

Patt's Garden Center

Quarterly

April, May, June 2018

Spring into Gardening

The Easter eggs have been gathered and our flower beds have been cleaned up, so now we're ready for warm days and containers full of flowers! We've been unloading truckload after truckload of shrubs, trees and blooming perennials to help freshen up your yard for Spring. All of our Lilacs, Viburnum and Dogwoods are perfectly budded and waiting to be planted. Don't forget the B-1!

Our greenhouses are full of our favorite blooming annuals like Petunias, Snapdragons, Lobelia as well as fresh veggie plants like tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. We're just waiting on Mother Nature to turn on the heat. Here's hoping the coldest days are behind us. It's not too early to get your requests in, though. If you're looking for a certain plant, be sure to let us know so we can keep an eye out when we're getting our orders together.

We're excited to again host the Washington-Idaho Symphony Music in the Garden and Dinner Among the Flowers. Watch for more details on this fun June event. Shop early and shop often this Spring, there's always something new to see! And of course, Posie, your favorite fuzzy garden dog, will be here to greet you!

- Kate & the staff at Patt's

The Scoop

We're happy to offer bulk compost from WSU's Compost Facility again this year. This compost is regularly tested and monitored for consistency and quality so you can confidently amend your garden plots and flowerbeds. The compost is comprised of organic food and grounds waste from campus as well as dairy solids from the university's dairy herds. It is available by our tractor scoop (2/3 cubic yard) for \$31.99 per scoop.



A Sweet Addition

We have a few sweet new additions in Patt's Pantry! We're excited to offer Lapwai-made Ball Honey products in pints, quarts and honey bears. We also have their delicious creamed honey. The benefits of local honey are many, namely the fact that the bees gather pollen from local flowers and eating that honey helps to strengthen your immune system against local allergens.



You'll probably need a few biscuits to go with that honey, right? Papa Ray's Marketplace, our favorite Spokane company has a tasty new Beer Biscuit mix we've added to Patt's Pantry as well. Beer Bread, German Apple Scone mix and Sourdough Pancake mixes are just a few of the delicious choices now available. Come see us next time you're hungry!

Step into Spring with some fun all-weather clogs and boots from Patt's!

We have a great selection of durable and colorful garden footwear to get your year



started out right. We have clogs available in durable neoprene styles (cold rated to -40) and lightweight colorful waterproof rubber styles. Our mid-calf rainboots come in quirky designs and bright colors. These boots are made for gardening, so treat yourself -or your Mom, Mother's Day is coming, you know- to some fun footwear this gardening season.



April In The Garden

- ◆ Control root weevils now. New products available.
- ◆ Watch for slugs and snails. Control them before they multiply. Bait around new growth.
- ◆ When transplanting, use a solution of B-1 to encourage root growth and continue with a regular fertilizing schedule.
- ◆ Divide and rejuvenate perennials—share with a friend!
- ◆ Spray fruit trees after petal drop to prevent insects from ruining your fruit crop. Both chemical and organic options are available.
- ◆ Weed and thin strawberry beds.
- ◆ Apply rose systemic and fertilizer once 1 inch of new growth has emerged. Deep-water after feeding. Cut deadwood from climbing roses.
- ◆ Direct-sow or transplant cold tolerant herbs and vegetables. Thin early plantings of seedlings. Rotate crops yearly to replenish the soil and prevent the build-up of pathogens.
- ◆ Fertilize azaleas, rhododendrons, trees, shrubs, container plants, and fruit trees. Water thoroughly after fertilizing.
- ◆ If you have billbug damage (brown irregular shaped patches) to your lawn in the past, an April application of grub control may prevent the build-up of larva populations to damaging levels.
- ◆ Add yard debris from clean-up to the compost pile.
- ◆ Amend the soil with organic matter such as peat moss, compost, or well-aged manure.
- ◆ Now is the time to start adjusting the soil pH in order to change the color of your hydrangea blooms.
- ◆ Start to plant your potatoes and onions now.

May In The Garden

- ◆ Don't forget to leave May Baskets for your neighbors and loved ones!
- ◆ Pinch back fall-blooming chrysanthemums every two weeks through the months of May and June to thicken plants and delay bloom.
- ◆ Plant warm season crops and seed (melons, cucumbers, corn) when danger of frost has passed.
- ◆ Lightly fertilize newly transplanted seedlings.
- ◆ Beautiful Memorial Pots available week of May 21st.
- ♥ **Remember Mom w/a gift from Patt's! May 13th is Mother's Day!**

May In The Garden, cont.

- ◆ Begin planting annuals. Stop by Patt's to find your old favorites, as well as new and unique choices.
- ◆ Continue root weevil control.
- ◆ Deadhead rhododendrons by cutting off faded blooms.
- ◆ Apply liquid herbicide when weeds are still small and actively growing to control broadleaf weeds in lawns.
- ◆ Set out plants of tomatoes, eggplant, melons, cucumber, squash and peppers.

