

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

July, August, September 2018

Summer is officially here!

We've been enjoying cool weather so far, but know that the hot and dry days are coming. It's important to keep your plants hydrated in preparation for the hot weather. Daily watering and a good mulch around the root base is ideal.

We have some beautiful annual color to freshen up your pots for summer parties., favorites like Vinca, Lantana and more. Perennials like Coreopsis, Coneflower and Hardy Hibiscus are just coming into their own right now, so if you still have some spots available, we have plants to fill them! Posie loves to see her fans, so stop and see us!



- Kate & the Patt's Staff

Customer Appreciation Day September 8th, 2018

Mark your calendars for the 23rd 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!



Mum's the Word

Join us this October as we host the "Welcome Autumn" NGC Flower Show. Co-sponsored by the HiLo Chrysanthemum Society and the Garden Club for



All Seasons, the Mum & Flower Show is a great opportunity to showcase local flora. We're so excited to host Edith Cole and the rest of the hard working garden club members. The public is invited to enter the flower show, as well! Much like fair exhibitions, the "Welcome Autumn" flower show has many categories for flowers from Chrysanthemums to Dahlias, Roses, Petunias, foliage perennials and more. A stem or two of your most prized blooms is all it takes to enter. There are even artistic design categories with various themes from fairy gardens to dried flowers. Pick up an information packet at Patt's in September to see what kind of categories you might want to participate in.

Flower Show Schedule:

Oct 10th: Set up/Entry drop off 1-5pm

Oct 11th: Entry drop off 8:00-9:30am.

Judging 10am-11am.

Show open to the Public Noon-5pm

Oct 12th: Show open 10am-5pm

Oct 13th: Show open 10am-4pm

Oct 13th: Tear down/Entry collection 4-5pm.

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 and azaleas by snapping off spent blooms at their bases being careful not to take new leaves also.

August Gardening Checklist

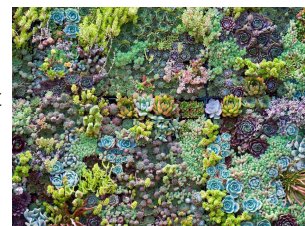
- Sow vegetable and herb seed for fall and winter harvest. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, beans, peas, spinach, carrots and radishes.
- Cut back leggy plants that are past their peak bloom time and fertilize them.
- Fertilize roses for the last time no later than mid-August. Water at ground level or 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.

September Gardening Checklist

- **Remember Customer Appreciation Day is Saturday, September 8th!**
- 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 we have a huge selection, so shop early!
- Cut back leggy plants and divide crowded perennials.

Succulent Savvy

Succulents are perfect for our hot, dry summer weather. We love to plant Sedum, Hens & Chicks, Lewisia and others both in containers and in the ground, as they provide excellent coverage, color and texture throughout the hottest months. You'll enjoy the way the bright colored blooms and unusual foliage contrast with each other and your other plants. Succulents (both indoor and out) prefer a sunny area with well-drained soil with a lot of texture like sand, rock and perlite.



Posie Poses

Halloween is coming, and we need some costume ideas for our 31 days of Posie. Our favorite fuzzball loves to dress up in goofy outfits to make us laugh and we love to share those with you. If you have an idea, send it to us!



Email: pattsgardencenter@gmail.com

Phone: (509) 758-4104 or

Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/pattsgardencenter

Rose Requests

Do you have a favorite rose bush you've been wanting to add to your collection? We're currently putting together rose order for 2018 and we're happy to take your requests! Does the sweet smell of 'Double Delight' hold a special place in your heart? Or the classic multicolored blooms of 'Peace'? Or maybe you're anxious to try the newest introductions from Weeks Roses or Star Roses? We'll have them all!



Please get your requests in by July 31st.

We're spending July working on tree, shrub and perennials orders as well, so get those requests in ASAP!

What's Bugging You?



We've seen a ton of bug damage this Spring thanks to the cool, wet weather. It's important to know the signs of some of our most common pests in order to know how to treat them.

Earwig/Slug/Grasshopper damage: All three chew holes in leaves, flowers and fruit to cause unsightly damage. Treat with a granular bait with carbaryl and metaldehyde.



Aphids: These creepy crawlies remove sap from plants with their piercing-sucking mouth parts. A severe infestation can lead to leaf curl and yellow color. They loves tomatoes, roses, Treat with a liquid spray containing spinosad or carbaryl.

Budworm: A particular pest for Geraniums and Petunias, these small green worms eat the tender buds before they can open, resulting hole-filled blooms or no blooms at all.

Treat with a liquid spray containing pyretherins.



Rootweevil: This critter created a double-whammy effect on plants. The adult weevils chew perfect pinking shear-like patterns in the leaves of plants while their larvae munch on the roots. A systemic insecticide containing acephate is most effective. Watch for damage on their favorites like peonies, rhodies, lilacs, roses and holly.



PATT'S GARDEN CENTER

1280 PORT DRIVE

CLARKSTON, WA 99403

(509) 758-4104

Upcoming Events

September 8th—23rd Annual Customer Appreciation Day. Join us for sales, snacks & fun!

October 11-13th—Celebrate Fall Mum & Flower Show. Entry is open to the public, stop in for more details on how to enter your beautiful blooms.

October 11th—Gourdgeous Gourds Workshop \$50. Join us for an evening turning unusual gourds and pumpkins into "gourd-geous" living centerpieces. We'll use colorful succulents like Sedum and Hens & Chicks to decorate the tops of our locally grown pumpkins, gourds & squash and accessorize with dried flowers, seed pods and pine cones.

November 24th—Holiday Wreath Workshop \$35. Three times slots available.

November 24th—Fresh cut evergreen Christmas trees available.

December 8th—Soup & Shop Saturday