



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** Clearance Giftware: additional 50% off
- **Plants of the week:** Two late arrivals are worth the wait
- **Gardening Tips:** Self-sowing annuals; seed plants for the birds
- **B.C Fruit:** 5 lb. bags Lunch-box size apples: \$1.99
- **Garden Centre:** During September, nursery stock 35% off

Aug. 30th E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday

Where has the summer gone? Already leaves are starting to turn different colours and some days it's feeling very 'fall-like' even though the official start is several weeks away. So I thought I'd provide some info about plants that can be allowed to set seed to self-sow for 'free' plants in your garden next year and others whose seed-heads provide food for the birds at this time of year. The **SUPER SUMMER SELL-OFF SALE**

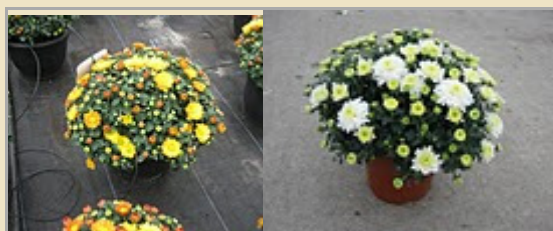
officially ends on August 31st and there are still a lot of really good giftware and Christmas décor items available. So for the next week, starting tomorrow, **Aug. 31, and continuing through September 6 (Labour Day), we will take an additional 50% off the already drastically reduced prices** of all the clearance items in the Greenhouse.

You should know by now, if you're a regular reader of this newsletter, that late summer is a great time to plant nursery stock and perennials. Take advantage of the 35% discount on all nursery stock and garden-related products throughout the month of

September (excluding Masserelli statuary and fountains, Wind-chimes, fertilizers, soils, chemicals and new arrivals). **Nursery stock prices will not be discounted further this season.**

I will be ordering much of next year's nursery stock and garden-related items in the next month or so. If you have a special request, please let me know so that I can be on the look out for it.

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More Fall Mums arriving Thursday.

1 gal. pots ~ \$4.99

10" planter ~ \$9.99

(Last week the Nursery I ordered from missed the order for 10inch planters. Hopefully that won't happen again and they'll be here this week.)

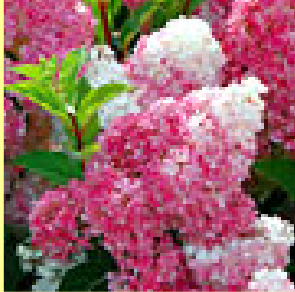
Also on order: Super 6 pak Pansies: \$3.99



And **fall bulbs** will be arriving shortly.

Plants of the week: More new hydrangea varieties

Proving once again that some things are worth waiting for, these new hydrangea varieties haven't been available until late this summer and our shipment has just arrived. Significant improvements in Hydrangea breeding the last few years have resulted in some outstanding new garden plants!



Hydrangea paniculata 'Vanilla Strawberry'

Hardy to Zone 5 and growing to 6 to 7 ft with a 4-5 foot spread, this new variety is similar to 'Pinky Winky' but is more upright and holds its red flower colour longer. Often blooming as early as the end of June and continuing until frost, the blooms open white, age to pink, and finally to bright red with all colours showing on the plant through most of the bloom period. 'Vanilla Strawberry' is a most appropriate name. Best flower colour is achieved in full sun.



Hydrangea paniculata 'Bombshell'

Hardy to Zone 4, this dwarf, incredibly well-branched new cultivar has amazing flower power, boasting more flowers per plant than other paniculata varieties. It grows to about 36 inches tall with a spread of 3 to 4 feet and blooms through the summer and into the fall. Its size makes it perfect for the small garden and even containers but would be also be appropriate for a low hedge. Growing in sun or shade, it is a very adaptable, compact variety.

GARDEN TIP: SELF-SOWING ANNUALS PROVIDE 'FREE' PLANTS NEXT YEAR; SEED PLANTS FOR THE BIRDS

While your flowering annuals may not look their best anymore, you may want to delay 'dead-heading' so that they can set seed and self-sow. While it's true that self-sown annuals can provide 'too much of a good thing' when sometimes they become, in fact, nuisance weeds, many are valuable space-fillers and can drastically reduce your seed and/or plant requirements for next spring. I rely on a number of these varieties to provide colour as needed in my own gardens. My favourites are sweet alyssum (*Lobularia*), feverfew (*Tanacetum*), and bachelor buttons (*Centaurea*). Others I like are Clarkia; clary sage (*Salvia sclarea*); Cosmos, love in a mist (*Nigella*); flax (*Linum*); black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*); California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica*); moss rose (*Portulaca*); and pot marigold (*Calendula*). There are others, of course, but many of them, like the Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*); forget-me-nots (*Cynoglossum*) and spider flowers (*Cleome*), fall into what I call the 'garden thug' category. To keep populations of self-sown annuals under control, only let a few of the seed heads develop to maturity, particularly the ones with the best flower size/colour, growth habit, or disease resistance.

Many seed of these plants are also popular food for at this time of year. Don't be in a hurry to dead-head plants like rudbeckias or echinaceas. The seed-heads remain attractive long after the flower petals have fallen and will provide a feast for birds. Other plants for the birds are Amaranthus, anise-hyssop (agastache), ornamental thistles (eryngium and echinops), asters, tickseed (*Coreopsis*), joe-pye-weed (*Eupatorium*), ornamental grasses and, of course, sunflowers.

If you don't have any of these plants in your garden but would still like to feed the birds, we have just gotten in a new shipment of 50 lb. bags of Black Oil Sunflower Seeds.

**SEPTEMBER SPECIALS IN
THE GARDEN CENTRE:
NURSERY STOCK & GARDEN**

-RELATED ITEMS **35% off***

(*excluding Masserelli statuary and fountains, Wind-chimes, fertilizers, soils, chemicals and new arrivals)

**MORE GREAT BUYS IN
THE STORE:**



All fun and funky 'Field of Flowers' ceramics and glassware **NOW 1/2 PRICE**

Top quality European paper napkins
40% off

All 'Taste of the Okanagan' sauces
40% off

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**To help you put up the harvest,
we stock:**

Canning tool sets

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Apple parer/slicers

Juicer/steamers

Mortar and Pestal sets

From the orchard:

BLACKBERRIES: \$3.99 pint (U-pick available: \$3.00/lb. Please call ahead to book a time.)

APPLES:

Sunrise (crunchy, sweet early apple)

Summer red (McIntosh x Golden Delicious cross) or

Earligold (Transparent x Golden Delicious cross) **69¢/lb**

**5lb bags of lunchbox size
apples: \$2.00**

CRABAPPLES: 99¢/lb

Whitney (sweet, best tasting, great for sugar-reduced jelly)

**PEACHES: 'GLOHAVENS:great canning
peach variety**

15lb. - \$16.00

Jam peaches 25¢/lb.

PEARS: Bartlett's 99¢/lb.

30lb/\$27.00

Happy gardening,
Harriet

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