

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:



- **Market is now OPEN** daily except Sunday
- **Featured this week: Introductory offer: Sloggers**
- **Sign up for Spring Workshops**
- **Plant of the Week: Bleeding hearts**
- **Garden Tips: Pruning celmatis**

April 14th E-NEWS

Our greenhouse is starting to fill up and more plants and products are coming in every day. It's an exciting time of year! James was just talking by phone to one of our suppliers (in Chilliwack) and it's snowing there! There's only one thing you can count on when it comes to spring weather, and that is that you can't count on it at all!



The word is out~ we're hosting a new **'All Farmers, All Local'** market each **Saturday morning starting May 7th**. **This market will define the 100 mile diet!** We're very excited about it and think it will be a great asset to our community. Included in the line-up of farms involved are Gort's Gouda Dairy, De Hoog Apiaries, Sunshine Berry Farm, Singing Salsa Ranch and Harmonious Homestead and Ewe. Mark your calendars and be sure to check it out!!

The 'Containers with Pizzazz' class was full on Tuesday so I'll be doing it again on May 3. It, too, is filling up fast, so get your name in quickly if you want to take it in.

There are only 6 currently reistered

for the 'Growing Roses in the Shuswap' workshop on Tuesday evening. **There is NO other shrub that provides as much colour all summer long as roses do.** But there's a reason Hybrid Tea roses are called the 'Rich Man's Annual'; when you don't know how to care for them properly, they often only live a year or two. This workshop is all about proven methods (tried and tested in my own garden for fifteen years) that will allow you to grow them successfully.

Most of our **bare-root fruit tree** orders have arrived. With our long history in the fruit industry, you can be sure these are the best varieties for this area. It's time to plant NOW!



NEW FOR 2011:

Introductory Offer

One Week Only: April 14-21st

20% OFF REG. PRICE

Garden Shoes



Waterproof Boots



Sun Hats

NEW FOR 2011: NAPA FIRE LIGHT Firepots



'Planet and People Safe'

Just arrived: These firepots act like a portable fireplace, burning flammable ECO-GEL FUEL made from ethanol and can be safely used indoors or out. Available in a variety of styles and sizes, there's a pot for almost every application. Use for tabletops, around the hot tub or out on the patio. We have a nice selection of styles and stock the fuel as well.

We have set a tentative date for the **'Square Foot Gardening'** Workshop: early evening of **Wednesday, May 4** (exact time yet to be determined). If you would like to sign up for it, there is a nominal fee of \$5 per person for this informative workshop.



Master Gardeners Clinic

Saturday, April 16th

10am to 4pm

Three Master Gardeners will be here to answer all your gardening questions. They will also do a presentation on how to grow veggies in containers.



Heavy Duty Large Compost Tumbler

Locally designed and manufactured, this is the most durable and weather resistant Compost Tumbler design on the market. It is made from re-purposed plastic barrels, and a support kit manufactured here in Salmon Arm by Northern Plastics. John Quilty, local educator and compost enthusiast, designed this tumbler for the Senior High School Composting program. **It is being sold exclusively through Hanna Orchards Farm Market with very little markup in an effort to promote the concept of composting and recycling.** Please stop by and put this unit to the test; kick the tires, so to speak. Let's green up the planet together by shopping and supporting local initiative.

GARDEN TIP: Pruning Clematis

There are basically three types of clematis and each type is pruned differently. If you know what type you have, you can determine when and how much can be pruned. **The first group is spring blooming and consists primarily of species that bloom from buds formed the previous year. Wait until blooming is finished before pruning these plants or you will be removing a fair portion of the flower power.**

The second group bears blooms in early summer and then again later in the summer. They may be pruned in spring but are best 'thinned' rather than cut back hard. Thin out some of the stems to about 30cm above soil level, others to 60cm, and leave the rest. Those

not cut back will produce blooms in early summer and the rest will produce blooms in late summer on the new growth that develops from the cut stems.

The third group consists of vigorous varieties that bloom on the current season's growth and these can be pruned back hard to 30-60cm from soil level each spring. Because these are vigorous varieties, they tend to be the ones that can get out of hand, getting taller and taller each year but bearing blooms only on the new growth. Pruning them hard each spring keeps them within bounds and blooming well from bottom to top of the plant.

PLANT OF THE WEEK: BLEEDING HEART



Dicentra spectabilis

'Valentine'

(Dy-SEN-tra spek-TAB-ill-iss)

I'm sure these old fashioned perennials aren't new to you. Blooming early in spring, they are beautiful and so reliable. We have some gorgeous plants in full bloom right now. Bleeding hearts grow best in rich, moist soil in a site shaded from hot afternoon sun. When they're placed in full sun, in a hot and dry location, they often go dormant in the heat of summer. Deer and rabbit resistant, old fashioned bleeding hearts are hardy to Zone 3. There have been some additions to the family in recent years with a white flowering variety (*Dicentra spectabilis* 'Alba') and a gold-foliaged variety (*Dicentra spectabilis* 'Gold Heart') now available. This year there is a new introduction that features deep red 'locket's instead of the traditional pink blooms. Named 'Valentine' (see picture on right, above) this variety promises to be a lovely addition to the spring garden.

Features this week:

Dolomite lime: 5.99/20kg bag

Hydrated lime: 14.99/25kg bag

Wheel barrow: 89.99 (reg. 149.99)

-6 cu. ft., steel handles & never-flat tires. While quantities last.

Apples & pears: 89¢/lb

***Sign up for Spring Workshops**

For details on each course, go to the [Special Events Calendar](#) page on our website and click on the workshop that interests you. www.hannaorchards.com

3. CONTAINERS WITH PIZZAZZ

MAY 3: 6:30-8:30 (Encore presentation)

FEE is \$15 + GST per person

4. GROWING ROSES IN THE SHUSWAP

April 19: 6:30-8:30 pm

FEE is \$15 + GST per person

5. PLANTING A MOSS BASKET

April 26: 6-8 pm (note earlier time)

FEE is \$45 + GST per person

To guarantee that your spot is held for you, please pay your registration fee in advance of the session. Because of our space limitations, it isn't fair to hold a spot unless you are committed to coming. Some workshops fill quickly and have a waiting list.

Listen to our **Garden Answer Minute** on local EZ-Rock radio, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays at 7:45 am.

Best regards and Happy Gardening,

Harriet

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Starting April 11, Open Mon-Sat.

8am to 6pm

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