

# Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

October, November, December 2018

## Happy Fall, ya'll!

As the leaves change color, the Pansies pop into bloom and our nursery fills up with pumpkins, gourds and squash, we head into our favorite season. Fall is a fabulous time for planting, decorating and visiting Patt's! We have a beautiful selection of fall color for you containers as well as colorful and unique pumpkins, gourds and squash grown by our friend Polly in Juliaetta, ID. We have several fun workshops and events coming up this fall, so be sure to join us for those! Winter will bring our favorite Amaryllis, Paperwhite, Christmas trees and wreaths. And of course, soup season! Patt's Pantry will be fully stocked with your favorite soup mixes, scones and local honey. Stop in often, there's always something fun going on and Posie loves to see you!  
- Kate & the Patt's Staff



## "Welcome Autumn" Flower Show

We're excited to host the Hi-Lo Chrysanthemum Society and All Seasons Garden Club's fall flower show again this year. Flower Show entry guidelines are available here at Patt's and on our website [www.pattsgardencenter.com](http://www.pattsgardencenter.com). Entry for this show is much like the county fair: bring a stem of your prized flower or foliage, fill out an entry card with all the pertinent information and leave it on display for a few days for people to enjoy. Entry cards are available at Patt's, as well. Categories range from blooms to foliage and seed heads to floral design. Entries will be received at Patt's Wednesday October 11th 1-5pm and Thursday October 12th 8-9:30am. The judges will review entries Thursday morning and the show will be open for public viewing at 1pm Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm and Saturday 8am-3pm. Enjoy the flowers on display at the show, then browse the flowers for sale at Patt's...sounds like a great afternoon!



## Fall is for Planting

In the Valley, often we're lucky enough to have mild temperatures through October, so we encourage fall planting. Fall moisture helps trees and shrubs establish their root systems. When air temperatures are cooler than the soil, new root growth is encouraged without new top growth. The result is a stronger, better developed root system for the next spring when the plant begins to grow. Establishing blooming shrubs in the fall allows for you to enjoy spring blooms in your yard rather than at the nursery. There are plenty of fall blooming perennials to enjoy, as well as containers full of ornamental Cabbage and Kale, Pansies, Mums and other fall favorites. We sometimes consider the gardening season "over" after summer, but we love to keep things going throughout the winter. In addition to our favorite winter-blooming pansies and violas, you can enjoy perennial Helleborus, Heuchera, Wintergreen and others in containers on your porch to greet holiday guests. Just remember to water containers that may be under cover and out of the path of winter moisture weekly to keep the roots from freezing dry, that way when the soil thaws, moisture will be available.



### 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 the "Welcome Autumn" Flower Show at Patt's! October 11th-13th, 8am-5pm. Admittance is free, and you can even enter your own flowers in the show!**
- ◆ **Attend Gourdeous Gourds Workshop Oct 11th. \$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 Continued

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Attend our Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop. November 15th, 5:30-7pm. \$30 per person. Build your own festive fall centerpiece with cut flowers, fall foliage and berries. Call us to sign up.**

### The Gardener's November Continued

- ◆ **Attend our Holiday Wreath Workshop Nov 24th.** 3 time slots available to build your own fresh evergreen wreath with fragrant boughs and pinecones.
- ◆ 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 24th.**
- ◆ Collect stakes and trellises; clean and store them for next season. Disinfect seedling containers. Clean gutters of fallen leaves.
- ◆ Clean up and destroy leaves of Crabapple and Hawthorn when they've fallen. After leaf fall, dormant spray with a copper fungicide to protect against fireblight and leaf spot.
- ◆ 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 1st from 11am-5pm! Sample a few of the tasty soup mixes available at Patt's.**
- ◆ **Attend our Christmas Centerpiece Workshop! Sunday December 16th, 1-3pm. \$30 per person. Build your own holiday centerpiece with fragrant evergreen boughs, pine cones, a candle and more. Call us to sign up.**

## Small Business Saturday

Of course, we think every day is a great day to support small business, but in recent years, **Small Business Saturday** has developed into a national holiday to recognize and patronize your favorite small businesses. The Saturday after Thanksgiving has been dedicated to visiting small, local businesses to experience the different in customer service, quality products and shopping atmosphere. We're lucky enough to live in a community with such great small businesses, so come join us on Saturday November 24th! Browse our Christmas trees, handmade wreaths and great giftware for gardeners. We'll have hot cider and scones for sampling, \$10 make-and-take garden projects and a wreath workshop.

Another favorite winter tradition is our annual **Soup & Shop Saturday** event! Join us on Saturday December 1st for free samples of our Patt's Pantry soup mixes. It's the perfect day to try great flavors from Rills Specialty Foods like Thorpellini Tortellini, Corn Chowder and more before you buy. Mixes are available in a variety of flavors, including gluten free selections, 5 cup and 10 cup serving sizes and each mix is easy to make and quite tasty. Sampling starts at 11am.



## 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 metal wall art, boots, clogs, gloves and more! Come visit us this holiday season—yule be glad you did!

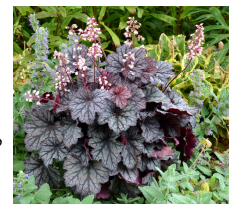
## Hellebores & Heuchera

Winter isn't just for cozy blankets and hot chocolate. It's also for Hellebores and Heuchera! These hardy perennials look great in containers or in the ground and will provide color and texture for the whole winter.



Hellebores brighten up the winter landscape like nothing else. Blooming in the dead of winter and into early spring, these evergreen perennials thrive in moist, well-drained soil in partial shade. They make great container plants and come in a variety of colors and bloom-times. Look for festive December-blooming varieties like 'Jacob' with pure white flowers that can be grown in a container by the front door or brought inside for a few weeks of indoor excitement. They look great next to your Poinsettias and Amaryllis! Hellebores make wonderful gifts for your favorite gardeners for Christmas and winter birthdays. Many varieties bloom from January through March and April. We love 'Josef' 'Pink Frost,' 'Ivory Prince,' 'Monte Cristo' and well... all of them! Colors range from pure white to apricot, maroon, yellow and all kinds of shades in between.

Heuchera, or Coral Bells, are an old fashioned favorite with colorful foliage and dainty blooms. They keep their foliage in the winter, so they make great additions for porch containers. You'll love all the new varieties that are being introduced like "Fire Chief" with ruffly, burgundy foliage and frothy white blooms in Spring. These tough perennials are a deer's favorite snack, however, so be mindful of that.





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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 11-13th—"Welcome Autumn" 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 during our regular business hours.

**October 11th—Gorgeous Gourds Workshop**, 5:30-7pm. \$50. Join us for a Thursday evening creating your own unique gourd centerpiece.

**November 1st**—Tickets will be available for the Willow Center's Little Big Wagon Raffle! Choose from several awesome themed wagons, including ours.

**November 15th**—Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop, 5:30-7pm. \$30 per person. Create your own festive fall centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table with a candle, cut flowers and fall foliage.

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

**December 1st**—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 16th**— Christmas Centerpiece Workshop, 1-3pm. \$30 per person. Create your own elegant evergreen centerpiece with a candle, fragrant evergreens and cut flowers.

**December 25th-January 2nd**— Closed for the Holidays