



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- Plants of the Week: Uncommon trees
- Great savings on Roses this week
- Watch out Late Blight on Tomatoes
- We have CHILLSNERS!

Aug. 8th E-NEWS

Whether we like it or not, there are some nasty critters that enjoy this time of year as much as we do. It's **Wasp, Hornet and Yellow Jacket** season and I'm starting to see stink bugs about as well. We have a great number of different traps and insecticidal products designed to help make your outdoor time enjoyable by controlling these pests. Many of the traps are re-usable so we carry replacement attractants. This year we are also stocking the **Rescue Stink Bug Trap**.

Check out this video for more information on this very effective and environment-friendly product. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9zpkIKsRng>



If you enjoy roses and grow them in your garden, I want to remind you that it's time to **STOP** giving them nitrogen fertilizers. At this point in the season, added nitrogen will encourage more leafy growth that may not have

time to harden-off before winter. If your roses need some fertilizer, however, it's acceptable to add phosphorus or potassium-containing products like MORBLOOM which has a 0-10-10 formulation and is organically based. **All of our roses** (and we have a HUGE selection) **are 45% off this week**. When you plant roses, use **Myke for Trees and Shrubs** to help your plants get established without adding fertilizer. We use Myke products in all our landscaping projects.



PLANTS OF THE WEEK: Uncommon Summer Blooming Trees

In an area as geographically diverse as ours there are a number of growing zones. The areas directly adjacent to Shuswap Lake are Canadian Zone 6, while the higher 'bench' areas above and around the shoreline are Zone 5. Valleys and hillsides that are further away from the moderating influence of the lake can be Zone 4, some even Zone 3. Stocking plants to suit the

needs of everyone living in the region can be a challenge and many garden centers have chosen to carry only plants hardy to at least Canadian Zone 4. But as a 'certified plant junkie', I find this pretty limiting because, like many of you, I like to push the limits in my own garden. Unfortunately, many gardeners (and professionals) are not aware that there's a difference between the Canadian and USDA Hardiness zone system. As a young gardener I planted many things reputed to be hardy to USDA Zone 5 not realizing that our zoning is not interchangeable. USDA Zone 5 is equivalent to Canadian Zone 6 which I finally realized when I checked into it because of major plant losses. So, armed with this Hardiness Zone information, you can make knowledgeable choices for your own situation: check to see if the hardiness rating is USDA or Canadian. Some growers ship into both Canada and the USA and use the USDA designation while others don't specify which one they use, so you'll have to do some research online.

The trees I would like to feature this week, being hardy only to Canadian Zone 6, are not commonly grown here but can certainly be used in areas adjacent to Shuswap Lake and wherever experience has shown that a warmer microclimate exists.

↓ **Franklinia alatamaha**



Franklinia alatamaha is a small North American native that, sadly, is no longer found in the wild. Generally growing to less than 20 feet tall, often with multiple stems, franklinia's long-lasting white blooms start late summer and often go long into the fall. Fall colour is a stunning, vivid orange-red. They require a well-drained, humus-rich soil and grow well in full sun to dappled afternoon shade.



The Sourwood tree (**Oxydendrum arboreum**†) is another uncommon tree that blooms in summer and is hardy to Zone 6. At 25-30 ft. high, it grows taller than the Franklinia but is still considered a small ornamental. It blooms summer through fall with racemes of 'lily of the valley'-like blooms. The leaves turn a brilliant maroon-scarlet and persist well into the fall. As the common name implies, Sourwood grows best in moist, peaty acidic soil in full sun to part shade.



Sourwood blooms

GARDEN TIPS: Tomato Late Blight

About ten years ago when I was still growing tomatoes to sell the fruit, my plants suddenly, after a short period of cool, wet weather, developed late blight and it completely devastated the crop. Because we've been experiencing such an extended period of warm, dry weather you may not be thinking about the dangers of late blight right now, but it would take only a few days of inclement weather to possibly wipe out your plants. I've included links to videos that help you identify and treat this disease. Note, however that the eradicant products mentioned in the second video (like Chlorothalanyl) are no longer available to home gardeners in Canada so it's important that you use protectant products like copper sprays (Bordo) or Serenade, both of which are approved for use in organic gardening.

How to identify Late Blight:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PvquaRSV7E>

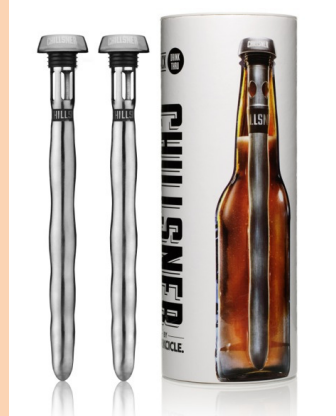
How to treat Late Blight:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFRXwZCGFAE>

Forewarned is fore-armed, so take action and protect your tomatoes!!

APPLE LANE GIFT SHOP: Chillsners in!!

"Presenting the one and only in-bottle drink-through beer chiller, **Chillsner** by Corkcicle. Just freeze, insert into any bottled beer and never suffer through another warm brew. Respect the beer. Chillsner is perfect for parties, tailgating and pretty much any occasion beloved beers are enjoyed."



FEATURED THIS WEEK: Aug. 9 – Aug. 15

All Roses.....45% off

Oxydendrum or Franklinia.....30% off

All remaining annuals.....at least 50% off

BC Fruit in Stock this week:

Apples.....Sunrise now in

Apricots.....almost gone!

Crabapples.....Transcendent

Cherries.....Lapins, big, dark and firm!

**Peaches..... Red Havens
GloHaven free-stones coming Friday**

**Plums.....Black Amber, Gold and
Red & Yellow Cherry Plums**

Nectarines and Blueberries

We also have SALMON ARM GROWN:

Everbearing strawberries.....pint or flats

Raspberries.....pint or flats

Corn: so tender and sweet! 6/4.20, 12/7.50

Happy gardening!

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