

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

October, November, December 2015



Happy Fall, y'all.

We're so excited for this cooler weather and the transition from hot summer days to cool nights and brilliant fall colors. Bring on the gourds & squash and hot apple cider! We're proud to once again offer Juliaetta-grown Pumpkins, Gourds & Squash from our friend Polly Taylor-Dennler. You'll love these unique fall items for decorating your patio and flowerbeds. We have a beautiful selection of fall annuals and perennials for freshening your flowerbeds and containers. Try some Echinacea, Heuchera, Pansies or Mums this year! And, as always our trees are starting turn color signaling the perfect time to start planting. All of our shade, flowering and fruit trees are 20% off through the end of October, so let's plant something!

November brings us handmade evergreen wreaths and swags, fresh cut Christmas trees and our favorite Amaryllis and Paperwhites. We'll have plenty of great gifts for the gardener—from tools and gloves to miniature garden accessories, solar lights and more.

Come visit us this fall!

- Kate & the staff at Patt's

TEAM SPIRIT

Everyone loves a snack on game day. Seahwaks enthusiasts will love the bright blue and green #12 Killian Korn popcorn. And, for you college football fans, when the Cougars take on the Huskies for the Apple Cup in November, be sure to have your bowl of Crimson & Gray apple-cinnamon flavored popcorn at hand. Hold on tight, though, as you're sure to be on your feet hollering "Go Cougs!" for the majority of the game.

We have plenty of other delicious Killian Korn flavors to compliment these, so come check 'em out before game day!



Soup's On!

Patt's Pantry is fully stocked with delicious soup mixes from Rill's Specialty Foods in Thorp, WA. With great flavors like Thorpellini Tortellini, Ellensburg Enchillada and



St Maries Wild Chicken, there's a taste to tickle any tastebuds. Each soup mix is named for a regional point of interest and the label has fun facts about each namesake. Mixes are easy to make and available in 5 cup and 10 cup sizes.



Wonder about Winter Watering?



Winter is tricky when it comes to watering. It's hard to know when to water, how much to water and which plants will need attention throughout the coldest months. It's important to pay attention to the weather, as cold winter wind can dehydrate plants. While it may seem like we get enough rain to spoil an outdoor event, it's rarely enough to adequately water your plants. After most rains in the valley, if you dig down as little as 3-4 inches, the soil closest and most vital to your plant's root system is still bone dry. Enter: you, homeowner, with your trusty hose or watering can.

Just a few extra gallons a month will make a world of difference in reducing the amount of winter damage plants suffer and in improving the over all health of a plant. Newly planted trees and shrubs should be checked every two weeks through winter for additional water.

The Gardener's October

- ◆ Continue to harvest fruits and vegetables. Watch for frost and protect plants for extended ripening season.
- ◆ Rake fallen healthy leaves and compost them.
- ◆ Cut back leggy and spent perennials. Divide and replant overgrown perennials, remembering to share with a friend, or plant in a container.
- ◆ **Attend Holiday Mini Garden Workshop Oct 8th.**
- ◆ Pull finished annuals and compost if healthy.
- ◆ Cut gourds leaving 1" of stem remaining and put on screens to dry.
- ◆ Drain hoses and blow out irrigation systems. Flush drip systems with water to clear sediment, then drain lines. If we have a dry fall, leave a hose out since additional watering will be necessary.
- ◆ When weather cools, plant trees and shrubs. Stake new trees if located in a windy area.
- ◆ Dig and properly store summer bulbs. Ask for our handout about Tender Bulb Care.
- ◆ Prune cane berries. Spread fresh compost and mulch.
- ◆ Plant spring-blooming bulbs as soil temperatures cool down.
- ◆ Leave spent blossoms on rose bushes so hips will form and help induce dormancy for winter.
- ◆ **Attend a live performance from the Grantham Elementary School Marimba Band at Patt's on Oct. 10th at 11am.**
- ◆ Spray rhododendrons and azaleas and other evergreen trees and shrubs with Freeze-Pruf or Cloud Cover to protect from moisture loss (browning leaves) caused by dry winter wind.
- ◆ **Attend Gourdeous Gourds Workshop Oct 22nd.**
- ◆ Start to chill spring-blooming bulbs for early indoor forcing. Ask for our handout on forcing bulbs.
- ◆ Sow Garden Sweet fall cover crop now. Till under and use as green manure next spring.

The Gardener's November

- ◆ Prepare roses for winter by pruning between knee to waist high. Strip leaves. Attach ramblers and climbers to supports for protection against wind. Mulch to a depth of 10-12" once the ground has cooled down after several frosts. Ask for our handout on Preparing Roses for Winter.
- ◆ Continue to rake and compost fallen leaves or run over them with a mower and use as mulch.
- ◆ Clean and sharpen outdoor garden equipment and store for winter.
- ◆ Continue to harvest hardy vegetables.
- ◆ Watch for earwigs. Bait or use traps of rolled newspaper. Hand pick snails and slugs or use bait.
- ◆ **Dormant spray fruit trees after leaves have fallen. For information on disease and insect spray schedules for apples and pears, visit your local extension office and ask for a bulletin on spray schedules for fruit trees.**
- ◆ **November is the perfect time to purchase Amaryllis and Paperwhite bulbs** for holiday blooms. Plant every two weeks for extended bloom through the holidays.
- ◆ Collect stakes and trellises; clean and store them for next season. Disinfect seedling containers. Clean gutters of fallen leaves.
- ◆ Prune dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs.