June In The Garden

- ◆ Spray roses for black spot and powdery mildew. If you've had problems in the past, spray as a preventative measure. Fertilize roses.
- ◆ **Join us for the Musical Garden Tour to benefit the WA-ID Symphony Saturday June 16th.**
- ◆ Thin and tie up brambles. Pinch runners on newly planted strawberries. Use netting to protect berries from birds. Top-dress established plants with fertilizer or compost.
- ◆ **Remember Dad with a gift from Patt's! Father's Day is June 17th.**
- ◆ Thin fruit after the trees naturally drop their unpollinated fruit. Thin triple clusters to doubles and double clusters to singles.
- ◆ Feed new and established lawns.
- ◆ Deep water (all the way through the roots) all plantings, including areas where automatic irrigation might not reach fully.
- ◆ Continue to pinch back mums.
- ◆ Harvest roses so the cut is just above a leaflet with five, not three, leaves. You won't get new growth (flowers) if you cut above a three-leaf leaflet.
- ◆ Clip hedges so they are slightly wider at the bottom than the top. If you shear hedges twice a year, do it early June and again in early fall. Avoid mid-summer pruning as it can lead to sunburn on tender shaded undergrowth.
- ◆ To keep groundcover and low perennials compact, shear them back after the blooms have faded. Water them well and scatter a complete granular fertilizer over the area.
- ◆ Snap the tender new growth of pines (called candles) in half to control their size.
- ◆ Deadhead faded blossoms to prevent seed from setting which reduces flowering.

Save the Date

Washington Idaho
SYMPHONY

The Washington-Idaho Musical Garden Tour is back again this year! Join us Saturday June 16th for the Musical Garden Tour

and Dinner Among the Flowers, a delightful event where you tour a trio of area gardens while enjoying live music from Symphony musicians and conclude your evening at Patt's Garden Center for a catered dinner and silent auction. The tour will be from 3-5pm, dinner, drinks and auction to follow. More details and ticket information to come.

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What's the word, Hummingbird?

Now is the time to start thinking about attracting our speedy-winged friends to the garden this year. We have a variety of pretty glass feeders, as well as the revolutionary HummerBar, a horizontal feeder with 22 ports to attract multiple birds to one feeder. Hummers are attracted to many kinds of flowers, especially those with tubular blooms like Salvia, Hyssop and Nicotiana. Plant your favorites in containers on your patio so the birds can come visit while you're sitting outside.



Don't forget Dad!

Father's Day is June 17th, so remember Dad with great plants and tools from Patt's. We have a huge selection of blueberries, roses and veggies so Dad can be the neighborhood gardening competition champion. We have Lewiston-made HoeDags, a great multi-use garden tool for digging and chopping, as well as long-reach cut-and-hold bypass pruners that help make garden clean up a cinch. This year, keep his strawberry patch off the ground and free of slugs and mold with these handy Fruit Supports. These plant props give your low-growing



vegetables and fruits 4" of ground clearance to help with air circulation to control disease, as well as helping to keep fruit clean and bug-free.

April is Arbor Month!

April is the perfect time to add a tree to your landscape. Planting and care is a cinch with these durable easy-to-use Planting Rings. Dig the hole for your new tree as deep as the container it comes in, and twice as wide. Nestle the tree ring into that hole, leaving 1" of the ring above ground level. Plant your tree inside the ring and fill the hole in with amended soil. You can tuck rock or bark right



up to the tree ring edges, leaving the center of the ring free of top dressing, creating a basin for water. The basin will channel water

directly to the root system of your tree, helping to ensure deep root growth.

VegSTABLE

From WaterRounds, the gardening brains behind Planting Rings, comes the VegSTABLE! This innovative ring has built-in slots for plant supports to add extra stability when supporting vigorous plants. Secure your supports in the slots with attached screws. These are great for vegetables, herbs and peonies. These rings also create a perfect basin for water, maximizing your water retention, minimizing weeds and preventing soil erosion.





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Spring Happenings at Patt's

Mark your calendars because we have a fun few months ahead of us!

April is Arbor Month! It's the perfect time to plant trees, so enjoy 10% off all Shade, Flowering and Ornamental trees throughout the month.

April 2nd—Don's Birthday. Stop by to wish our boss, Dad and head grower a Happy Birthday!

May Day is May 1st! Don't forget to leave a May Basket for someone you love.

May 12-14th: Mother's Day weekend SALE. Keep an eye out for advertisements in the Lewiston Morning Tribune and on Facebook.

May 20th: Memorial Pots are available. Come check out our selection!

June 16th: WA-ID Symphony Musical Garden Tour and Dinner Among the Flowers. Tour three area gardens while enjoying music from the Symphony. Enjoy a finale performance, catered dinner and silent auction at Patt's after the tour. Tickets available at Patt's.

June 18th: Father's Day weekend SALE. Watch for ads in the Lewiston Morning Tribune and on Facebook.

Visit us often in April, May and June to check out our selection of vegetables, annuals and perennials grown right here at Patt's!

Spring Hours: Monday –Saturday 8am-5pm Sunday 10am-4pm

