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August 21st E-NEWS

Our long, hot summer has lulled us into thinking it may never end but at some point we have start prepping for colder weather. It's time to let some plants like hybrid tea roses wind down flower production so they can *harden off* for winter. If you're a fastidious rose 'dead-head'er, now is the time to let a few rose-hips form so that the plant can ripen some seeds - nature's signal that bloom production can slow down and the plant can get ready for winter. (I also like to enforce a period of drought - no watering for 2 weeks - during a dry spell in late August or early September to get the plant to shut down and get ready for winter.) If you regularly fertilize your roses throughout the growing season, stop adding any Nitrogen (the first of the three numbers in a fertilizer ratio) in mid-July so the plant doesn't continue to produce fresh growth that will be killed with the onset of cold weather.



Many of you have discovered that powdery mildew (PM) has suddenly developed on many of your plants. Spores of Powdery Mildew are everywhere and because they're opportunistic, developing whenever conditions are favourable (dry with high humidity; in our area more specifically *when the soil is dry but leaves are moist due to overhead watering or heavy dew*), PM invariably shows up at this time of year. Any plant (other than those naturally resistant or bred to be resistant) can be affected but some are more susceptible. Two things you can do to prevent powdery mildew are to

1. make sure air circulation is adequate in order to promote rapid drying of wet leaves
2. use drip irrigation rather than overhead sprinklers so that the soil is made moist *but leaves remain dry*

There's not much we can do to prevent the formation of dew, however, so some plants invariably develop PM unless you use preventative measures like spraying plant leaves with an organic *preventative* product like **Natria**.

<http://www.bayeradvanced.com/find-a-product/rose-flower-care/natria-disease-control>

Unfortunately, there is nothing that is really effective at eliminating the disease once it takes

hold so prevention is key. Fruit production of plants like squash, melons and cucumbers can continue until frost if PM doesn't take over, so prevention is important to prolong harvest. At this point in the season, however, if the disease does become a problem, I often just let it run its course, cleaning up and burning (not composting) the refuse in the fall.

It's not even September yet we'll be picking main-season apple varieties before the end of this month. We presently have Earligolds, Summer-reds (some are small because the trees have been drought-stressed but they're great for sauce and juice @ only 25¢/lb.), Paula Reds, and we'll be picking some Galas next week. That means that the Macs and Jonamacs won't be far behind.



Our peach crop this year has been *phenomenal* but it will soon be all picked. Our peaches are 24lb/\$30.00. So many ripened all at once that we have over-ripe peaches, too - perfect for jam, freezing, brandy?? - @ only 25¢/lb. Italian prune plums will probably be ready to pick in a week or so - a good month ahead of schedule. What a year! I'm concerned that customers who regularly count on buying the bulk of their fall fruit around Thanksgiving will be disappointed this year because it may all have been picked well before that. ***If there's something you specifically want, be sure to get your orders in pronto.***

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apples.....25¢/lb.**

In the Garden Center:

More fall Mums arrive next week and the spring-blooming bulbs should be in by the end of August. I will also be placing orders with some of my suppliers for trees and shrubs still required this fall so if you have something you're looking for, let me know so I can add it to the orders.

Hoping we get some rain,

Harriet

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