

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

April, May, June 2020

Well gardeners, the world and our retail experience look a little different this year, but spring is coming for us no matter what. As per Governor Inslee's Stay at Home order, we're classified an essential business because we support the cultivation of food through the sale of seeds, plants and products to grow a garden. We're thankful for that distinction as we know how "essential" gardening is for both physical and mental health these days. We're also thankful for our innovative staff for adapting and working to create a different kind of shopping experience that minimizes your exposure to other people and keeps our staff safe and healthy, as well. While we have plenty of wide open space for appropriate social distancing and you're welcome to browse the nursery and shop like usual, we also welcome orders via phone, email or Facebook messenger. Feel free to place your order ahead of time and trust us to choose the healthiest and freshest plants available, then we can take payment over the phone or right out at your vehicle when you arrive. We'll run it out to your car for you when you arrive. You can even let us design your containers this year with a list of color combos you like or plants that you favor. We can help choose plants for new flowerbeds or trees for the yard. Just call (509) 758-4104 or email pattsgardencenter@gmail.com and we'll do whatever we can to help. We're in this together.

- Kate & the Patt's Staff

April is Arbor Month

To celebrate our 30th Spring in business, all shade, flowering and fruit trees are **30% off for the entire month of April!**

Did you know...

- Shade trees can reduce utility bills by 15-50%.
- One tree can absorb the carbon dioxide produced by four cars every year.
- Healthy trees can increase residential property values by up to 15%
- Planting trees remains the cheapest, most effective means of drawing excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Planting Partners

Since April is Arbor Month, it's the perfect time to plant new trees! We have a beautiful selection of shade, flowering and fruit trees that are ready to go in the ground. We also have mulch mats and planting rings to ensure success in your planting endeavors. When planting trees in your lawn, be sure to cut out a 18-24" circle of grass around the base of the tree. Mulch Mats are made from a combination of natural coco fiber and natural latex. This mat keeps weeds from growing and gives plantings a clean polished look. You can also use Planting Rings to make watering easy. These sturdy non-eroding water basins are easy to install and help create a basin around the tree which when



filled, will allow water to slowly penetrate the soil, funneling water right to the root zone without wasteful runoff. It even creates a perfect area to plant flowers beneath your favorite trees! Available in several sizes.

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 with a gift from Patt's! May 10th is Mother's Day!**

May In The Garden, cont.

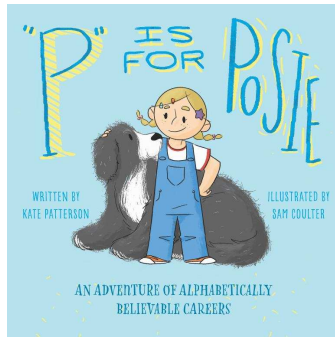
- ◆ Begin planting annuals. Stop by Patt's to find your old favorites, as well as new and unique choices.
- ◆ Continue root weevil control.
- ◆ Deadhead rhododendrons by cutting off faded blooms.
- ◆ Apply liquid herbicide when weeds are still small and actively growing to control broadleaf weeds in 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.
- ◆ 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 21st.**
- ◆ 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.

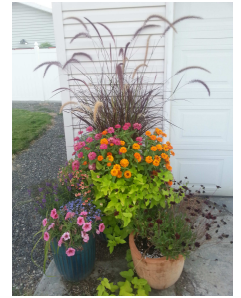
“P” is for Posie

In case you missed it: Kate wrote a book! The Patt’s mascot and everyone’s favorite fuzzball is featured in this charming children’s book. “P” is for Posie is an ABC book featuring Posie’s fictional sidekick Vera Kate explaining all of the alphabetically believable careers she thinks suitable for Posie. It’s a pawsitively fun book perfect for Easter Baskets. We even have complimentary Posie coloring pages to include with the book. Signed copies are available here at Patt’s and we can ship books, too! Posie has even made her way onto greeting cards and coasters.



Calling Container Fanatics:

I don't know about you, but every time we take plants home to plant my pots, my coworkers and I end up one or two plants short. Talk about frustrating! Lucky for us, we have to come to Patt’s every day for work, so we can just grab a couple more and take them home.



Of course, we’d love for you to make many, many trips to visit us this season, but we realize that with everything going on in the world right now, that's not always possible. Bringing all your patio pots with you when you shop isn't really feasible either. So, here's an idea: Trace the top of the pot onto a piece of cardboard and bring it with you. Place plants on your pattern as you shop to gauge the right amount of plants to fit your pot. That way you can test out combinations while you shop and you have easy access to the creative brains here at Patt’s. Plus, it’s just plain fun.

But wait...

Don't have time to plant your containers? Don't want to spend too much time around other people at the nursery? Let us design your pots for you! Just give us container size, a budget and color choices and we'll box up a beautiful selection for you. You can drive up, pick them up and plant them at home. OR let us plant pots for you! Bring your own pots and we'll plant them for a \$10 per-pot fee + the cost of the plants.

Grow-Through Plant Supports

Even the biggest, heaviest blooms like peonies can hold their heads high with the help of these clever Grow Through Plant Supports. Set them out in spring and stems will grow right up through the supports, keeping plants standing straight and tall and preventing unsightly flopping. The grid-shaped design helps tender stems support heavy blossoms. Each support consists of one top and three legs and are dark green-coated sturdy wire

that will blend in with plant foliage. Supports come in several sizes and are ideal for many perennials like Shasta Daisies, Poppies, Peonies, Campanula, Rudbeckia and others.



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Just Like Goldlocks

It seems that our soil is always too sandy or packed with too much clay, it's never juuuust right. We have several solutions to this problem. Check out our selection of composts and other soil amendments.

Soil Conditioner and Compost from Whitney Farms help break up clay soil by adding organic matter back into the soil and can be applied throughout the yard - from the lawn to the vegetable garden. Look for Mushroom Mulch, Worm Castings, and manure to add important nutrients to your soil. Lime, Gypsum, Soil Acidifier and others will adjust pH and help loosen heavy soil.





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Hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-5pm
Closed Sunday until the Stay at Home Order is lifted.

The Easter Bunny shops at Patt's!

Traditionally we hold a workshop the week before Easter and invite gardeners to come and create their own living Easter baskets with a selection of live blooming annuals and perennials. We put all the plants into a wicker basket and accessorize with colorful moss, miniature garden pieces, ribbon and other goodies. Since we can't meet in large groups this year, we will offer take-and-make kits for Easter!

Each \$45 kit includes:

10" Wicker Basket and burlap liner

(5) 4" blooming perennials and annuals

Moss for top dressing

Plastic easter eggs + candy

Bow and other accessories

Call us at (509) 758-4104 to reserve your kit. We'll gather all the supplies, take payment over the phone or when you arrive to pick up. This is a great project for kids! Dress up a couple for your house or drop them off on the porches of grandparents and neighbors!

