

# Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

July, August, September 2013

## *(We will be) Havin' a Heat wave...*

Summer is on its way! (I think.) As I write this, it's a blustery, thundery day, 72 degrees. In June! One of these days it will be so hot we won't be able to stand it, and when that happens, remember to water, water water. Even though we've had some rain these past few weeks, it's not going to be enough. We had a dry, windy winter so things are going to be dehydrated. Building water wells around newly planted trees and shrubs will help you to water more effectively.

We have plenty of heat tolerant perennials for freshening up flower beds for the summer, so keep an eye out for Echinacea, Salvia, Coreopsis, Daylilies and more! Come visit us!

-Kate and the Staff at Patt's



*We're working on our Rose order for 2014! Get your requests in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on your favorites!*

## **Bu's Brew**

This is a great USA-made organic fertilizer that comes in individual tea bags that you "brew" before feeding to your plants. Made primarily from dairy cow manure, Bu's Brew "helps manage plant and soil health while emanating energetic life forces into your garden." Place 1 teabag in 1-2.5 gallons of water and let steep over night. Remove teabags from the Brew and recycle them in your compost pile or garden. Aerate the tea, then apply to plants using a sprayer or watering can. Apply Bu's Brew liberally and as often as you like. "Your plants will thank you for the TLC."



## *Gardening is B-1derful*

We all know transplanting is hard on your plants. Transplanting them in the middle of the summer? Extra hard. To ease the transition of transplanting, be sure to water everything in with liquid B-1. This formula will ensure transplant success by focusing on developing the root system first. Healthy roots means healthy plants. You can use it as often as you like. Use it on veggies, container plants and anything you plant in the ground.

## **AZOMITE**

We've had several requests for Azomite this year, and finally we have some in stock! Azomite is an all-purpose natural nutrient for organic gardening. It is mined from a mineral-rich volcanic ash deposit and contains over 67 trace elements essential to plant health. These granulated trace minerals spread easily on lawns, gardens and crops and can be applied directly or with compost, humus, manures, other fertilizers and used in compost tea production. Rather than encourage excessive foliage growth, Azomite works to re-mineralize soil. Healthy soil means healthy roots, which leads to high yields and healthy plants.



### July Gardening Checklist

- **Water, water, water!** Summer months require more deep watering. Remember to pay special attention to containers, hanging baskets, newly planted trees and shrubs as most all need **daily** watering. Mulch to conserve water and keep down weeds.
- Continue to watch for aphid, scale, slugs and snails, spider mites and earwig damage.
- Remove spent blossoms from annuals and perennials to prevent seed production which saps plant energy. Cut back petunias and use a blossom booster fertilizer to encourage bloom on annuals and perennials.
- Divide bearded iris after bloom. Dig up the clump and discard the old leafless rhizomes at the center of the group. Then cut them apart at the joints. Trim the leaves back to 6-8 inch fans and set them out in dry shade for a day or two to allow the cuts to heal. Replant the divisions 1-2 feet apart and 1/2 inch deep. Water well.
- Keep up with the harvest of berries, vegetables and herbs. Pull out and compost spent plants.
- Plant flower beds for continued summer and fall color. Continue to pinch back fall-blooming asters and mums until mid-July. Fertilize with blossom booster every 2-3 weeks until buds begin to show color. When plants start to bloom, feed once a week.
- Turn and aerate compost pile. If dry, add water to keep moist.
- Tend strawberries. On Ever-bearing varieties, keep the fruit picked so plants will keep producing. After harvest on June-bearing, feed plants with 2lbs 10-10-10 per 100 sq. ft.
- Cut your roses. Cut the stem just above a group of 5 leaflets so new growth starts. The leaves closest to the blossoms have three leaflets each while the leaves farther down have five. Cut as far down the cane as needed to maintain desired shape and size.
- Deadhead rhodies, azaleas by snapping off spent blooms at their bases being careful not to take new leaves also.

### August Gardening Checklist

- Sow vegetable and herb seed for fall and winter harvest. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, beans, peas, spinach, carrots and radishes.
- Cut back leggy plants that are past their peak bloom time and fertilize them.
- Fertilize roses for the last time no later than mid-August. Water at ground level or early in the morning to combat black spot, powdery mildew and mold. Prune climbers and ramblers after bloom.
- Continue regular and deep watering through dry weather.
- Control aphids, thrips, mealy bugs and white flies. Bait for slugs, snails and earwigs.
- Stop at Patt's to pick up fall-blooming crocus.

### September Gardening Checklist

- **Remember Customer Appreciation Day is Saturday, September 14th!**
- Fertilize and aerate established lawns to keep roots healthy for winter. Reseed bare spots.
- Harvest and preserve fruits, vegetables and herbs.
- Plant dill, parsley and winter lettuce.
- Water trees and shrubs deeply and regularly during dry weather. Trim and shape hedges so they are wider at the bottom than the top.
- Harvest annual herbs before frost is expected. Allow perennial herbs enough time for re-growth before winter.
- Plant pansies, cabbage and kale for fall color.
- Plant new trees and perennials so they establish well by next spring. Right now, Patt's has a huge selection, so shop early!
- Cut back leggy plants and divide crowded perennials.
- Think Spring! Plan and prepare areas for spring bulbs. Shop Patt's for an excellent selection of spring blooming tulips, daffodils and more!

## How about Hostas?

Whether you call them Hosta, Plantain Lily or Funkia, hostas are the most diverse, adaptable and easy to grow plants for the shade. They have been around for centuries and varieties are always being discovered and developed. In fact, sometimes there are so many from which to choose that it is overwhelming. Hostas are almost indestructible and grow under a wide variety of conditions, making them the perfect plant for the shade...well, almost. Hostas do have a few enemies, especially slugs and deer. Once you've learned to work around those problems, you are free to choose from a wide array of leaf shapes, sizes and colors.

