

Patt's Garden Center Quarterly

July, August, September 2021

Summer Scorcher

This unprecedented heatwave is really something else, isn't it? Record high temperatures for a record amount of time have resulted in burned up plants! Looking around the nursery after those two absolutely scorching days of 118+ degrees, we noticed burn damage on most of our evergreens, plenty of deciduous shrubs, trees and perennials. If your plants aren't looking their best after the heat, don't worry. Keep them watered well and fertilize with a slow release option like 5-10-10 or 10-10-10 to give them a slow, continuous feed for 6 weeks. This will allow the plant to build up root strength to help it winter well and come out strong in the spring.

Damaged leaves won't repair themselves, though many will fall off and make way for fresh growth once the temps cool. Making a few wise watering choices will make all the difference in raising healthy plants this summer. When temperatures spike, be sure to water deeply and regularly. Choose a watering time (either early in the morning or late in the evening) to minimize water evaporation and maximize water absorption. Plants can only absorb and use nutrients until about 90 degrees, so often, trying to play catch up with in the heat of a 100 degree day, is a waste of both time and water. Build a reservoir around each plant to ensure water gets directly to thirsty roots instead of rolling off the root ball. Give a little extra to newly planted trees and shrubs and if your plants still appear stressed, give them a dose of Liquid Vitamin B1 to help bulk up the root system and reduce stress. After you've tended your plants, be sure to stay hydrated yourselves!

We're beating the heat by operating with modified hours while temps are high and air quality is low. Closing early is giving us extra time to work our orders for fall and next spring, at least.

Hot weather really brings out the bugs, too. Watch for earwigs, slugs, snails, budworm and spider mites this time of year. We have all the products you need to help you beat those bugs, so come visit us!

- Kate and Patt's Staff



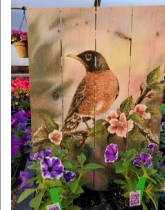
Customer Appreciation SALE

We're switching up the format of our annual **Customer Appreciation Sale** and offering great discounts on plants, hardgoods and giftware September 11th -30th! Enjoy discounts on all your favorite perennials, trees and shrubs, fertilizers and chemicals as well as giftware!



Wall Art

Have you seen our new wooden yard art? We have beautiful pieces handmade in Sisters, OR. The company spray UV protective inks into kiln-dried pine to protect the wood from nature's elements and give each piece a unique look as the ink absorbs into the imperfections in the wood. If hung outdoors, the piece will change slowly and patina over time. Exactly how much and how fast the wood patinas will be determined by your region of the country and the art's overall exposure to the sun. We even have wooden garden markers for your veggie gardens!



In addition to great wooden art, we have beautiful handmade metal art from Haiti! Each piece is hand-chiseled from a recycled oil drum, creating a one of a kind art for your home. The metal pieces are varnished but will take on a wonderful patina over time if hung outdoors. We have both painted and unpainted pieces and several of the pieces even incorporate the bung from the lid of the barrel.



Watch for the Christmas metal art as the holidays approach!

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 our Customer Appreciation Sale starts Saturday Sept 11th!**
- 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!



Hummin' Along

It's Hummingbird season! We always anxiously await these fast flyers each year. Speed up their arrival by planting things that will attract them! Hummingbirds love pretty much anything with a tubular flower like Agastache, Monarda, Salvia and Honeysuckle. You don't need a huge plot of land to entice a hummingbird to visit, even a container will do! Choose a spot that gets plenty of sun, but make sure there is a shady spot nearby for the bird to rest. Be sure to provide a source of clean, fresh water.

Hang feeders when flowers are taking a break between bloom cycles. We have ready-made nectar available and easy-to-mix powdered food to fill your feeders. Choose colorful, nectar-filled flowers for your flowerbeds and containers. We've found that they love Salvia, perennial or annual. Varieties like Black & Blue, Lady in Red and May Night are some of their favorites. They love Monarda and Agastache in bright reds, oranges and pinks, too. Plant a mass of their favorites in one spot or scatter them about your plantings for added color and interest. Then, find yourself a comfy spot, sit back and just watch the Hummingbirds show up!



Gardening is B-1derful

We all know transplanting is hard on your plants. Transplanting them in the middle of the summer? Extra hard. To ease the transition of transplanting, be sure to water everything in with liquid B-1. This formula will ensure transplant success by focusing on developing the root system first. Healthy roots means healthy plants. You can use it as often as you like. Use it on veggies, container plants and anything you plant in the ground or in containers.

Creepy Crawlies

We've seen a lot of bug damage this season on all kinds of plants from perennials to veggies and shrubs.. It's important to know the signs of some of our most common pests in order to know how to treat them.

Earwig/Slug/Grasshopper damage: All three chew holes in leaves, flowers and fruit to cause unsightly damage. Treat with a granular bait containing carbaryl or bifenthrin for earwigs and grasshoppers, and use metaldehyde or iron phosphate for slugs and snails.



Aphids and Spidermites: These creepy crawlies remove sap from plants with their piercing-sucking mouth parts. A severe infestation can lead to leaf curl and yellow color. They loves tomatoes, roses and many other perennials and shrubs. Treat with a liquid spray containing Spinosad, malathion or carbaryl.

Budworm: A particular pest for Geraniums and Petunias, these small green worms eat the tender buds before they can open, resulting hole-filled blooms or no blooms at all. Treat with a liquid spray containing pyretherins.

Rootweevil: This critter created a double-whammy effect on plants. The adult weevils chew perfect pinking shear-like patterns in the leaves of plants while their larvae munch on the roots. A systemic insecticide containing acephate is most effective. Watch for damage on their favorites like peonies, rhodies, lilacs, roses and holly.

We have everything you need to battle these bugs, so come visit us!

Puzzler

Have you noticed we started carrying jigsaw puzzles? Talk about piece of giftware that just *fits* at Patt's! Most of the Patt's staff are avid puzzlers so this new addition has been so fun! We carry all kinds of great full-size puzzles ranging in piece count from 500, 750 and 1000. We have several styles of mini puzzles that are just 100 pieces—perfect for travel or quick entertainment. You'll love the range of puzzle styles and themes. We even have kids' puzzles! Larger pieces and colorful images make these great gifts for kiddos. Be on the look out for a very special limited edition puzzle featuring a certain fuzzleball coming this fall!





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Mascot Merch

In addition to two children's books, our favorite fuzzball has her mug on all kinds of things these days—insulated mugs and tumblers, sweat-shirts and t-shirts, hats, socks—you name it, Posie's face is on it! Rep the Patt's Pooch around town is fun for adults and kids alike. We have kids' insulated water bottles, sweatshirts and ball caps! Posie even has her own line of greeting cards for all occasions. Pair any of the



Posie gifts with our other great items like loose-leaf teas, candles, soups, scone mixes, puzzles and more for gifts for your friends and family.

Tin Can Company Candles

We're so excited to have added Tin Can Company's locally made, hand-poured soy candles to our inventory! Tin Can Company candles are made in small batches, mixing essential oils with soy wax and poured into upcycled tin cans. Local makers ensure that these candles burn cleanly and evenly for many hours of enjoyment. We have delicious scents like Garden Mint, Fresh Grapefruit, Georgia Peach as well as Farmhouse, White Birch and others. Watch for seasonal scents to be added in time for the holidays!

