

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

July, August, September 2019

Sweet Summertime

It's nice to kick back and enjoy the sweet fruits of your spring labor in the form of fresh veggies, fruits and herbs from your garden, isn't it? If you have a few empty spots, we have blueberries, raspberries and blackberries ripe for the picking. And all kinds of fresh herbs for dinner parties and craft cocktails, bright pops of color for your containers and whimsical yard art. We've seen a lot of bug damage and disease this spring and we're fully stocked with organic and non-organic remedies for whatever ails your lawn and garden see this season. See you soon!

- Kate and the Patt's Staff

Support System

It's never too early to start planning your garden for next year, is it? Due to an early season mix-up, we just now received a shipment of wire cages and trellises including square, heavy duty galvanized wire cages that can be hooked together for more coverage and fold flat for easy storage and A-Frame trellises for peas, squash, cucumbers or annual vines that also fold flat. Both types of supports come in various sizes to accommodate most any garden situation. Come check them out!



BLOB HOUSE

Have you seen our Blob House Critters yet? Georgetown Home & Garden and Portland artist Gesine Kratzner collaborated to turn Kratzner's whimsical drawings into functional garden planters. This cheerful and wacky collection is perfect for adding a bit of playfulness to your home, office or dorm room. Suitable for air plants and indoor succulents, Blob House characters enliven any space with their delightful expressions. You can even use them for a candy dish or pencil holder! Durable and fun, with a menagerie of characters like birds, dogs, cats, zebras, frogs, lions, tigers and more there's sure to be a Blob to fit your personality. Why not collect 'em all?



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 7th!**
- 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.

Mum's the Word

Join us this October as we host "Autumn: The Year's Last Sweetest Smile" 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 again this year as they bring in blooms to share with us.

The public is invited to enter the flower show, too! Much like fair exhibitions, the "Welcome Autumn" flower show has many categories for flowers from Chrysanthemums to Dahlias, Roses, Petunias, Cosmos, foliage perennials like Hostas and so many 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 like fairy gardens, dried arrangements and floral design. Pick up an information packet at Patt's in September to see what kind of categories you might want to participate in. It's a fun, no pressure way to share your flowers with the public and you might even win a blue ribbon!

Flower Show Schedule:

Oct 9th: Set up/Entry drop off 1-5pm

Oct 10th: Entry drop off 8:00-9:30am.

Judging 10am-11am.

Show open to the Public Noon-5pm

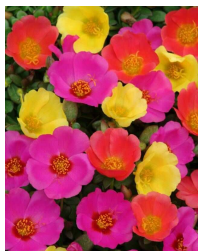
Oct 10th: Show open 10am-5pm

Oct 11th: Show open 10am-4pm

Oct 12th: Tear down/Entry collection 4-5pm.

Summer Suggestions

The summer heat and bug trouble takes a toll on our containers, often leaving holes in some of our favorite containers. Our favorite heat lovers to the rescue: Vinca, Portulaca and Evolvulus, Salvia, Celosia and sweet potato vine will fill those gaps and continue to show off for you well into the fall. Shady spots could use a dash of color with Begonias, Coleus and Impatiens.



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 2020 and we're happy to take your requests! Does the sweet smell of 'Radiant Perfume' hold a special place in your heart? Or the classic deep red of 'Mr Lincoln'? 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!

Haitian Art

Have you seen our beautiful new Haitian art? Made from recycled steel oil drums, each design is hand cut with a mallet and chisel. This art form began in the late 1950s with a blacksmith named Georges Liataud. Many talented sculptors have since followed. These innovative sculptures are even featured in prestigious institutions like the Museums of Modern Art in both Paris and New York. Each recycled steel sculpture is made to be used inside or out. Outside they take on a beautiful patina. You may spray it with clear gloss varnish to preserve the original look. Painted pieces are not recommended for outdoor use.





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Upcoming Events

September 7th—24th Annual Customer Appreciation Day. Join us for sales, snacks & fun!

October 10-12th—Autumn Mum & Flower Show. Entry is open to the public, stop in for more details on how to enter your own beautiful blooms.

October 10th—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. Call us at (509) 758-4104 to sign up.

November 23rd—Holiday Wreath Workshop \$35. Spend an hour creating your own fresh holiday wreath with evergreen boughs, cones and all the trimmings. Three times slots available, space is limited. Call us at (509) 758-4104 o sign up.

November 23rd—Fresh cut evergreen Christmas trees available.

December 7th—Soup & Shop Saturday. Sample soups, scones and more from Patt's Pantry while you browse our holiday décor, trees and wreaths.