



Feb. 6th, 2014:

***We're Re-opening March 17th**

***FREE 'Gardener's Day' Feb. 15th**

***Why are the bee's disappearing?**

***'Coldest Night of the Year'**



It may be cold outside but winter is just rushing by and spring will be here before we know it. James and I got away for a holiday in January and then went to the three day BC Ag Show in Abbotsford last week. Our holiday was lovely (but much too short) and the Ag Show was very informative. The Nursery Trades Short Course was, for the first time, held in conjunction with the Horticulture Growers' Short Course and the selection of topics was excellent. I was particularly interested in hearing about what had been learned about Spotted Wing Drosophila this past year (huge losses to this new pest reported in Fraser Valley berry crops); to learn about the real story behind declining bee health; and to listen to an evaluation of new Eastern Filbert Blight-resistant hazelnut varieties that could rejuvenate the nut industry in BC.



The presentation on declining bee health by Elizabeth Elle (Asst. Professor in the Dept. of Biological Sciences at SFU) was well done. Her website has a great bee page for home gardeners:

http://www.sfu.ca/biology/faculty/elle/Bee_info.html

Because we **all** need to know what's happening to bees and, more importantly, what we can do to prevent or alleviate the situation, please take a few minutes to watch this YouTube video:

http://www.ted.com/talks/marla_spivak_why_bees_are_disappearing.html?utm_content=awesm-publisher&utm_medium=on.ted.com-static&awesm=on.ted.com_MarlaSpivak&utm_campaign=&utm_source=direct-on.ted.com

While our market won't be open for a while yet, I wanted to let you know that we're busy getting ready for spring. We'll be putting together our spring line-up of workshops and seminars this week so if there's something you would particularly like us to do, let me know at hannamarket@shaw.ca

The Shuswap Garden Club presents:

"SPRING INTO GARDENING!"



A Gardener's Day"

Saturday, Feb. 15th, 9:15-3:00 at the seniors 5th Ave. Activity Center.

All information sessions are **FREE** and include:

- *Landscaping for Dummies (Eric Reynard)
- *Fairy Garden (Harriet Hanna)
- *Pesticides & Alternatives (Dave Weatherill)
- *Soils (Leslie Welch)
- *DYI Trellis (Ken Fraser)
- *Small Space Gardening (Brenda Sanden)
- *A visit to Mayfair Greenhouses

Registration is 9am to 9:15am.

Lunch is provided (\$5.00) but you must register for it before 9:15.

For more information, please contact Kathy @ 250 832 2028

There's still time to let me know if you want to special order any plant(s) this spring. All the seed and garden catalogues are out now and are full of glorious descriptions and pictures but they

are NOT the best sources for plant material. When you buy local, you get to see before you buy and given that postage rates are high, locally purchased plants are almost always much better value (larger, potted, with soil) than mail order plants! Shop local and save!

In a community like Salmon Arm, small businesses like ours are often approached to donate funds or products to a wide variety of sport, cultural and youth groups. While we can't support all of them, we do help support a fair number. Now we would like to ask for your support as we raise funds for the

'Coldest Night of the Year'

on Feb. 22nd.

<http://coldestnightoftheyear.org/location/salmonarm>

Quoting from the website:

"The Salvation Army and Second Harvest serve people living with poverty in Salmon Arm. Your involvement in this walk impacts the lives of the hurting, hungry and homeless in our community".

James and I have participated in the Coldest Night walk in the past and plan to do so again this year, each of us hoping to raise at least \$100. Please consider sponsoring us by clicking on the following links.

For James:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=2213241&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3A%2F%2Fcoldestnightoftheyear.org%2Flocation%2Fsalmomarm#&panel1-1>

For Harriet:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=2213242&langPref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3A%2F%2Fcoldestnightoftheyear.org%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dharriet%2Bhanna%26participants%3D1#&panel1-2>

Thanks for using the above links to donate online. Let's make Salmon Arm one of the top 5 giving communities again this year!!! And thank you, in advance, for your donation to this very worthwhile event. As an added incentive to give us your support, print out the coupon on the right and use it this spring!



COUPON

With proof of your donation to
'COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR 2014'
(sponsoring James or Harriet Hanna online)

10% OFF ANY ONE ITEM

In the market, Apple Lane Gift Shop or Garden Center
(Coupon expires June 30, 2014)

Bundle-up and stay warm,

Harriet

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