

# Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

April, May, June 2021

## Let's Get Growing!

Hop on in to Patt's this spring to see what's new! We have all kinds of fun yard art from wooden signs and garden markers to metal chickens, wind spinners and bird feeders. Patt's Pantry is stocked with delicious scones and biscuits, soups and popcorn and we even have the wonderful Tin Can Company's soy candles available! It's going to be a fun spring season around here. As always, we grow the majority of our bedding plants and vegetables right here on site. Fresh plants will be coming out of the greenhouses daily. New shipments of perennials and shrubs arrive often and we'll work hard to bring you unique and beautiful plants for your landscapes. And of course, Posie will be happy to see you and show off her two children's books, sweatshirts, drink mixes and other merchandise.



- Kate & the Patt's Staff

## Unique Yard Art

Have you seen our new wooden yard art? These impressive art pieces are made with kiln-dried pine or birch. A semi-translucent all-weather UV protective ink is sprayed directly into the wood, absorbing into the natural grain and knots giving each piece its own unique texture and color. Each piece is handmade in Sisters, OR and looks

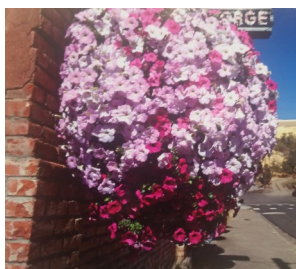


great inside the home or out. Choose from wooden garden markers with designs made to mimic vintage seed packets. You'll love the way the markers dress up your garden space and make it easier to identify those seeds you planted weeks ago. All manner of veggies and herbs are available. We have wooden signs with vintage garden logos and many featuring birds like quail, pheasant, kestrel and more.



## Beautiful Baskets

We've said it before and we'll say it again: if you've ever driven through Pomeroy in the summer, you've surely seen the glorious hanging baskets at **Meyers Hardware**. Tom was kind enough to share his secret recipe with us! Follow the recipe below for beautiful baskets:



1. Lily Miller Rose Systemic—mix into your potting soil at planting time. Add more in August.
2. Soil Moist Moisture Holding Crystals—add to soil at planting time.
3. Osmocote Fertilizer
4. GroMore 20-20-20 Fertilizer—starting in mid-July, use as a foliar feed every two weeks.
5. Keep Petunias dead-headed.

*\*Plant (3) 4" Wave Petunias in a 12" Hanging basket and follow Tom's recipe above for best results.*

## April is Arbor Month

To celebrate all shade, flowering and fruit trees are 20% off for the entire month of April!

Our spring shipment of trees has arrived and we have a beautiful selection of shade trees (maple, oak, honeylocust and more), flowering trees (crabapple, magnolia, redbud and more) and fruit trees (apple, cherry, nectarine and more!)

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%

### 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

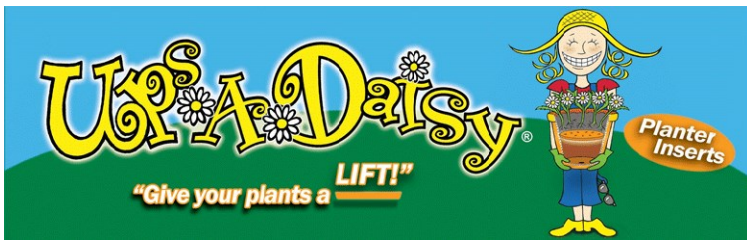
- ◆ Don't forget to leave May Baskets for your neighbors and loved ones!
- ◆ Pinch back fall-blooming chrysanthemums every two weeks through the months of May and June to thicken plants and delay bloom.
- ◆ Plant warm season crops and seed (melons, cucumbers, corn) when danger of frost has passed.
- ◆ Lightly fertilize newly transplanted seedlings.
- ◆ Beautiful Memorial Pots available week of May 24th
- ♥ **Remember Mom with a gift from Patt's! May 9th 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 20th**
- ◆ 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 on shrubs and perennials.



Tired of spending a ton of money on soil to fill your containers every year? The Ups-A-Daisy® Planter Insert is coming to the rescue! The Ups-A-Daisy simply sets about halfway down into your container (for most plant varieties), raising the bottom of the container, allowing you to use half the usual amount of soil, making your container half as heavy as well! The plastic plant insert has holes that **allow for proper drainage and essential oxygen to access plant roots.**

Most annual plants have a short root base requiring only 6"-8" of soil to thrive. If you give the roots too much room to roam, your plants may get long & leggy. But with less soil, the roots will be confined forcing nutrients back into your plants where they belong, **producing healthier plants with bigger blooms while saving you time & money in the process!**

Ups-A-Daisy Plant Inserts come in a variety of sizes, so measure your containers and come visit us!



## The Scoop

We're happy to offer bulk compost from WSU's Compost Facility again this year. This compost is regularly tested and monitored for consistency and quality so you can confidently amend your garden plots and flowerbeds. The compost is comprised of organic food and grounds waste from campus as well as dairy solids from the university's dairy herds. It is available by our tractor scoop (2/3 cubic yard) for \$31.99 per scoop.



## 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 sting but rarely do. Mason bees do not make honey, but they pollinate upwards of 1600 flowers per day! **We have cocoons of hibernating bees available for purchase.** Starting with as few as 20 bees can result in a colony of 200! Nesting tubes and several styles of mason bee habitats are also available. Brian L. Griffin's book *The Orchard Mason Bee* is also a great resource. Simply place cocoons in or near a mason bee house or habitat in a warm sunny location (under the eaves to protect them from rain, but in a spot that still gets sun a portion of the day). **April is ideal timing** as their favorite food source—your fruit trees and berry bushes—are beginning to bloom. Bees will emerge, mate and begin filling the tubes in the habitat with the next generation. Meanwhile, they will pollinate your backyard orchard and garden while you sit back and enjoy the harvest!





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## **Spring Happenings at Patt's**

**Mark your calendars because we have a fun few months ahead of us!**

**April is Arbor Month!** It's the perfect time to plant trees, so enjoy 20% off all Shade, Flowering and Ornamental trees throughout the month.

**Easter is April 4th, Hop in to Patt's for Easter gifts for your favorite gardener.**

**May Day is May 1st! Don't forget to leave a May Basket for someone you love.**

**May 9th: Mother's Day is May 9th!** Moms love gifts from Patt's so come check out our unique yard art, beautiful hanging baskets and blooming plants.

**May 24th:** Memorial Pots are available. Come check out our selection!

**June 20th:** Father's Day is June 20th! Dads love gifts from Patt's! We have sturdy locally-made hand tools, outdoor thermometers and rain gauges, blooming plants and more!

**Visit us often in April, May and June to check out our selection of vegetables, annuals and perennials grown right here at Patt's!**

**Spring Hours: Monday –Saturday 8am-5pm    Sunday Closed**

