

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

- **Market now open Sunday afternoon 1-5**
- **Featured this week: Lots of neat things!**
 - **Plant of the Week: Calibrachoa**
- **New for 2011: Pop, drop and Grow!**
- **Garden Tips: Garden Design**



May 5th E-NEWS

COME ONE, COME ALL...

to the first **all farmers, all local Saturday Farmers Market**, this Saturday morning 9-12, here at our Market, beside the parking lot.



Locally-grown products, music, demos, and much more every Saturday through the growing season from 9 until 12.

It's finally here and I can hardly wait to see what will be available at the market. It offers **one-stop shopping convenience** for some of the best that agriculture and horticulture has to offer in this area. And once you've checked out the Saturday Farmer's Market, we invite you to stop in and check out our own market. Our garden center is full to overflowing (just ask the staff who've been putting it all into place!), the greenhouse is full of hanging baskets, and the gift-store is full of interesting gift ideas for Mother's Day and every other occasion!

Thirty people came out to the 'Square Foot Gardening' presentation yesterday. Judging by

all the positive comments I heard afterward, it was a hit! If you didn't come but you'd like to know more, we'll be setting up our own square foot garden and you can see for yourself how well it works.

PLANT OF THE WEEK : Calibrachoa



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Whether you call them Million Bells, Superbells, Callies or 'those small flowers that look like petunias', calibrachoa's are 'bloomin' machines' if they're grown well. There are a few things you need to know to have them succeed:

1. **Give them a place in full sun:** shade causes them to grow leggy as they stretch for the light.
2. **Give them a fertile, well-drained soil:** wet soil causes root-rot (the # 1 cause of death),

A common problem is yellowed foliage caused by either pH problems (*soil is too alkaline*), Nitrogen deficiency (*they're relatively heavy feeders and need lots of nitrogen*), root rot or cool temperatures (*a problem in a spring like this one*). Chelated iron can help to green-up yellowed plants.

3. **Keep the soil evenly moist but never over-water.** While plants are drought tolerant in the landscape, in containers they must be kept evenly moist. *We have over 25 varieties of calibrachoa in the greenhouse. Most are trailing varieties but the Mini-Famous and Alohas are compact growers.*

NEW FOR 2011:



Introducing the



POP

1. Fill your pot about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of your favourite potting soil. Add some slow release fertilizer.

2. POP the tab at the bottom of the pre-planted bio-degradable container

3. DROP the container into your pot

4. Enjoy. The 30-Second planters are designed to give summer-long enjoyment, planted with winning combinations of Proven Winner plants.

DROP

GROW!

GARDEN TIPS: Garden Design

Years ago, when I was a beginner gardener, I heard a garden commentator say "any fool can grow a good spring garden". At the time I was really proud of my beautiful spring garden and was a bit taken aback by the comment. What he meant is this: there are so many trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs that bloom in spring that it's easy to create a stunning garden in spring. The challenge is to create a garden that is beautiful summer, fall and even winter. It takes more planning but it's not impossible to do. Even if your plant knowledge is limited, experienced plants-people are more than willing to give you guidance. Gather magazine pictures of gardens or features you like and use them to help you visualize what you would like to achieve in your own garden. Become familiar with your garden area before you impose a design on site. Analyze it to determine its qualities: observe the patterns of sun and shade; look for drainage issues; determine type(s) and condition of soil; assess exposure to heat, frost, and orientation (N, S,

E or W). Familiarize yourself with the hardiness zone of your area. Consider the roles that the landscape will play in your life (play area, entertainment, pets, privacy, etc.) and the problems that your design will have to solve. Then draw up a list of things you'd like to include in your garden space. Armed with this information, you (or a knowledgeable designer) can plan suitable landscape features and choose appropriate plants for the site.

If you are starting with a new landscape, and your resources have been stretched with the building of your home, incorporate items according to the following order:

1. large evergreens, deciduous shade trees, lawns, and hardscape (walls, patios, paths, etc.)
2. evergreen shrubs, ornamental deciduous trees
3. deciduous under-story trees and large shrubs
4. perennials, groundcovers, bulbs, vines
5. annuals

I realize that this is counter-intuitive but it makes sense to plant your 'investment' plants, and install your permanent hardscape, first. As you review this list, you'll see, too, that the items listed first are also ones that contribute winter interest in the garden.

Because spring is considered by many to be the only time to plant (and many people only ever visit a garden centre in spring), spring flowering trees, shrubs and perennials are the ones most often seen in gardens. There are, however, many choices that provide interest through the other months and they're worth searching out. Before purchasing any plants for your garden, determine which will work best for the site:

1. What is the plant's overall form and how will it combine with other plants and fit in the surroundings?
2. What is the plant's branching structure and growth rate, and how will that affect the landscape? in 10 years? in 20 years?
3. Will the foliage contribute to the garden

even when the plant is not in bloom?

Aim for at least 30 to 50% of plants with interesting foliage to maintain visual interest through the seasons.

4. When does the plant flower and what colour are the flowers? How will they look in the design?
5. Will the bark add colour and interest during the winter? Are there fruit or berries that will contribute to the winter landscape?
6. Is the plant suited to the site (light, soil, hardiness, and water requirements)?

If you need help choosing plants for your garden, we have experienced knowledgeable plants-people on staff to help you. If you need design ideas, our designers will be happy to guide you. An easy way to help us to help you is to bring your digital photographs so that we can see what you're dealing with. And remember that the only plants that must be planted in spring are bare-root plants and that container-grown plants can be planted any time through the growing season.

MASSARELLI ORDER:  **MASSARELLI'S**
MAKERS OF FINE STONE GARDEN ACCENTS

Fountains, statuary and ornaments can add a touch to the garden that takes it from ordinary to spectacular! I'll be placing a Massarelli order in two weeks. If you've been looking for something special for your garden, come in and check their extensive catalogue. Massarelli has something for every style, budget and taste! Their products are outstanding and very good value! While we do carry a small selection year-round, this is your opportunity to get exactly what you're looking for. <http://www.massarelli.com>



WE POT/ YOU POT SERVICE

If you have planters or hanging baskets to plant but don't want to lug home bags of potting soil and fertilizer, you can use our **Potting Tent** or get our staff to do your potting. Bring your own containers or purchase them from us, and we'll charge you according to the size of container. Included in the charge is the soil, slow-release fertilizer and transplanter fertilizer (plants and pots are not included).

Features this week:

POP, DROP, GROW planters: 11.99

6 pce. PATIO SET (reg. 229.99) : 189.00

Mesclun lettuce mix: 4 Pak- 1.19

4" pot- 1.19

6 pak with handle- 4.99

Nova red raspberries- 2.99 ea.

Lakeland Peat Moss (3.8cu.ft.) - 12.99

Wood chip mulch (2 cu.ft. bag) - 7.99

Bark mulch (2 cu. Ft. bag) - 6.99

Bagged Apples: 5 lb / 2.99

Happy Gardening,

Harriet

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