

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

October, November, December 2019

Leaves are falling, Autumn is Calling



It's hard to believe fall has rolled around again, but that's the way time flies! We're always happy to see the leaves change color and our space fill up with fun pumpkins, gourds and squash from Taylor Dennler Farms in

Juliaetta. You'll love how much character a pile of pumpkins will add to your fall displays. We love to plant containers this time of year, too! Switch out those tired petunias for bright mums, ornamental cabbage and kale and pansies. Or add perennials like heuchera, ornamental Grasses and hellebores for long lasting color and texture. Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs so keep an eye out for our ads in the paper for fall sales. We have all kinds of fun workshops and events planned for this fall, read on for more information about those. Watch for Posie's 31 Days of Costumes throughout October on Facebook.

Enjoy this season! We'll have Paperwhite, Amaryllis bulbs and Christmas trees before you know it!

- Kate & the Patt's Staff

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. The theme for 2019 is "Autumn: The Seasons Last Sweetest Smile." Flower Show entry guidelines are available here at Patt's and on our website 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 specific blooms (Dahlias, Geraniums, etc) to foliage (Hostas, Coral Bells, etc) and seed heads (grass plumes) to floral design categories. Entries will be received at Patt's Wednesday October 9th 1-5pm and Thursday October 10th 8-9:30am. The judges will review entries Thursday morning and the show will be open for public viewing at 1pm Thursday, Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Enjoy the flowers on display at the show, then browse the flowers for sale at Patt's...sounds like a great afternoon!

Polly's Pumpkins, Squash & Gourds

We're fully stocked with beautiful and unusual pumpkins, squash and gourds from Taylor Dennler Farms in Juliaetta. Pair those with some strawbales, cornstalks and blooming fall favorites like mums and pansies and your fall display will be the envy of the neighborhood. Now is the time to plant containers with ornamental cabbage and kale, heuchera,



hellebores, grasses and small evergreens for continued color for the winter.



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!

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 "Autumn: The Seasons Last Sweetest Smile" Flower Show at Patt's! October 10th-12th, 8am-5pm. Admission is free, and you can even enter your own flowers in the show!**
- ◆ **Attend Gourdeous Gourds Workshop Oct 10th, \$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.
- ◆ **Visit us for beautiful and unusual locally grown pumpkins, gourds and squash. Take festive photos with our '51 Ford pick up and Posie, too!**

The Gardener's November

- ◆ **Attend our Holiday Wreath Workshop Nov 30th.** Three time slots available to build your own fresh evergreen wreath with fragrant boughs and pinecones.
- ◆ **Join us for Small Business Saturday November 30th.**

The Gardener's November Continued

- ◆ Clean and sharpen outdoor garden equipment and store for winter.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Collect stakes and trellises; clean and store them for next season. Disinfect seedling containers. Clean gutters of fallen leaves.
- ◆ Continue to rake and compost fallen leaves or run over them with a mower and use as mulch.
- ◆ 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 7th from 11am-5pm! Sample a few of the tasty soup mixes available at Patt's**
- ◆ **Watch for the Patt's float in the Christmas parade!**

Succulent Wreath Workshop

Join us Thursday November 7th at 5:30pm for a fun evening creating your own living wreath out of succulents! We'll use a grapevine wreath base and attach live sedum and hens & chicks, along with moss, pinecones, bows and more to create a unique piece of decor for your home. Wreaths may be hung outdoors, but will last longer if kept indoors and protected from freezing weather. Class is \$45, includes all instruction and materials. Call us to sign up at (509) 758-4104.



Evergreen Wreath Workshop

Join us Saturday November 30th for a fun afternoon creating your own evergreen wreath for the holidays! We'll show you how to arrange fresh, fragrant evergreen boughs into a lovely wreath. Take it home undecorated for \$25 or for an extra \$10, add accessories and a bow from our stash. Three time slots available, six people per time slot, 11am, 1pm, 3pm. Space is limited, so call us to sign up!



Soup & Shop Saturday

Another favorite winter tradition is our annual **Soup & Shop Saturday** event! Join us on Saturday December 7th for free samples of our Patt's Pantry soup mixes. It's the perfect day to try great flavors from Rills Specialty Foods—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. We'll have all of our other Patt's Pantry offerings for sampling as well. Delicious goods like scones and biscuit mixes from Papa Ray's Marketplace in Spokane, flavored popcorn from Killian Korn in Othello, hot cocoa mixes from Vancouver and dip mixes from Pasco. Washington-made gifts are fun to send to out town friends and family, so stop by and sample a few!



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 is designated for visiting local businesses to experience the difference in customer service, quality products and shopping atmosphere. We're lucky enough to live in a community with so many great small businesses, so get out there and visit 'em on Saturday November 30th! You'll find fresh cut Christmas trees, handmade wreaths and great giftware for gardeners at Patt's. We'll have hot cider and scones for sampling, make-and-take garden projects and a wreath workshop. Posie will be available to autograph her calendars and take festive photos.





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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 10-12th—"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 10th—Gourdgeous 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 7th—Succulent Wreath Workshop, 5:30-7pm. \$45 per person. Create your own festive fall wreath with live succulents, pinecones and other accessories.

November 26th—Christmas Trees arrive at Patt's!

November 30th—Small Business Saturday Make-and-Take projects and more!

November 30th—Evergreen Wreath Workshop, 3 time slots. \$25. Create your own evergreen wreath with us. Take it home and decorate it or add accessories from our stash.

December 7th—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 6th— Closed for the Holidays