



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK: 45% OFF NURSERY STOCK

GARDEN TIP OF THE WEEK: Overwintering plants in containers.

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Fall is for Planting!

All Nursery Stock and Perennials in pots larger than 4 inches

45% OFF*

- *Lawn Seed.....20% off
- *Water plants.....50% off

***Perennials in pots 4" or smaller.....50% off**

It's officially fall and it won't be long before the countdown to put the nursery stock away for winter starts in earnest. All nursery stock is 45% off this week and next week we'll start winterizing and putting it away. I've been ordering stock for 2015 so if you have something you've been looking for; let me know so that I can order it in for next spring.

On Saturday, Sept, 27 at 11:00, we'll be having another **FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP**, this time using *easy-care indoor plants* so you can enjoy your garden all winter. Everyone always has so much fun making their fairy gardens so if you haven't made one (or even if you have) this is your chance to join the fun. Supplies are included in the \$25+GST fee, but extra accessories can be purchased if you want to dress up your garden even more.



We just got in a shipment of the CUTEST miniature garden accessories we've ever had so if you enjoy this popular hobby, come in and check it all out. There are even seasonal items (think autumn, Halloween, Christmas), lighting and so much more to make your miniature garden extra special!

GARDEN TIP OF THE WEEK: Plants in Containers? Winter care?

If you have containers into which you've planted perennials, shrubs, or trees, now is the time to determine if you can leave them outdoors all winter or if you'll need to give them extra care to get them through the winter. The first thing you need to determine is the *hardiness rating* of the plants you've used. Plant information is readily available online so it shouldn't be hard to get unless, of course, you don't know what the plant is. In that case, take a leaf or stem in to a knowledgeable plants-person at your favourite garden center for identification and to get the info you need.

As a rule, plants that are grown in above-ground containers should be **2 hardiness zones harder than would be required if that same plant was grown in-ground at that location.** This knowledge proves valuable if, for example, you purchased one of the popular new Brazelberry plants that were developed for container-growing. They're rated hardy to USDA Zone 5 (which is Canadian Zone 6) except for the 'Jelly Bean' blueberry which is hardy to USDA Zone 4 (Cdn. Zn. 5). Nowhere on the website or on the tag is there any guarantee that these plants are root-hardy in a container at the rating they've been given. *Hardiness zones are a guideline to where the plant is expected to be hardy when grown in-ground.*

That being the case, Brazelberries are NOT good candidates for year-round containers here in the Shuswap because above-ground container plants grown here should be hardy to Canadian Zone 3, 2 or 1. Our garden center and my gardens are located in Canadian Hardiness Zone 5 which means that if I want to grow plants in year-round containers, they have to be hardy to USDA Zone 2 (Cdn. Zn. 3). If your Brazelberry plants are still in pots, then your options to get them through the winter are to either pull the plants out of the pots to overwinter them in an in-ground holding bed such as your veggie garden or bring the containers (with plants) into a location that ideally is frost-free or at least warmer than outdoors in the depth of winter.

One of the reasons people choose to grow plants in containers is that they don't have an outdoor garden space. Overwintering plants like the Brazelberries can, in that case, prove to be a challenge. If you don't have a garage or storage room where the plants can spend the winter, you could try wrapping the containers in bubble wrap or insulation. (The roots need protection even more than the plant's top structure does.) However, if temperatures dip down to -30°C , insulation probably won't provide enough protection and you may have to bring the plants indoors - into a cool, unheated room - for the duration. Fortunately we don't often get winter temperatures that cold nor do they last very long if we do.

FEATURED THIS WEEK

Sept. 26th – Oct. 2nd

Apples:	Honeycrisp	McIntosh
	Gala	Jonamac
	Elstar	HannaSpecial
	Pink Pearmain (aka Pink Sparkle)	
We have:	Bartlett Pears	Bosc pear
	Round Plums	Prune Plums
	Strawberries	
	Himrod green seedless grapes	
	Garlic	
	Squash	Pumpkins
	Tomatoes	Peppers

Wishing you a happy autumn,
Harriet

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