



**IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:**

**We're Celebrating Spring on Saturday!**

**Garden Tips: No dinner tonight, deer!**

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## April 24th E-NEWS

IT'S



AND WE'RE

CELEBRATING!!

SO JOIN US THIS

SATURDAY

\*EZ ROCK ON LOCATION

\*MASTER GARDENERS

\*GREENSTONE FARMS  
ORGANIC SEEDS

\*IN-STORE, ONE DAY ONLY  
SPECIALS

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### **GARDEN TIPS: Deer, oh Deer!!**

Two weeks ago, on a Friday evening when we'd gotten in late, exhausted after a hectic day, I looked out the window to see four deer casually munching on the new nursery stock that had just come in that day. They ate all the lovely, fat buds from the Schlippenbachii azalea (here's a picture so you know what you're missing!) and then proceeded to do taste-tests on the other tender, juicy Lower Mainland-grown morsels!



James and I ran down (yes we ran!) and YELLED and chased them off, knowing full-well that they'd be back as soon as we returned to the house. So we got our the Tree Guard, mixed up some spray, and spent the next hour and a half spraying everything we could to try and protect our investment. Of course, those same four deer have been raiding my garden all winter (my euonymus have been reduced to sticks) and would have gotten my tulips, too, had I not sprayed them in time. Needless to say, deer are not very

popular around here!! And then there's all the damage they do in the orchard - don't get me started on that topic!

When I asked the staff what I should put in the newsletter this week, they mentioned that many of you have been coming in this week with 'deer problems'. There are many plant lists available online that list 'DEER RESISTANT PLANTS' and, when a plant is deer resistant, that is a noteworthy selling-feature. Unfortunately, deer don't read the lists and will eat just about anything if they're hungry, making quite a mess before they realize they don't actually like it.

There are numbers of home-remedies you can try (many of them using bars of soap, human hair, or rotten eggs) but most lose their effective fairly quickly once rained upon. Of the commercial products available, most fall into two categories: 1. Scent repellents, or 2. Taste deterrents. The more effective scent repellents are blood-based, working on the principle that the scent of blood is a signal of danger and deer will consequently stay away. I've used these successfully but they are not pretty! **PLANTSKYDD** is one such product, but blood-meal spread around the perimeter of your garden area will work similarly. The other product (mentioned earlier), **TREE GUARD**, contains Bitrix, an exceptionally bitter compound that will convince deer that they don't want to eat whatever it's been sprayed upon. While for many of us fencing is not an option, if it is, there is heavy-duty black plastic deer fencing that, visually, isn't too intrusive because it almost 'disappears' into the landscape.

Don't forget that our last workshop of the Early Spring line-up is set for next Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2-3pm on '**MINIATURE GARDENING**'. Cost is \$30+GST and includes basic supplies but if you decide you want to add more to it, we have LOTS of delightful accessories for miniature/fairy gardens available to purchase.

When we first opened our Garden Center seven years ago, we couldn't have envisioned how

much we would grow in just a few short years! No matter what you have planned for your garden or landscape, we have MORE of what you need: more products, more plant varieties, more knowledgeable staff, and more advice to help make your garden a success! We've even expanded our greenhouse to hold MORE bedding plants - including a terrific selection of all your favourites like Waves and Supertunias!

## **FEATURED THIS WEEK:**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Our 'APPLE-LANCHE' slushies are back!**

**Mason Bee Cocoons in stock again!**

**Seed geraniums 2.5" pots..... .90 ea.  
(All your favourite colours!)**

**Seed potatoes 3 variety Multipack:  
(Reg. 9.99) **1.5 kg. 7.99 ea.****

**Onion sets.....2.29/1b  
(Red, Yellow, Multipliers, White, Spanish Reg.2.49/lb)**

**Packaged Lily Bulbs.....25% off**

## **EVERYDAY LOW PRICE:**

**Steer or Mushroom Manure..10bags/  
**20.00****

**3.8 cu ft. Peat Moss.....9.99**

Happy Gardening! See you Saturday!

**Harriet**

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