Generally, hostas will prefer light shade, receiving direct sun only in the morning or filtered through the trees during the afternoon. They also grow well in areas that are high light (lots of light, but not direct sun). Consider these things when you survey your yard for potential planting places. Hostas are tolerant of almost any type of soil, they will grow best in slightly acid soil high in organic matter. To get the most out of your plants, amend poor soils with a lot of peat moss and manure. While they are tough plants and will survive almost anything, hostas will do amazing things in healthy soil. Ideally, the ground should stay evenly moist. Under these conditions, hostas will grow faster, develop larger leaves and be much stronger and able to handle heat stress in the summer. They are relatively drought tolerant and can survive with what nature usually provides.

Hostas have fun names, too. Varieties like 'Captain Kirk' and 'Patirot,' 'Night Before Christmas' and 'Great Expectations' and so many more!



## Wine Slush

Since a BBQ isn't complete with frosty beverages, try some Wine Slush this summer! Such-A-Slush Wine Slush is a perfect addition to any gathering. Add 1 bottle of wine and 1 bottle of water to this mix, freeze for 6 hours and enjoy! Any kind of wine will do. For ease in serving, freeze mixture in ziplock bags so it thaws more quickly. Try this recipe from our friends at Such-A-Slush:

### RED, WHITE & BLUE SUCH-A-SLUSH

1 bottle of red wine  
1 bottle of white wine  
1 bottle of blueberry wine. 3 bags such-a-slush mix. Make one back of Such-A-Slush Mix with each bottle of wine—red, white and blueberry. You can add a few drops of blue food coloring to enhance the color in the blueberry wine if desired. Freeze until desired consistency. Pipe in layers into glasses. Serve and enjoy!



## LAURIE'S KITCHEN

It's barbeque season and Patt's has your appetizers covered with a great selection of **Laurie's Kitchen Dip and Cheeseball mixes!** We love the dips served traditionally (made with sour cream and spices), but we've been experimenting with other delicious ways to enjoy them. Try this version of our favorite summertime appetizer:

### Vegetable Pizza

2 pkgs Crescent Dinner Rolls  
1 cup Mayonnaise  
1 cup Sour Cream  
1 package Laurie's Kitchen Cucumber Dill dip mix



Press crescent rolls into cookie sheet to form crust. Bake according to directions.

Blend mayonnaise, sour cream and dip mix together.

When crust is cool, spread mixture over crust. Top with diced raw veggies. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Enjoy!

## Chocolate Cosmos



The girls at Patt's love two things for certain: flowers and chocolate. Combine those two? What a treat! Chocolate Cosmos are not only chocolate in color, but they *smell* like chocolate! Like all Cosmos, these crazy things are heat tolerant and bloom all summer long.

## ***Excellent Echinacea***

We're huge fans of Echinacea, or Coneflower, here at Patt's. Echinacea is a wonderful group of plants fit for all gardeners, regardless of experience or ability. Each year we are presented with more varieties to discover, much like Lewis & Clark who first encountered coneflower on their journey across the American prairie. These hardy perennials come in such a wide variety of colors and sizes, surely there is one that is a perfect fit for your yard. Varieties like 'White Swan' and 'Magnus' will work hard for you in your yard with sturdy stems and a bounty of blooms. Newer varieties like 'Green Jewel,' 'Marmalade' and 'Raspberry Truffle' will add bright, unusual bursts of color to your perennial beds. All Coneflower are deer resistant, heat tolerant and make excellent cut flowers. Pair them with Lavender, Salvia and Coreopsis or give them a bed of their own and let them show off en masse.



## CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

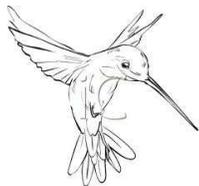
### Saturday September 14th, 2013

Mark your calendars for the 20th annual Customer Appreciation Day celebration at Patt's! It's time to thank you, our valued customers, with a day full of great sales, good snacks and exciting new varieties of plants just in time for fall planting. Don't miss it!





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## **Hummin' Along**

It's Hummingbird season! We always anxiously await these fast flyers each year. Speed up their arrival by planting things that will

attract them! Hummingbirds love pretty much anything with a tubular flower like Trumpet Vine, Monarda, Salvia and Honeysuckle. You don't need a huge plot of land to entice a hummingbird to visit, even a container will do! Choose a spot that gets plenty of sun, but make sure there is a shady spot nearby for the bird to rest. Be sure to provide a source of clean, fresh water.

Hang feeders when flowers are taking a break between bloom cycles. Choose colorful, nectar-filled flowers. We've found that they love Salvia, perennial or annual. Varieties like Black & Blue, Lady in Red and May Night are some of their favorites. They love Monarda and Hyssop in bright reds and pinks, too. Find yourself a comfy spot, sit back and just watch the Hummingbirds show up!



## Happenings at Patt's **SEPTEMBER 14TH—CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY**

Join us for our 20th Annual Customer Appreciation Day! It's our chance to thank you, our valued customers with sales, fun and snacks!

**GARDEN GAZING GLOBE—OCT 5TH, 6TH AND 12TH. 1PM-3PM.** Join us to turn an old bowling ball into a beautiful mosaic gazing ball!

Supplies included, but feel free to bring any pieces of broken china, glass pieces or other found objects you may want to incorporate into your design. \$68/person.

**MINIATURE GARDEN WORKSHOP NOV 2ND. 1-3PM**  
Join us to create a festive Miniature Garden. Also, sculpt your own holiday character to include in your design! \$60/person