The Gardener's December

- ◆ Check winter protection of trees and shrubs. Deep water trees and shrubs that precipitation doesn't reach (under eaves, etc.). Dehydration, not cold temperature causes the most winter injury, so be sure to keep things hydrated!
- ◆ Begin planning for next year's vegetable, herb and flower gardens.
- ◆ Watch and treat for pests like scale, mealybugs and mites on plants overwintering inside. Treat with a granular systemic insecticide.
- ◆ To prolong bloom on gift plants (Poinsettias, Paperwhite or Amaryllis bulbs) water plants well and remove the decorative foil so excess water can drain.
- ◆ **Buy your Christmas trees, wreaths and poinsettias at Patt's!**
- ◆ **Attend Soup & Shop Saturday Dec 5th from 11am-5pm! Sample a few of the tasty soup mixes available at Patt's.**

Join us for **Small Business**

Saturday on November 28th. Support

“You can't buy happiness, but you can buy local, and that's kind of the same.”

your favorite local businesses the day after Black Friday and start your holiday season off right!



Storing Seeds

Now that our vegetable growing season is winding down, it's time to start thinking about saving seeds from your favorite plants and storing any leftovers you have. Keep in mind that moisture, heat and fluctuating temperatures are seeds' worst enemies; left out in the shed through the winter, they will lose much of their vigor—the ability to germinate quickly and healthily—and they may even die. Instead of abandoning them to the elements, pamper seeds through the winter. Place them in an airtight container, such as a clean jar with a well-sealed lid. Then make a few moisture-absorbing sachets by wrapping and tying two tablespoons of cat litter (use litter made of clay only, without dyes or fragrance) or powdered milk in a double layer of tulle. Add the sachets to the jars of seed packets, close the lid tightly and store in a cool, dark place until you're ready to plant the seeds.



Soup & Shop Saturday

Join us Saturday December 5th for our 5th Annual Soup & Shop! We'll be sampling several flavors of our delicious soup mixes from Rill's Specialty Foods in Thorp, WA. **Sampling starts at 11am.**

After soup, it's time to shop! We'll have plenty of fresh cut Christmas trees on hand, as well as handmade evergreen wreaths and centerpieces, and other great gifts for the gardener in your life. You can browse our great selection of Amaryllis and Paperwhites as well as the entire tasty stock of Patt's Pantry full of specialty food items that are perfect for stuffing stockings!



Deck the Halls

As usual, our gorgeous selection of Christmas trees will come from Paradise Tree Farms in Flora, OR and from Happy Tree Farm in Orofino, ID. We will also have handmade evergreen wreaths (customizable to your specifications), Poinsettias, Paperwhites and Amaryllis bulbs, evergreen centerpieces and more! We'll even have gifts for your favorite gardener like Felco pruners, HoeDags (made in Lewiston!), solar yard lights and more! Come visit us this holiday season—yule be glad you did!

Winter Weather Protection

The weather can be pretty extreme in the winter, especially for evergreen plants. Drastic changes in temperature and harsh winds sap the moisture from the needles of evergreen trees and drain the life from broadleaved Rhododendrons, Laurels and more. Try FreezePruf or Cloud Cover this year—you'll be



amazed by the difference in the health of your plants by Spring!

FreezePruf is an eco-safe spray that improves plants' natural cold tolerance up to 9.4 degrees!

Developed by botanists, FreezePruf protects the plant externally and systemically by enhancing both its natural "anti-freeze"-like properties and its ability to survive ice crystal damage. The biodegradable formula is designed to resist washing away by rain or snow and one application lasts up to 6 weeks; simply spray on tender plants just before damaging frost is expected.

Cloud Cover is a clear, flexible polymer coating that holds moisture in plants and reduces stress caused by temperature extremes, transplant shock and dry environment. Use on plants that dry out too fast—hanging baskets and plants facing vacation neglect. Use as a protective barrier to damaging seasonal and environmental extremes (heat drought and moisture-robbing winds). Or, use when transplanting to speed recovery time.





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Fall Festivities



Join us for all kinds of fun this fall and keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events!



October 8th—Holiday Miniature Garden Workshop: Join us for some big fun putting together miniature gardens! We have tons of great fall and winter holiday accessories to turn your holiday centerpiece into a conversation piece! Cost is \$65.

October 10th—Gourd Animals Workshop: Bring the kiddos and spend the afternoon crafting crazy critters out of gourds and pumpkins with the gang at Patt's. Cost is \$5 per child. Grown up "kids" welcome, too! **And, enjoy a festive performance from the Grantham Marimba Band at 11am!**

October 22nd—Gourdeous Gourds Workshop

November 25th—Christmas Trees arrive at Patt's!

December 5th—Patt's annual **Soup & Shop Saturday!** Sample soups and shop our great selection of Christmas trees, wreaths, amaryllis and more. Sampling starts at 11a.m.

December 25th-January 3rd— Closed for the Holidays