



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Announcements:** It's a great time to plant this week!
- **New Products:** Soil Sponge Lawn Watering Spread. Ceramic pots
- **Gardening Tip:** Lawn grub control. Watch for Tussock moths
- **Plant of the week:** Senorita Rosalita Cleome
- **Features this week:** Rose Coupon, Basket stuffer plants \$1.29

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One thing about the weather lately is that if you haven't yet planted your garden, it's okay. It's gotten cold enough this last week that heat lovers like tomatoes, peppers, squash, and cucumbers have really taken a beating outdoors. These plants LOVE warm soil and it's my belief that no matter how much you coddle early plantings of these crops, later plantings (late May and early June) do much better because they haven't had to contend with cold soils.

This spring has had its share of challenges. With winter being relatively mild, we were lulled into believing that it would be gentle on our plants. Unfortunately, without the insulating blanket of snow, there have been losses of plants that would have been fine if we had had snow-cover. Many hardy ornamental grasses are taking a long time to break dormancy because the soil has remained cold. Japanese maples, damaged when it got so cold last Thanksgiving, are now showing the extent of the damage incurred.

There are different factors that determine how well plants will fare through the winter and air temperature is only one. Soil temperature, soil moisture, the amount of moisture in plant tissues, how well the plant was hardened-off before the onset of cold weather, and how strong or drying winds can be are other factors that determine how plants will fare in winter. Even knowing all this and preparing as best as possible for every eventuality, we lost plants this past winter. C'est la vie!

New Products: Lawn Watering Spread



Soil Sponge Lawn Watering Spread is a 100% natural, coir-based supplement in pellet form that is guaranteed to reduce the frequency of lawn watering. Pellets can be easily applied with a spreader or by hand. With the prediction of a dry summer ahead and sprinkling restrictions already in place, this is a very practical and beneficial product for lawns and gardens in our area.



New Shipment of Ceramic Pots

If you've been looking for new pots, you've got to check out the new shipment that just came in. One series is called '**Ocean Salvage**' and they truly look like they've spent ages on the ocean floor. They are so cool and there are many styles and sizes. The other shipment is of a series we've already had, and sold out of, earlier this spring. **All pots are 25% off the this week.**

GARDENING TIPS: Grub Busters



GrubBusters

Nematodes are microscopic worms that attack grubs (and over 250 other garden pests) in your lawn/garden. They should be applied when the soil temperature is above 15°C.

New grubs are born mid summer, eat roots through late summer and early fall and are dormant in winter. In the spring they start eating again when soil temperatures reach 15°C and mature by July to repeat the cycle. The best time to apply nematodes is near the end of August. The second best time is in May. The nematodes are just as effective in May but the grubs are bigger and take longer to consume. Nematodes need a moist environment and this means that you may have to water your lawn. Fall application stops the lawn damage before it gets severe.

When you apply nematodes you can over-seed your lawn at the same time because the grubs will be dead before any significant damage can be done to new grass roots. If you plan to apply sod, give the nematodes a week to work before laying the sod.

Douglas fir Tussock Moth



While I haven't heard that this is currently a problem in the Shuswap, it has been a problem in Kamloops and is presently of concern in the Rock Creek area. If you'd like to learn more about this tree pest, go to

www.for.gov.bc.ca/rsi/ForestHealth/Tussock_Moth.htm

Plant of the week: Senorita Rosalita



I can't believe that **Senorita Rosalita** isn't flying off the shelf in our Proven Winners showcase area. This plant is amazing and if you haven't heard about it before, it's time you did.

Senorita Rosalita is a huge improvement over seed-grown strains of **Cleome** (Clee oh mee) which are thorny, sticky, smell like skunk!!, and seed themselves about with abandon. The fine Senorita is thorn-less, is not sticky, has no offensive odor, and is sterile so she blooms with abandon but sheds 'nary a seed'. Her other fine attributes include heat and drought tolerance and blooming from late spring through fall. Senorita Rosalita is an excellent plant to use where height and drama are wanted in a landscape bed or large container. Plants grow from 1-1.25m tall and prefer well-drained soil in full sun. **NO DEAD-HEADING IS REQUIRED.** The Senorita does best with regular fertilizing and appreciates a soil high in compost. If you add a Slow Release 18-6-12 fertilizer for summer-long nutrition and supplement that occasionally with your favourite water soluble fertilizer. Senorita Rosalita will repay you with a tremendous show of blooms all season long.



Sculpted garden flags are in

Salmon Arm's **10th ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR**, sponsored by the Linda Howarth Memorial Preschool, is on **Saturday, June 26th**, from **9a.m. to 4p.m.** (Reception from 3 to 4) Mark your calendars and remember to get your tickets for this wonderful event. We have tickets in the store: \$15 per person. If you would consider having your garden included in this tour (don't be shy~ it's a lot of fun. Your garden DOESN'T have to be picture perfect) call Stacey @ 250 832 4292 for details.

Happy Planting,

Harriet

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All 2" basket stuffer plants: **\$1.29**
(flowers reg. \$1.80, veggies reg. \$1.69)

All Blueberry & Grape plants: **30% off**

Mini roses 4 inch pots: **\$1.50 off**
(Reg. \$5.50 and climber \$6.50)

All Ceramic Pots: **25% OFF**

34-0-0-11S Fertilizer 25 kg: **\$22.99**
(Reg. price \$29.99)

13-16-10-11S Fertilizer 25kg: **\$22.99**
(Reg. price \$29.99)



* Link-Ups Planters/Stands: **40% off**

Wicker and plastic pots/hangers
to pot up your own baskets. **50% off**

Garden hooks and brackets: **25% off**

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Hanna Orchards Market & Garden Centre**

COUPON

25% OFF

any ONE rose plant

(except 4 inch potted Mini-roses)

Coupon must be presented at time of purchase; only one coupon per customer please. Coupon is valid until 6pm on May 30, 2010 and does not apply to items On Hold or Special Ordered.