

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

January, February, March 2021

Spring is coming!

We know spring is near as our greenhouses are stuffed full of seedlings already and the promise of sunshine and new growth has us very excited! Tiny vegetables and annuals are sending out roots as quick as they can. We've been pouring over supplier catalogs and ordering trees, shrubs, perennials and all kinds of great giftware. Keep an eye out for USA-made wooden wall art, jigsaw puzzles and other fun items arriving later this month.

In other news, we're happy to welcome my big brother Justin back to the family business. He and his wife Krista have both joined our team, so be sure to say hi when you're here!

-Kate & the Patt's Staff

Tools for the Trade

We're fully stocked up on all the tools you'll need to get your yard in tip-top shape for Spring. We have a whole collection of extendable handle tools from Corona—rakes, spades, cultivators—that are made from durable steel and will extend up to 34" for ease of use. You'll love the Lewiston-made HoeDag



for any weeding, digging or chopping, too. In addition to the original HoeDag design, we have their shovels, hand rakes and cultivators, all made in Lewiston with sturdy hardwood handles, carbon steel blades and a lifetime guarantee. We have our favorite Atlas gloves in stock in all colors and sizes and rose gloves that will protect your arms from pesky thorns.

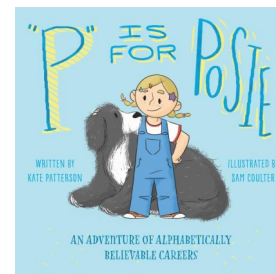
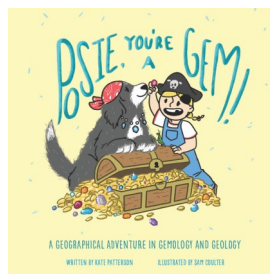
The Buzz on Mason Bees



Have you heard about Mason Bees? These friendly pollinators are great for home gardens and their lives are completely fascinating! Our friends at Knox Cellars Bees in Bremerton, WA are committed to bringing bees back to backyard orchards and we're excited to be a part of that mission. Orchard Mason bees are classified as solitary gregarious bees. This means that they have no real social interaction in the sense that a honeybee population would, but mason bees do like to nest near each other. What does this mean for you? It means that mason bees don't protect their eggs after they lay them. They actually don't care about you or your children at all so they are the perfect backyard bee. The male has no stinger. The female has one but uses it so seldom that there is a common belief that mason bees can't sting. The females can but rarely do. Mason bees do not make honey, but they pollinate upwards of 1600 flowers per day! We have books, habitats, cocoons and more Mason Bee info, so stop by and see us!

New year, new Posie book!

Last year at this time we were celebrating the release of Kate and Posie's first children's book, "P" is for Posie. This year, they're proud to announce the release of book #2: "Posie, You're a Gem!" This geographical adventure in geology and gemology follows Posie and her pal Vera Kate as they traverse the Pacific Northwest in search of buried gems. Readers will learn about star garnets, sapphires, sunstone and other gems in our area. A perfect adventure for rock hounds young and old. Both Posie books are available at Patt's and online at www.pattsgardencenter.com.



January Gardening Checklist

- Cut Forsythia, Quince and Pussy Willow branches to force for indoor blooming. Cut young sprays flush with the main branch and place in warm water in a bright window.
- Use dormant spray for disease control and spray oil for insect control on fruit trees. Apply while tree is dormant (leafless).
- Remember to water plants growing under eaves.
- Review garden plan. Now is the time to redesign on paper.
- Plan and purchase seeds for spring planting.
- Check stored bulbs and tubers. If dry, spray with water. Discard any that have rotted.
- Call Patt's to reserve your favorite rose varieties.
- Remember to purchase bird feed products for your feathered friends.

March Gardening Checklist

- Begin spring clean-up. Remove winter mulches. Prepare beds for spring planting. Begin hardening off seedlings.
- Watch for aphids on new growth. Prevent with systemic drenches.
- It's not too late for crabgrass control.
- Sow warm-season vegetable and annual seeds indoors.
- Plant cool season annuals such as primroses and pansies for early spring color.
- Plant cool-season veggies (beets, spinach, lettuce, peas, radishes) and hardy annuals directly in the ground when all danger of hard frost is past and the ground has warmed.
- Divide and transplant perennials.
- Plant sweet peas. Remember to provide a support system.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs after they have leafed out. Ask our staff which fertilizer is best for your specific plants.
- Clean, paint and repair garden furniture.

