



## July 13th E-NEWS

Whew! I love the sunshine and really don't mind the heat but after spending the day in the sun taking measurements for a landscape project yesterday, what a relief shade provides! If you're craving shade and don't have it, don't forget that all plants in our garden centre are discounted 25% off this month and this week the **shade trees are DEEP DISCOUNTED @ 40% OFF.**

**FYI:** plants grown in containers can be planted anytime during the growing season but will require extra water during hot weather. The root system is self-contained but even when planted are still essentially as they were while in the container. It takes time for plant roots to establish so make sure the root ball gets wet, not just the foliage. Overhead sprinkling is often not enough; the soil under the plant is not getting wet and the plant roots have not yet reached into the native soil in order to get the water they need. New plantings require daily watering during hot weather in the same way that container gardens require daily watering.

Providing some shade (e.g. with **shade cloth**) to newly planted shrubs and trees can help alleviate water stress as can an application of anti-desiccant like **Leaf Shield**.

<http://www.growercentral.com/UPLOADS/PDF/S/leafshield%20label.pdf>

If the daytime heat has driven you out of **your** garden, you may want to take this opportunity to check out some other gardens. A pleasurable experience any time for 'dyed in the wool green thumbs', wandering through lush and beautiful gardens. alorvina in the shade and

taking in the sights and sounds of summer is enjoyable for everyone (summer guests???) A few of gardens to check out are Elysium Gardens in Kelowna

<http://www.elysiumgardennursery.com/>, Okanagan

Lavender Herb Farm

<http://www.okanaganlavender.com/>



and the Summerland Ornamental Gardens

<http://www.summerlandornamentalgardens.org/>.

They're all beautiful; you'll get lots of great design ideas and see plants that work in gardens in interior BC. And if you've got the time, don't forget that it takes only about 3 hours to get to the amazing Minter Gardens in Chilliwack.

<http://www.mintergardens.com/> Only Summerland Ornamental Gardens has free admission but even there it is recommended that a nominal donation of \$5 per person be given to help defray costs.

**You know its summer when...  
BC fresh fruit is ripe and ready.**

**Bings and Lapins now in**



**Tomcots and Goldbars  
In on Saturday**

(Tip: Tomcots make the best jam!)

## PLANT OF THE WEEK: Indian bean Tree



### Catalpa speciosa

Northern Catalpa  
Hardy to Zone 5  
Height & spread: 40-60 ft.  
Orchid-like white blooms in  
panicles in July.  
Yellowish fall colour



### Catalpa ovata

Chinese Catalpa  
Hardy to Zone 6  
Height & spread: 30 ft.  
Orchid-like cream blooms  
in panicles in July.  
Yellowish fall colour

There are few trees that bloom in summer but the Indian bean trees (*Catalpa speciosa*-northern catalpa and *Catalpa ovata*-Chinese catalpa) are in bloom right now and if you are thinking of planting one, there are a few things you need to know. These trees are **fabulous** when they're in bloom, so lush and tropical-looking that it's hard to believe they'll survive here. They're easy to grow and are tolerant of poor soils, poor drainage, and can even withstand period of flooding and drought! These trees are amazingly adaptable.

I know they're a favourite with many but, as with many things in life, these beauties have some serious drawbacks to keep in mind. They grow quickly and, as is usually the case with fast-growing trees, they're weak-wooded and brittle, breaking easily in wind and snow. The orchid-like blooms are exceptionally fragrant but the scent, which is heavenly for some, is overpowering to others. The blooms give way to *long*, bean-like seed pods (about 30cm long) that drop over the course of the year so there're always pods to clean up. The leaves are huge, which, depending on your perspective makes them either lush-looking or very coarse. These leaves provide fast and deep shade but they also require diligent raking because if left on the lawn, will quickly kill the grass beneath. And because the leaf canopy is so thick that rainfall cannot get to the soil beneath, leaves are often prone to powdery mildew.

Before you ask, yes, we do have catalpas in stock and they (and all the tall-growing shade trees) are 40% off this week but consider carefully where you would plant this tree before rushing to buy one. They are very beautiful but are they right for you or your garden?

We have many shade trees in stock from *Acer*s (maples) to *Ulmus* (American elm). Some, like the seedless green ashes (*Fraxinus pensylvanica* cvs.), even have that hard-find-combination of fast growth and strong wood!

# JULY DISCOUNT DAYS

The discounts listed below are in effect throughout the month of July.

**All annuals are CLEARANCE PRICED:**

**6" pots and smaller.....Half Price**

**Hanging Tomato baskets....Half Price**

**Hanging Baskets & planters..40% off**

(We got in a FRESH shipment of hanging baskets. They're GORGEOUS & we have lots to choose from!)

**Shrubs, trees, perennials and vines are 25% off during July** (except special orders, items on 'hold', or otherwise advertised).

**'DEEP DISCOUNT'** feature plants this week are the roses and shade trees @ 40% off.

**Peaches and blueberries will be in by mid-week.**

Enjoy the sunshine,

*Harriet*

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