

# Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

July, August, September 2014

## Made in the Shade

We're loving our new shade structures! Shopping at Patt's this summer is much cooler under cover and as a result, our annuals are looking nicer than ever! So, if you need to fill a few spots, come check out our tough sunlovers like Vinca, Profusion Zinnias and Scaevola for bursts of color. These hardy guys will bloom through the summer for you. Our Begonias and New Guinea Impatiens are blooming and ready for your shady spots.



We keep a hearty selection of perennials, trees and shrubs around throughout the summer, so be sure to stop in often. Most of the perennials are just getting ready to really show their stuff. The Delphinium, Coneflower and Coreopsis are all budded and about ready to burst.

Hot weather is coming, so be sure to keep things watered well. To aid in transplant shock and summer stress, treat plants to a gallon of B-1 every few weeks in addition to your regular watering. B-1 is a starter fertilizer that reduces shock and encourages root growth.



We have the cutest watering cans for your young garden helpers—Comilka Cow and Sylvie



Snail. They're sure to delight kids and adults alike!

We're working on placing our orders for Spring 2015. It's prime time to get your Rose requests in! Any special requests for shrubs and trees for fall planting should be placed by July 31st. Let us know what kind of plants you'd like to see us carry in 2015!

- Kate & the Staff at Patt's

## New Tools

We're happy to announce the arrival of some new tools from **Wildflower Seed & Tool Company!**

We have the Japanese Hori Hori, a cutting, digging, sawing, measuring marvel that will change the way you garden. "Hori Hori" is Japanese for "Dig Dig" and the blade on this tool is smooth and sharp on one side and serrated for sawing on the other.



We also have some handy Telescoping Bypass Pruners that will ease your pruning process by cutting and holding onto the pieces as you prune.

Come check them out!



And, of course, check out the Lewiston-made HoeDag while you're here. While you're pruning, you'll need to protect your hands with Atlas Gloves.

## Summer Snackin'

Patt's Pantry is fully stocked with a tasty selection of Dip mixes for your summertime get-togethers! You're sure to have an impressive vegetable harvest this summer, and what better way to enjoy fresh-from-the-garden cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes than with delicious dip? With flavors like Roasted Pepper, Cucumber Dill and Buffalo Wing, you can't go wrong. Of course, you have to have a cold beverage this time of year, so make sure to try our Such-A-Slush Wine Slush mix! Add mix, one bottle of wine and a bottle of water, freeze and enjoy!



### 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 13th!**
- 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!

## Bonfires & Beach Combing

Taking a trip to the beach this summer? Commemorate your trip with a



miniature garden when you get home! We have some brand new miniature accessories perfect for the day at the beach—coral and starfish, sand castles, tiny flip flops and more! Plant some grasses, miniature evergreens, add some sand and miniature



accessories and relive your vacation year-round!



We even have a complete set of camping miniatures! A tiny camp trailer will set the scene (pink flamingos and tiny lights also available!), so you can add a picnic table, tiny lawn chairs, a campfire, hammock, canoe... the list goes on! Our selection of slow growing evergreens and perennials make perfect living accents to your tiny accessories. Our patio will be set up all summer for building miniature gardens, so feel free to come and build one here! We'll be ready to help you with plant selection and garden design.

## Lovely Lilies

We have a great selection of Lilies for summer! Daylilies have large showy blossoms above strappy green foliage with multiple buds, though individual flowers last only a day. We have several colors that will repeat bloom throughout the summer. Daylilies do exceptionally well in full sun and will multiply to make bigger clumps each year. They are drought tolerant and deer resistant.



You can also plant Asiatic Lilies! We have a great collection of dwarf varieties that are ideal for containers, borders or for cut flowers. They all have large, upward-facing flowers in a wide range of colors and are just getting ready to bloom.

## SOLAR SPOTLIGHTS

Shed a little light on your containers this summer with solar accent lighting! We have a solar accent light for hanging baskets that are decorative by day and dramatic by night! The crackled glass provides amazing light patterns. The patented centering clip works on all types of hanging baskets. You'll also like the solar spotlight for your patio planters—the 4" diameter glass solar sphere hangs from a 34" shepherd hook. Each solar globe shines light down to accent your planters.



## Perennial Favorites



We have tons of great perennials in stock for your summer fill-in projects. We're always on the look out for plants that attract hummingbirds, so we have plenty of tubular-bloomed plants like Penstemon, Agastache and Salvia to help bring them to your yard. Each of these plants likes full sun, grows tall and provides tons of blooms and nectar for our little speedy-winged friends. Planting perennials means that when the flowers come back each year, so will the pollinators! Pair them with Gaillardia, Scabiosa and Asclepias to attract Butterflies and Bees and you'll have all kinds of great pollinators visiting your yard.



### **Our friends at Skagit Gardens offer these tips for attracting pollinators:**

1. Choose plants that have overlapping blooms times to provide flowers throughout the season.
2. Certain flower colors are particularly attractive to bees like blue, purple, white and yellow.
3. Flower patches that are large and close to other flower patches are most attractive to pollinators, but even small container gardens can attract and support pollinators.
4. The greater the variety of flower shapes, the greater the variety of pollinators that will feed on them.
5. Large flat rocks are a great place for butterflies to soak up solar energy for flight.
6. It's best not to use insecticides on or near plants that attract pollinators.

Stop by to pick up a handout with information on plants and benefits for attracting Hummingbirds, Bees & Butterflies.



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## Summer Happenings

**Miniature Garden Party All Summer Long**—Our patio is stocked and set up for impromptu miniature garden workshops! We'll help you put together miniature gardens at your convenience. Basic gardens start at \$65, including container, plants and a few accessories.



**September 13th:** Join us for our **21st Annual Customer Appreciation Day!** Enjoy a day full of great sales, snack and fun. It's our favorite time to thank you, our valued customers for your continued support with sales on every single thing in stock! Mark your calendars!



“Like” us on Facebook to keep up to date on what's happening here at Patt's! We post pictures of what's blooming each day, as well as upcoming events and it's a great place to share your photos of successful planting projects!