Workshops

With ever-changing restrictions and guidelines, it's been tricky for us to hold our usual classes. We've instead come up with some fun take-home projects! Check out our website and Facebook page for more details:

Valentine Baskets Feb. 1st: Fill a 10" wicker basket with a selection of houseplants and gift it to someone you love! \$45
Love Blobs Feb 8th: blob of your choice + air plant or succulent, \$20.

Easter Baskets Mar 29th: Fill a 10" wicker basket with blooming annuals and perennials and Easter accessories. \$45

February Gardening Checklist

- ♥ Remember your Valentine with a gardening gift!
- Repot stored geranium plants. Cut branches back to 4 inches. Soak roots overnight, stretch out and trim to 4 inches. Pot 4-6 inches deep and place in bright light in a cool room. Ideal method is to place in an unheated room with grow lights.
- Start cuttings from plants over wintering in the house. Set out in May.
- Bait for snails and slugs now - they don't hibernate!
- Prune trees and shrubs except for those that bloom in the spring—wait until they are finished flowering to prune spring bloomers.
- Pick up and dispose of all garden debris.
- Service and clean all garden machinery.
- Apply pre-emergent to flower and shrub beds for season-long weed and grass control. Most need to be watered in to achieve maximum results.
- Sow slow-growing annual, vegetable and herb seeds in flats indoors.
- Fertilize asparagus and rhubarb by side-dressing with well-rotted manure.
- Apply combination pre-emergent/fertilizer to lawn for crabgrass control. Timing is of the utmost importance.

The Dirt on good Soil

My mom always says "dirt is under your fingernails, soil is what you pay for" and like all things that come out of her mouth, she has a point. Dirt is basically misplaced soil, like mud on your shoes (or under your fingernails) or dust swept up off the floor. When you remove it from the ground, soil erodes and becomes dirt. Soil is purchased in bags or "made" by adding organic material to liven up "dead" ground that has become compacted and void of nutrients. Good soil is paramount to healthy plants, so it's important to use potting soil in containers, rather than digging up "dirt" from your yard. Good soil is essentially "alive" with organisms working together to maintain soil structure and help your plants produce fruit and flowers. Aeration and moisture retention are very important for healthy roots, so a container soil blend will have peat moss for moisture retention and perlite for aeration. Like most things, you get what you pay for; keep that in mind when you shop - you wouldn't want to put a \$30 plant in a \$5 hole, right? We carry brands like Black Gold and Gardner & Bloome made with quality blends of peat moss and perlite and have added nutrients like composted animal manure, worm castings and other organic matter to help maintain a healthy soil structure. If your soil is happy, your plants are happy. And that makes us happy.

Roses 2021

HYBRID TEAS

About Face	O
*All Dressed Up	P
Anna's Promise	O
Blue Girl	L
Brandy	A
Cherry Parfait	R/W
Chrysler Imperial	R
Dark Night	R
Dick Clark	Cr/P/R
*Double Delight	R/W
Dream Come True	Y/O
*Elle	P
*Enchanted Peace	Y/O/P
*Eternal Flame	Y
*Fragrant Cloud	Co
*Francis Meilland	P
*Fun in the Sun	Y/P
*Heirloom	L
Ingrid Bergman	R
Legends	R
Midas Touch	Y
Miss Congeniality	P/W
*~Mister Lincoln	R
Moonstone	W
Mother of Pearl	S
*Neil Diamond	P/W
Neptune	L
*New Zealand	P
Olympiad	R
Over the Moon	A
Oh Happy Day Eleganza	A
*Papa Meilland	R
*~Peace	P/Y
*Perfume Factory	PU
*^Peter Mayle	P
Pope John Paul II	W
*^Queen Mary II	W
*Radiant Perfume	Y
Rio Samba	Y/O
*Rock & Roll	R/W
Sedona	R/Co/O
State of Grace	P
*Sugar Moon	W
*Tropicana	CO
Vavoom	O
Veteran's Honor	R
*Voodoo	O

FLORIBUNDAS

*Angel Face	L
*Barbra Streisand	L
Celestial Night	Pu
^Cinco de Mayo	Ru
Colorific	Co/S
^Easy Does It	A
^Easy Going	Y
Easy Spirit	W
Easy to Please	P
^Ebb Tide	Pu
^Europeana	R
^Frida Kahlo	R/Y
Drop Dead Red	R
Gingersnap	Y/O
Hot Cocoa	Rust
*Intrigue	Pu
~*^Julia Child	Y
*^Julio Iglesias	W/R/P
^Ketchup & Mustard	R/Y
Lava Flow	R
*Life of the Party	Y/P
^Livin' Easy	Y
^Mardi Gras	Y/O/P
Marmalade Skies	Co
^Passionate Kisses	P
*Purple Tiger	P/W
Rainbow Sorbet	Y/O/R
*Queen of Elegance	P
Rosie the Riveter	O/Y
*Scentimental	R/W
^Sexy Rexy	P
Showbiz	R
Silver Lining	L
Sparkle & Shine	Y
Sunsprite	Y
White Licorice	W

