

# Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

January, February, March 2013

## It's Soup Season

Nothing warms up dark, gray January days better than a pot of delicious soup on the stove! Lucky for you, Patt's has a great selection of tasty soup mixes available for just this purpose! From Rill's Specialty Foods come great flavors like Columbia River Corn Chowder, Miner's Minestrone and Thorpellini



Tortellini.



We also have mixes from Brocke's Heritage Soups in Kendrick,; we love their Farm Crew Mixed Bean and Jim's Red Lentil Chili. Brocke's Soups make enough to serve 14-15 people, but they package the spices in two separate packets allowing you to make two smaller batches if you want. Each mix is easy to make and even easier to convince dinner guests to eat! Pair the Red Lentil Chili with our Dill Cornbread mix and you're all set!

A variation on another favorite: Rill's Wapato Stuffed Pepper soup is one of my favorites. The recipe is intended to be served as soup, but I like to cut the recommended water in half and let the mix cook up thicker. Then I put the soup into tortillas with sour cream, shredded cheese, lettuce and olives and make burritos! Yum!



## Chill Out with your friends at Patt's!

Join us in January for a bulb forcing class! **January 12th** we will plant a pot full of spring cheer—pre-chilled tulips, daffodils and hyacinths will be on hand for you to use. Just plant, set in a sunny window and watch 'em grow! Presto! Color by Valentine's Day! \$15 per person. Class begins at 1pm.



## How do I care for an amaryllis after bloom?

Amaryllis, often sold between Thanksgiving and New Year's, are a bulbous plant in the hippeastrum genus. They bloom with trumpet shaped large flowers on single, upright stalks. These flowers are ready to bloom in December and January. When the showy flowers have faded, cut off the stalk at the top of the bulb.



You may begin to see leaves emerging even before the flower stalk finishes. The Amaryllis needs healthy leaves to provide nutrients for next year's flowers. If properly managed, these bulbs will bloom in mid-winter year after year. Here's how to care for them:

Provide steady water; don't let the plant dry out completely. Water it when the top of the soil feels dry.

Be sure that the pot has good drainage (a hole in the bottom). Remove any foil wrappers that may be holding water against the roots.

Put the bulb with its emerging leaves in the brightest possible light. Fertilize with any house plant fertilizer about every three weeks, following the directions on the fertilizer package. The combination of light, water and fertilizer will allow the bulb to put out the maximum number of healthy new leaves.

These plants are not hardy and will not stand frost. Keep it indoors until spring weather warms—about mid-May.

Place outdoors in a bright position, but shaded from direct sun, as the big, strap-like leaves can scorch. Keep up the watering and fertilize every two weeks in the summer when it's outdoors. Slug protection helps keep leaves from being reduced to lacy stubs. If slugs eat too much of the leaf surface, the plant won't get the nutrients needed to regenerate a blooming stalk.

Toward the end of the August, the leaves will begin to yellow slightly. This signals the plant's readiness to enter a dormant period when it isn't receiving light or water. Stop watering about mid-September, place the pot in a cool, dark area (about 50°), and allow the leaves to die down. This dormant period is vital to the plant's next bloom. When all the leaves are completely dead, twist them off.

After about three months in dormancy, the bulb will be ready for attention and water. You may want to replant it if the bulb has grown. Keep the container 1" to 3" larger than the diameter of the bulb. Place the bulb in a warm room, water it well for the flower stalk to emerge. If the leaves emerge in quantity before the flower stalk, you may not have a flower that year. Keep the leaves growing and try again next year.

### 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.

### 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 9, 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.

## Mosaic Stepping Stones

Step out with your friends this winter and make some one-of-a-kind stepping stones at Patt's! Let us supply the pre-made stone, grout, tile, glass and great ideas for you to create a simple (or elaborate!), practical (or whimsical!) stepping stone for your garden. Join us at Patt's on Saturday February 23rd! \$30 (includes first stone, additional stones \$10 each). Sign up through LCSC's Continuing Education Program by calling (208) 792-2447.



## Living Wall Planter

We've been raving about the Pamela Crawford Side-Planted Basket system for a few years now, and by golly, she's done it again. This time with a square wall planter in which you plant a living work of art and then hang it outdoors (or in) year round! This innovative planter is 14"x14"x5" with a coco fiber liner and pre-cut holes to allow for easy planting. Each planter holds 15 plants and can be combined with other



square planters to make an even bigger display! Join us for a Living Wall Planter class on Sunday April 21st at 1pm. Sign up through LCSC's Continuing Education Program by calling (208) 792-2447.

## Whoa, Itoh!

Anyone who likes peonies will love our new Itoh Peonies. These beauties were named for Toichi Itoh who was first to successfully cross a Tree Peony with an Herbaceous Peony. Also known as intersectional hybrids, Itoh Peonies tend to resemble tree varieties with a domed, vigorous growth habit and large double flowers with disease-resistant lacy, dark green foliage.



Once established, they have an extended blooming period, with as many as 50 blooms in a single season due to their ability to produce primary and secondary buds. They have strong stems which makes them ideal for cut flower arrangements. These gems offer an increased color range, greater vigor and excellent resistance to Peony blight. Look for several colors available at Patt's in April.

Itoh Peonies can be grown in containers or in the ground. We offer four beautiful colors. Zone 4.



