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June 14th E-NEWS

Open 9-6 daily, 1-5 on Sunday



It's **FATHER'S DAY** on Sunday. Bring in your DAD and he'll get a FREE single scoop, regular cone ice-cream cone.

The 10th Annual Salmon Arm Garden Tour, sponsored by the Linda Howarth Memorial Preschool, is being held on **Saturday, June 26th**. 9AM to 4PM. To date they have 6 gardens signed up for the tour but they would really like to have 10. So come on you gardeners out there~ don't be shy, open your gardens for the tour. **Contact Stacey at 250 832 4292.** You garden DOESN'T have to be perfect, it doesn't have to be large, and it doesn't have to be conventional. If you love gardening and your garden, this is an opportunity to share your passion with others. I've done it a number of times and had a blast every time!

Also on June 26th, 9AM to 4PM, Thompson Shuswap Master Gardeners Association and Thompson River University's Friends of the Garden are hosting a workshop in Kamloops led by bee expert Ted Leischner. Learn to identify native bees, identify bee forage plants and build a bee nesting box. The notice reads: "We have a wonderful opportunity to gain insight into the loss of our bees, both honey and native AND we can actually DO something to help!! With little effort we can change the way we garden by choosing bee friendly plants and by providing nesting habitat." Class size is limited so register at tsmga.fog@gmail.com Cost is \$49.

Plants of the week:



Robinia pseudoacacia 'Purple Robe'

Purple Robe Honey-locust is in bloom now and is absolutely stunning! Fragrant wisteria-like, violet-purple pendant racemes stop people in their tracks! Hardy to Zone 5, growing 30-40 ft tall with a spread of 20-30 ft, Purple Robe is a good choice for full sun sites with poor, dry soil. Purple Robe is drought tolerant when established and is very fast growing (which is an asset on one hand, but on the other, means it's weak-wooded). Bees love the Purple Robe and honey made from the nectar is much sought after.



Hydrangea anomala petiolaris 'Miranda'

This climbing hydrangea has beautiful variegated foliage that gives it landscape interest even after the showy blooms are finished in June. Exfoliating reddish bark extends the interest in the winter. Miranda climbs with the help of clinging aerial rootlets which makes this plant an excellent choice for masonry or stucco walls. It grows best in part shade and will only tolerate full sun if the soil is consistently moist. While slow to get started, once this climbing hydrangea gets growing, it can climb up to 30 ft. It can also be used as a groundcover in shady areas.



Hydrangea 'Endless Summer'

Beautiful picture, isn't it? I've used the Endless Summer hydrangeas in a number of garden designs with great success. They grow well, bloom beautifully and are everything the hype says they'll be. But in my own garden, they haven't done well at all. They're alive but that's it. I've heard from other gardeners that their success with these beauties has also been mixed and thought you might be interested in the following website:

<http://endlesssummerblooms.com/en/consumer/plants/bloomingsuccess> .

The website has some great advice that you may find useful on where to plant, how to prune, when to fertilize, how often to water, and if/when to provide winter protection. There are several short videos on the site as well. After reading the info and watching the videos, I've concluded that my two sorry E.S. plants: 1. don't get enough sunlight to initiate bud formation, 2. don't get enough fertilizer (my garden hasn't gotten much attention the last three years), and 3. don't get enough water (planted under mature sugar maples, they get too much shade and too much competition for nutrients and water). So I've moved one plant already and will move the other this week and hope for better results next year. OOH, it IS a challenge to garden under larae maples!!

GARDEN TIPS: Cooley Spruce Gall Adelgid



Galls on Spruce



Adelgid of Douglas Fir

The Cooley Spruce Gall Adelgid (similar to aphids) can be a problem in two types of evergreens, the Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii glauca*) and Spruce (*Picea*), especially when the two species are planted close together (Not planting the two host species in close proximity to each other is one way to prevent infestations.) The female Adelgid lays hundreds of eggs that hatch into hungry nymphs that feed on the sap of succulent new growth on spruce trees. Their feeding stimulates the new growth to swell into a cone-like structure (gall) that encloses the nymphs to protect them from predation. By midsummer the 1-2inch long galls harden and the mature adelgids emerge to fly away to another tree to lay eggs. If they land on a Douglas fir, the resulting nymphs willsuck juice from the needles but not form galls. Instead they cover themselves with a white woolly covering that gives the needles a 'tufted' appearance.

If your spruce trees have developed galls, remove the galls while they are green and dispose of them to prevent the adelgids spreading further in your trees. Brown galls no longer contain adelgids but can be removed for aesthetic reasons. Sevin, horticultural oil or Insecticidal soap, applied in spring just as the buds are starting to open, can provide early-season control but it is too late now to have an effect. You can however, spray in late July to mid-August with any of the above products to control the adelgids as they emerge from the galls but before they have moved to an alternate host.

If your Douglas fir has developed little white tufts all over it, spray it with horticultural oil or insecticidal soap in late July to early August to control the adelgids.

While mature trees are rarely killed by the Cooley Spruce Gall Adelgid, young trees can be disfigured, especially if the infestations occur repeatedly.

NEW PRODUCT Misting Kits for fans



When it's hot outside, there's nothing finer than sitting in a fan-created breeze on the patio. We stock some gorgeous Deco-Breeze fans as well as misting kits that fit most standard fan units. Easy to assemble, attach, and use, this is a great gift idea for Dad on Father's Day.

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