MINIATURE

^Baby Paradise	P
^Cherry Sunblaze	R/W
^Coffee Bean	Rust
^Cutie Pie	A/Y
Rainbow's End	Y/R
^Rainbow Sunblaze	Y/O/R
^Red Sunblaze	R
^Ruby Ruby	R
^Sweet Sunblaze	P
^Tiddly Winks	Y/O/P

CLIMBERS

^Above All	O
Blaze Improved	R
Cecile Brunner	P
*^Eden	P
Fourth of July	R/W
Golden Opportunity	Y
Joseph's Coat	Y/O
Lady in Red	R
*^Pretty in Pink Eden	P
^Red Eden	R
Sally Holmes	W
Tropical Lightning	O/Cr
*^White Eden	W
*Zepherine Drouhin	P

SHRUB

^Edith's Darling	Y
^Moje Hammarberg	P
Oranges N' Lemons	Y/O
^Trumpeter	O

GROUNDCOVER

White Meidiland	W
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18" TREE ROSE

Edith's Darling	Y
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24" TREE ROSE

Ebb Tide	Pu
*Edith's Darling	A
White Licorice	W

36" TREE ROSE

Jump for Joy	A
Sexy Rexy	P
Vavoom	O

We happy to offer some long-arm Rose Gloves in a variety of colors made from washable synthetic leather with padded palms and knuckles for extra protection, as well as reinforced stress points for added durability.



Symbol Code:
 ^ Own-Root
 ~ AARS Winner
 * denotes strong fragrance
Bold font—new variety

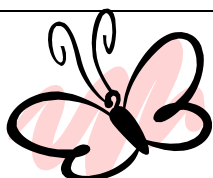
Reservations:
 Call Patt's Garden Center at
 (509) 758-4104 to
 reserve your favorite roses!
 We'll tag them and call you
 when they're budded and ready

Color Code:
P—Pink, **R**—Red **W**—White
Cr—Cream **Y**—Yellow
O—Orange **Pu**—Purple
Co—Coral **S**—Salmon
A—Apricot **L**—Lavender
Ru—Rust



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Just So You Know: The word “Echinacea” comes from the Greek word “echinos” meaning “hedgehog” referring to the flower’s spiky central cone.



Butterfly & Hummingbird Garden Ideas

Most of us love to see the painted wings of butterflies or a mysterious speedy-winged hummingbird in their yard from time to time, so why not start designing your yard for just that purpose? There is an abundance of flora that attracts such creatures and specific ways to arrange them to optimize your space and create the best habitat for return visitors.

Both butterflies and hummingbirds prefer sunny, protected, pesticide-free locations with abundant food and water sources. When constructing a butterfly and/or hummingbird garden, start with foundation plantings. To protect your winged friends, plant a windbreak of **columnar hornbeam, maple or flowering pear**. Or, try **butterfly bush, lilac, mock orange or viburnum** if a shorter, shrubbier windbreak is appealing to you. Vines such as **honeysuckle and trumpet vine** appeal to both and grow very quickly. Butterflies are attracted to flowers based on size, shape, color and fragrance and all of this is based on the size and type of butterfly. Hummingbirds are attracted to tubular, scentless, brightly colored flowers to which they can easily gain access by while hovering. Supplementing your plantings with hummingbird feeders is also a good idea, as they provide a quick source of energy between bloom times. Experiment with different flowers to find a blend that works best for you. **Perennial selections to try:** Daisies, Phlox, Coreopsis, Scabiosa, Joe-Pye Weed, Goldenrod, Bee Balm and Echinacea. **Annuals include** Asters, Sweet Alyssum, Verbena, Lobelia, Marigolds, Heliotrope and Zinnias. **Look for these varieties and others at Patt’s this spring.** It is important to mix both perennials and annuals in order to keep butterflies and hummingbirds in food for a long period of time. Also, begin your collection by amassing two or three varieties and then moving on to add new selections. Mass plantings are more appetizing than a few spindly specimens of greater variety.

Create homemade “puddles” for butterflies and hummingbirds by sinking a shallow basin (under-container saucers work well) filled with clean sand and water into the ground in a sunny part of your yard.