stands. We even have a glass globe that glows in the dark!



March Gardening Checklist

- Begin spring clean-up. Remove winter mulches. Prepare beds for spring planting. Begin hardening off seedlings.
- **Prune roses. Join us at Patt's for Jerry Hendrickson's Rose Clinic - March 7, 10am.**
- Watch for aphids on new growth. Prevent with systemic drenches.
- It's not too late for crabgrass control.
- Sow warm-season vegetable and annual seeds indoors.
- Plant cool season annuals such as primroses and pansies for early spring color.
- Plant cool-season veggies (beets, spinach, lettuce, peas, radishes) and hardy annuals directly in the ground when all danger of hard frost is past and the ground has warmed.
- Divide and transplant perennials.
- Plant sweet peas. Remember to provide a support system.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs after they have leafed out. Ask our staff which fertilizer is best for your specific plants.
- Clean, paint and repair garden furniture.

Tools of the Trade

We're excited to offer you some new tools this year! We have a whole like of Corona ergonomic hand tools with comfortable non-slip grips and cast aluminum blades on the trowels, rakes and weeders. We also have the Corona Extendable Handle Hoe/Cultivator that extends up to 34" for easy garden work.



You'll also like the new line of **Garden Girl** gloves, aprons and sun hats in durable canvas and leather. Each pair of **Garden Girl** gloves even has a smart phone feature—a butterfly sewn into the fingertip and thumb- so you can still send a quick text while gardening!

We happy to offer some long-arm Rose Gloves in a variety of colors made from washable synthetic leather with padded palms and knuckles for extra protection, as well as reinforced stress points for added durability.



Roses 2015

HYBRID TEAS

Abbaye de Cluny	A
About Face	O
Anna's Promise	O
Blue Girl	L
^Cherry Parfait	R/W
Chicago Peace	P/Y
Ch-Ching!	Y
*~Chrylser Imperial	R
Classic Woman	W
Coretta Scott King	Co
*~ Double Delight	R/W
~ Dream Come True	Y/R
Falling in Love	P
~First Prize	P
Gentle Giant	P
*Just Joey	A
Legends	R
^Liv Tyler	P
Marilyn Monroe	A
*Michelangelo	Y
~Midas Touch	Y
*~Mister Lincoln	R
*Neil Diamond	P/W
*Neptune	L
*Oklahoma	R
Olympiad	R
Opening Night	R
*~Peace	P/Y
^Pink Flamingo	P
Pope John Paul	W
*^Queen Mary II	W
*Radiant Perfume	Y
~St Patrick	Y
Tournament of Roses	P
Traviata	R
*~Tropicana	P/A
*Yves Piaget	P

FLORIBUNDAS

*~ Angel Face	L
^Cinco de Mayo	O
Distant Drums	Tan/P
*Doris Day	Y
Drop Dead Red	R
*George Burns	R/Y
Gingersnap	O
~*^Julia Child	Y
Ketchup & Mustard	R/Y
Lava Flow	R
^Livin' Easy	Y
~Mardi Gras	P/O
Moondance	W
*Orchid Romance	P/L
^Passionate Kisses	P
Preference	R
Rainbow Sorbet	R/Y/P
Scentimental	R/W
Shockwave	Y
^Sparkle & Shine	Y
White Licorice	

GROUND COVER

^Apricot Drift	A
^Pink Drift	P
^Red Drift	R

Color Code:

P—Pink, **R**-Red **W**—White
Y—Yellow **O**— Orange **Pu**—Purple
Co-Coral **S**—Salmon **A**—Apricot
L — Lavender

Symbol Code:

^ Own-Root
 ~ AARS Winner
 * denotes strong fragrance

36" Tree Roses will also be available this year. Stop by to see the varieties!

CLIMBERS

^Above All	O
America	Co
Blaze	R
^Eden	P
Don Juan	R
Fourth of July	R/W
Joseph's Coat	Y/O
Pretty in Pink	P
Raspberry Cream Twirl	P/W
Sally Holmes	W
Sky's the Limit	Y
Smiley Face	Y
^Top of the World	O/Y
Valentine's Day	R

SHRUB

Apple Dapple	W
^Carefree Delight	P/W
^Carefree Spirit	R
^Carefree Wonder	P
Nearly Wild	P
Pink Homerun	P
^Take it Easy	R/W

RUGOSA

Frau Dagmar Hartopp	P
^Linda Campbell	R
^Rosa Rugosa	P
^Rosa Rugosa Alba	W
^Therese Bugnet	P

MINIATURE

^Baby Paradise	P
^Bridal Sunblaze	W
^Cherry Sunblaze	R
Rainbow's End	R/Y
^Sweet Sunblaze	P

Rose Pruning Workshop

Join rose expert Jerry Hendrickson at Patt's on **Saturday March 7th at 10am** for a free informational workshop about roses. Jerry will share tips on choosing great roses, pruning instruction and provide helpful hints for proper care for your established roses.



Reservations:

Call us at (509) 758-4104 to reserve your favorite roses! We'll tag them call you when they're leafed out and ready for you to pick up!





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Classes 2015

Join us this Spring for some great workshops through LCSC Continuing Education & Community Events. Browse their online catalog at www.lcsc.edu/ce under the Home & Garden tab to see our courses or visit our Facebook page under the Events section.



Easter Baskets: Help out the Easter Bunny this year with this Easter Basket class! Hop over to Patt's to create a living Easter Basket using springtime favorites like Pansies, Violas, Spring Bulbs, Primroses and more! You'll take home your own one-of-a-kind basket full of beautiful blooming plants. All materials included in class fee. **March 26th, 5:30-7pm \$35**

May Baskets: A Beautiful Tradition Remember how much fun you had as a kid leaving May baskets for your neighbors on May Day? Join us to build a "grown-up" May Basket in a reusable wicker and moss purse! We'll use a variety of cut flowers and twigs to create a beautiful basket to give away or keep for yourself! Nothing beats an actual, hand-made gift that comes from the heart like a May Basket. So bring your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, or young friend, start a 'new' tradition of your own and make something beautiful together! All materials are included in the class fee. **April 30th, 5:30-7pm. \$20**



Strictly Succulents: Succulents are easy to grow perennial plants that thrive in hot, dry climates. We'll put together different arrangements of succulents in planters that you can enjoy year round. You'll learn tips and tricks for growing and maintaining this family of plants. All materials included in class fee. **June 10th, 5:30-7pm. \$45**

We're always looking for new class ideas, so if you're interested in something, let us know!

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Spring & Summer Store Hours
 Jan-March M-Sat 8-5pm Closed Sunday.
 April—June M-Sat 8-5pm Sun 10-4pm