



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

-Plant of the Week: Weigela & Chelone

-Garden Tips: What to do about grubs

FIELD TOMATOES ARE NOW IN!

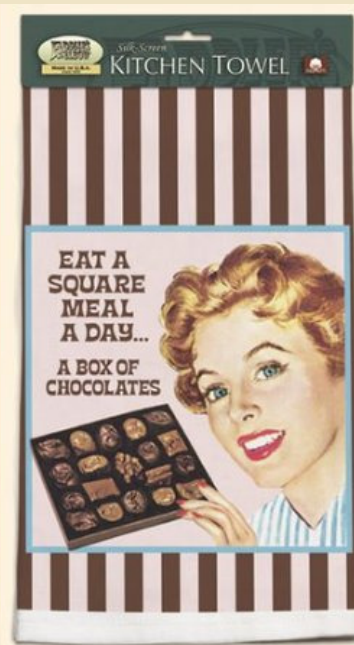
-Special Introductory Price: CHILLSNERS!

Aug. 15th E-NEWS

Summer's flying by much too quickly!! I certainly hope we get a lovely autumn because we've been so busy there hasn't been much time to enjoy this season. Already we're thinking about fall displays, Fall Fair, and harvest season.

Apples remain a popular décor theme and kitchenware design. Now that the first of the current growing season's apples have arrived, we've gotten in some very nice apple kitchenware and harvest accessories.

Putting food by for the winter can be a pretty serious task but you can add some humor to your kitchen with retro-looking kitchen towels from Fiddler's Elbow. They really *are* fun and make great gifts, too!



We've got some great specials on fruit this week (such as Cherry-plums and Gold plums) and **Transcendent crabapples are only 99¢/lb.** If you've ever picked crabapples you know how finicky they are to pick so, if for no other reason, this is a great deal. When did you last make Crap Apple Pickles or Jelly? Here's a vintage recipe that looks really easy so why not give it a try?

Crab Apple Pickles

½ cup vinegar, 2 cups sugar, 3½ cups water, 2 sticks cinnamon, cloves.

Stick a clove in each crabapple. Cook up syrup of other ingredients and drop apples into it. Cover tightly, set into a 350° oven and bake until apples are tender. Put into sterilized jars and seal hot.



RSVP STAINLESS STEEL 20QT. CANNER/STOCK POT

As we head into harvest season, remember that we carry a good selection of kitchen tools, apple peelers, steamer/juicers, strainers and even harvest cook books to help you put up the harvest.

Bartlett pears (99¢/lb) and field tomatoes (also 99¢/lb, 30lb box/24.00) are now in.

GARDEN TIPS: It's GRUB Season



In just the last couple of weeks, we've found that weevils are making their presence known in the broadleaf evergreens (e.g. rhododendrons, kalmias, and leucothoe) and while controlling the adult weevils can be challenging, it's relatively easy to control the grubs. While the adults notch the edges of the foliage leaving a distinctive 'lacey' pattern, the larvae are quietly doing major damage underground that you won't suspect until the plant collapses due to the roots have been decimated. Both **Grub Busters** and **Weevilution** are beneficial nematode products that will act as your own personal 'seek and destroy' army to get rid of the grubs. We have Grub Busters in stock and Weevilution will be arriving the last week of August. With regard to dealing with the adults, the best organic solution is probably this: go out after dusk with a flashlight and check susceptible plants for weevils. The adults don't move quickly and don't fly so you can easily knock them into a bucket of soapy water to drown them.

As we were lifting some turf to put in a landscape installation earlier this week, we were surprised to find European Chafer Beetle grubs in what appeared to be a very healthy, green lawn. While the numbers were nothing like what I've seen in pictures of infested lawns of the Lower Mainland, there were enough to cause concern. Fortunately, the nematodes in Grub Busters will dispatch these grubs as well. Because they are a HUGE problem at the Coast, there is great info to be had on what to do about them.

<http://www.coquitlam.ca/city-services/environment/european-chafer-beetle.aspx>

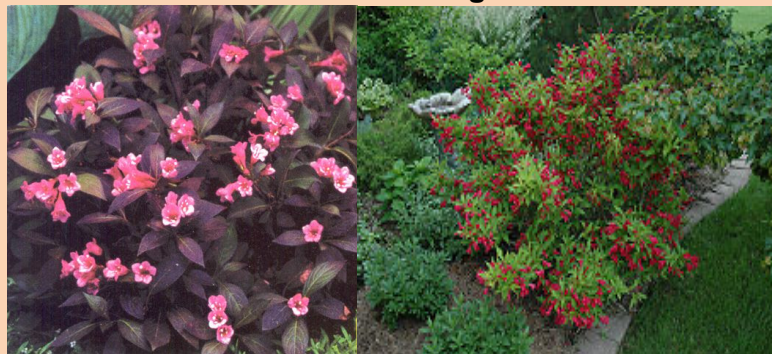
PLANTS OF THE WEEK: Weigela

Being a 'plant junkie' and loving to find unusual and hard-to-find gems, I sometimes overlook the garden workhorses like Weigela. Many consider this an 'old fashioned' plant but with all the new introductions that have come out in the last few years, these old faithfuls have gotten a new look. When I use a plant in a garden design, I look for plants that provide more than one season of interest and the new weigelas fit the bill nicely. Most still have an abundance of late spring bloom but many have great foliage that provides interest through summer and fall. Some even rebloom. The Proven Winner 'Sonic Bloom' repeat-bloomers were introduced this year but were hard to find and I hope the supply next year will be better. Easy to grow, thriving in sun to light shade, most weigelas are hardy to at least Zone 5. **This week all our weigelas are 45% off.**



'Rainbow Sensation'

'Magical Rainbow'



'Midnight Wine'

Reblooming 'Red Prince'

Chelone

This week I'd also like to feature the 'Pink Turtleheads'. No, they're not a new Punk Band in town for the 'Roots and Blues Festival' but they are a pretty late-summer-blooming perennial whose blooms, if you look at them closely, look like turtle's heads (okay, it helps if you have a good imagination!)

Chelone (pronounced keh-LOE-nee) is perfect in waterside plantings and in areas that tend to hold moisture but it grows well in ordinary

soil conditions as well. A North American native, Turtleheads provide welcome late-summer colour in the garden. Plants are long-lived. **This week Chelones are 40% off.**



APPLE LANE GIFT SHOP: Chillsners

Last week I announced that the one and only in-bottle drink-through beer (or soda) chiller, **Chillsner**, was finally here. Chillsners keep your drink cold from the first sip to the last and fit in any standard bottle with a 9" long neck or can be used in the glass, if you prefer. This week I'm announcing a **SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE of 29.99 for the 2 pack.** (Reg.36.99)



This is a great gift idea!!!

FEATURED THIS WEEK: Aug. 16 – Aug. 22



All DecoFLAIR fans.....50% off

Weigelas.....45% off

Chelones.....40% off

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

NEW FALL STOCK..... NEXT WEEK

BC Fruit in Stock this week:

Apples.....Sunrise & Tydeman

Crabapples (Transcendent).....99¢/lb

Cherries.....big, tasty, firm Sweethearts

Peaches..... Red Haven semi-cling & GloHaven free-stones: great for canning!

Plums.....Black Amber (Gold Plums, Red, Yellow Cherry Plums 99¢/lb)

Field tomatoes.....99¢/lb, 24.00/30lb.box

Nectarines. Blueberries, Pears in stock.

We also have SALMON ARM GROWN:

Everbearing strawberries.....pint or flats

Raspberries.....pint or flats

Corn: so tender and sweet!

Happy gardening!

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