

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

October, November, December 2017

Fall Festivities

Fall at Patt's means the arrival of funky and unusual pumpkins, gourds and squash from our friend Polly in Juliaetta, bright Pansies and cheerful Mums. It means watching the leaves change as plants settle in for winter and the smell of scones in the oven and soup in the crockpot! Fall means dressing up our (extremely patient) Patt's Pooch in a series of festive outfits—watch for them on Facebook— and Fall means fun classes and events at Patt's, so be sure to check those out! Visit our tree roosts for 20% off all shade and flowering trees through October, as well as savings on berry bushes, roses, vines and more. After fall, comes all our favorite winter things like fresh cut Christmas trees and wreaths, so shop early and shop often!



-Kate & the Patt's Staff

"Celebrate the Fall" A Small Standard Flower Show

We're so excited to host the HiLo Chrysanthemum Society and All Seasons Garden Club as they bring us a small standard flower show entitled **"Celebrate the Fall" October 12-14th**. Come browse the beautiful blooms grown by local gardeners and friends—from Dahlias to Mums to flower arrangements— this show will have something pretty for everyone. Admission to the flower show is free and open to the public at Patt's 10am-4pm Thursday through Saturday.



Small Business Saturday

Join us for Small Business Saturday November 25th. Support your favorite local businesses the day after Black Friday and start your holiday season off right! We have a great selection of holiday items like Amaryllis, Poinsettias and Paperwhites, regional soup mixes, dips and scones, as well as miniature garden accessories, tools, gloves and more!

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

Winter Wonders

Our favorite winter pastime is watching Amaryllis and Paperwhites grow inches each day right before our eyes and enjoying those cheerful blooms in dark winter months. We'll have our bulbs in mid-October. Amaryllis and Paperwhites both bloom indoors with ease, simply plant them in a container in potting soil or sand, place in a sunny window, water occasionally, sit back and watch them grow! Amaryllis come in a variety of colors in shades of pink, white and red and make great gifts for anyone on your list.



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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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 12th. \$50 per person.**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Join us for Air Plant Wreath Workshop November 9th, \$65 per person.**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Join us for Small Business Saturday November 25th.**
- ◆ 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 2nd from 11am-5pm! Sample a few of the tasty soup mixes available at Patt's.**



Deck the Halls

As usual, our gorgeous selection of Christmas trees will arrive Thanksgiving week. We will also have handmade evergreen wreaths (customizable to your specifications), Poinsettias, Paperwhites and Amaryllis bulbs and evergreen centerpieces. We have great gifts for your favorite gardeners like solar yard lights, metal wall art and more! Come visit us this holiday season—yule be glad you did!

Gourdgeous Gourds Workshop

One of our favorite fall traditions is making “gourdgeous” centerpieces out of colorful gourds, pumpkins and



squash. We love the unusual textures and shapes of these colorful curcurbits, and we invite you to join us for a make-and-take workshop on Thursday October 12th. We'll show you how to add live succulents, seed pods, pinecones and more to turn your pumpkin, gourd or squash into a one of a kind work of art. You can even plant your gourd afterward! Class is \$50, all instruction and supplies included. Sign up with LCSC Continuing Education at (208) 792-2447 or call us at (509) 758-4104.

Air Plant Wreath Workshop

Join us for a fun evening creating your own unique holiday wreath with live air plants! You'll start with a plain grapevine wreath and accessorize with live air plants, fresh evergreen boughs, berries, seeds and whatever else you desire. Use rich fall colors for your Thanksgiving décor or dress it up with ribbons and baubles for a fun Christmas display. We'll share fun design ideas and tips for keeping your air plants healthy and thriving. This is a great class for kids, too!

Class is \$65, all supplies and instruction included. Sign up with LCSC Continuing Education at (208) 792-2447 or call us at (509) 758-4104.



Paint Party with Beth Rimmelspacher

Join us for this fun beginner painting workshop on **Saturday October 14th from 11am-3pm**. No experience necessary! Local artist Beth Rimmelspacher will offer a quick and fun acrylic painting overview and guide you through painting a 16"x20" canvas of your own design. Bring a favorite landscape photo to paint, or get your inspiration from the garden and choose from colorful foliage and blooms here at Patt's.

Class is \$35 per person and you'll take home your own finished masterpiece! Class size is limited, so don't wait! Call us at (509) 758-4104 to sign up.



Soup & Shop Saturday

Our annual Soup & Shop Saturday is December 2nd from 11am-4pm. You'll enjoy samples of several of our tasty treats from Patt's Pantry like soups, dips, scones and biscuits. Each Pantry item is made in Washington: soups from Thorp (in two convenient serving sizes), dips and mustards from Pasco and scones, biscuits and pancake mixes from Spokane—perfect gifts for out of town friends and relatives. All of our Panty items make fun gifts and it's especially fun to try



before you buy. Sampling starts at 11am, so come and enjoy a cup of soup while you browse our beautiful Christmas trees, handmade wreaths and gifts for the gardener!



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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 12-14th—“Celebrate the Fall” Small Standard Flower Show Co-sponsored by the Hi-Lo Mum Society and All Seasons Garden Club, this small standard flower show will showcase many types of flowers and arrangements from local gardeners. Admission is free, open to the public at Patt's from 10am-4pm all three days.

October 12th—Gourdeous Gourds Workshop, 5:30-7pm. \$45. Join us for a Thursday evening creating your own unique gourd centerpiece.

October 14th—Paint Party with Beth Rimmelspacher 11-3pm, \$35. Learn to paint with a local artist! You'll take home a finished canvas with a scene of your choosing.

November 1st—Tickets will be available for the Willow Center's Little Big Wagon Raffle! Choose from several awesome themed wagons, including our collaboration with Becky's Fabric & Bernina “Outfitting your Home & Garden” filled with great gardening gear, a Bernina sewing machine and LulaRoe merchandise.

November 9th—Air Plant Wreath Workshop, 5:30-7pm. \$65. Join us to create your own festive wreath with unusual air plants and holiday accessories.

November 24th—Christmas Trees arrive at Patt's!

December 2nd—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