# Roses 2013

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

## HYBRID TEAS

~ About Face	O
Blue Girl	L
~Cherry Parfait	R/W
Chicago Peace	P/Y
*~Chrylser Imperial	R
<b>Dark Night</b>	<b>R</b>
*~ Double Delight	R/W
~ Dream Come True	Y/R
*~ Electron	P
~Fame	P
~First Prize	P
*Fragrant Cloud	C
*Francis Meilland	P
*Gold Medal	Y
*Grande Dame	P
~Love	R/W
Marco Polo	Y
~Midas Touch	Y
*~Mister Lincoln	R
*Neptune	L
*Oklahoma	R
~Oregon	Y
Over the Moon	A
*Papa Meilland	R
*~Peace	P/Y
Pink Flamingo	P
Pope John Paul	W
~Queen Elizabeth	P
*Queen Mary II	W
*Remember Me	O
~Rio Samba	Y/O
~St Patrick	Y
*Sugar Moon	W
~Sunset Celebration	A
Tournament of Roses	P
*~Tropicana	P/A
<b>Twilight Zone</b>	<b>Pu</b>

## FLORIBUNDAS

Adobe Sunrise	S/O
*~ Angel Face	L
~Betty Boop	R/W
Distant Drums	L/P
Drop Dead Red	R
Easter Basket	Y/P
~French Lace	W
Gingersnap	O
~^Hot Cocoa	O/R
Iceberg	W
~^Julia Child	Y
Ketchup & Mustard	Y/R
Lava Flow	R
*~Livin' Easy	O
~Mardi Gras	P/O
Passionate Kisses	P
Purple Tiger	P/W
~*Scentimental	R/W
Sparkle & Shine	Y
Topsy Turvy	R/W
Trumpeter	R
~*Walking on Sunshine	W/Y

## CLIMBERS

Blaze Improved	R
Eden	P
Fourth of July	R/W
Joseph's Coat	Y/O
Sky's the Limit	Y
White Eden	W

## SHRUB

Carefree Delight	P/W
Carefree Spirit	R
Carefree Wonder	P
*^Gourmet Popcorn	W
^Knockout	P
^~Lady Elsie May	Co/P
^Oranges 'n' Lemons	O/Y

## RUGOSA

*^Hansa	P
^Linda Campbell	R
^ Rosa Rugosa Alba	W
^ Rosa Rugosa	P

## MINIATURE

Baby Paradise	P
Bridal Sunblaze	W
Cherry Sunblaze	R
Daddy's Little Girl	P
Lemon Drop	Y
Rainbow's End	R/Y
Ruby Ruby	R
Sweet Sunblaze	P
Winsome	W

Call us to reserve  
 your favorite  
 roses!



## Rose Pruning Workshop

Join rose expert Jerry Hendrickson at Patt's on **Saturday March 9th at 10am** for an informational workshop about roses. Jerry will share tips on choosing great roses, pruning instruction and care for your established roses.



## Tools of the Trade



As your plants lie dormant this winter, you can study them and determine which limbs to prune to help guide them for the next year. Since you have to be out in the cold preparing things for Spring, treat yourself to some quality tools and gloves! The Patt's staff uses Felco hand pruners, probably the most well-made pruner around. Felcos are made in different sizes according to blade size and hand size. They may be expensive, but you'll only have to buy them once! We love our Atlas gloves, too. These gloves fit like a second skin, providing extra dexterity as well as protection from those thorny rose stems. And of course, for working your soil and chopping out weeds, try a Lewistion-made HoeDag!





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## Spring Classes at Patt's

**Mosaic Stepping Stones** Its time for you to 'step out' - onto your own original work of art! Let Patt's supply you with pre-made stone, grout, tile, glass and found objects plus great ideas to help you create a simple (or elaborate!), practical (or whimsical!) stepping stone that's all your own design. Even though Patt's is supplying all the materials, be sure to bring something special you might like to add from home. Bring a pair of gloves and your imagination, too! **Saturday Feb 23, 1-3pm. \$30 per person, \$10 each additional stone.**



**Enchanted Fairy Gardens AND a Fairy!** It's time to get your wings on, think tiny, and delve into the small world of fairy gardens. Patt's Garden Center staffer Mary Lou Wayne will help you craft a whimsical fairy garden centerpiece that looks wonderful indoors or out. Plus, you'll create your very own fairy out of Sculpey clay—one that's uniquely yours and ready to enjoy in your new garden! Choose from a large variety of interesting plants with varying textures and colors so that your garden is as original as its designer! All supplies are included in the fee, but bring tiny additions to personalize your garden—and by all means, before class stop by Patt's to get inspired by their examples! **Sunday April 7, 1-3pm. \$60 per person.**



**Living Wall Planter** Come create a living piece of art work! You will plant a variety of succulents, flowering plants, ivies and more in an innovative new system of heavy duty square wire with cocofiber lining that holds up to 15 plants—and it's reusable each year! Patt's Garden Center will provide all the materials so all you need to bring is gardening gloves and your inner artist! **Sunday April 21st, 1-3pm. \$100 per person**



**Side-Planted Baskets** Are you ready to plant THE most beautiful hanging basket ever? Side-planting is a technique that gives you spectacular floral displays all season long. You will stuff a 14" heavy-duty wire basket and liner with over 15 colorful annuals to keep your patio or front porch looking spectacular all spring and into the summer. All supplies and plants are included in class price. Bring gloves!



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