

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK:

APPLE JUICING EVENT Oct. 14 and 15

PLANT OF THE WEEK: Hydrangea pan. 'Great Star'

GARDEN TIP: Winterizing water features

HARVEST SPECIALS: Kitchen harvest tools **20% off**

NEW: Fabulous Fashion Jewellery



Oct 6th E-NEWS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



I just re-read last year's Thanksgiving newsletter and found I could repeat almost everything I wrote then. This year's cold spring temperatures were even more challenging than last year's. Fruit set was very poor in some apple varieties because it was so cold that bees were inactive during the bloom period (honey production is way down, too). Thankfully, the fruit that did set is of very good quality and size this year. So in spite of the challenges, we have much to be thankful for. We are especially thankful for our staff and you, our customers, for your continued support and encouragement. Our hope for you is that you will have a lovely time this Thanksgiving: good times with family and friends.

Holiday hours: Sunday 1-5, Monday 9-5

Laura's Homemade Pumpkin Pies:

Baked \$9.50

Frozen, unbaked \$7.99

Please, place your orders in advance.

APPLE JUICING EVENT

Oct. 14: we're juicing our own apples and

Oct. 15: custom juicing: bring your own fruit (make an appt. @ 250 503 4731)

Prices on Custom Juicing

	5 Litre	10 Litre
Up to 40 L	6.50	10.50
40-80L	6.20	10.00
80-120L	5.95	9.60
120-1000L	5.75	9.20
Over 1000L upon request		
Unpasteurized	0.60 per litre	

The above prices include crushing, pressing, pasteurizing & Bag in Box packaging.

See <http://www.mobilejuicefactory.com/> for more information about the process.

FYI: A common misconception is that apples must have a touch of frost in order for them to sweeten. No doubt this belief came out of personal observation in that apples that are touched by frost do indeed sweeten. But frost can have a

negative impact on the keeping quality of the fruit so really isn't very desirable. Frost hastens the conversion of starches to sugar so later ripening varieties like Red Delicious, which are very starchy, definitely taste sweeter after a frost. But if the growing season is long enough, even without frost, the process occurs naturally without negatively affecting the storage-ability of the fruit. If a frost does occur, apples can withstand about 7°C of frost once or twice but must be allowed to thaw out naturally and must not be handled while frozen.

My Garden Tips this week are on prepping your water gardens and/or features for winter. I'm hoping to get mine done this week before the weather gets too much colder. We have **Deep Dipper gloves** in stock ~ I heartily recommend wearing them when working in the pond. **25% off**



Deep Dipper Gloves



Pop-Up-Garden-Tidy

As much as I love the fall colours that are starting to create a show everywhere, I realize that fall colours mean that leaves will be falling before long. They're a valuable source of organic matter and should be used wisely. We use our mower to chop them up to about 1/10 of their former volume and then add them to compost.

A handy clean-up tool throughout the year is **the Pop-Up-Garden-Tidy**. Made from water resistant, durable polyester, this multi purpose bag can be used all around the garden. When collapsed, it stores easily, taking up little storage space. To use, you simply unhook the toggle and up it pops to a large 18"/45cm x 24"/60cm bin. Extra strong handles and stitching ensure many years of use. **25% off**

PLANT OF THE WEEK: Hydrangea paniculata 'Great Star'



I love the look of this new panicle hydrangea that's been featured in some trade publications lately. *Hydrangea Great Star™* bears almost round clusters of creamy white flowers, up to 4in wide, with wavy, elongated petals. Plants typically reach 6-7ft tall and nearly as wide in full sun or partial shade and flower from midsummer until the first hard frost. It looks so elegant and is hardy to Zone 5. I certainly hope it will be available to order for next spring. Believe me, I'm looking.

GARDEN TIP: Winterizing Water Features

-partially drain pond to work in it. Later refill and add treatment if required. (Do this before water gets too cold or ice forms to make this a more pleasant job for you. You may want to invest in chest waders and Deep Dipper gloves.) **Clean up debris on the bottom** of the pond as much as possible. Discard tender floating plants.

-cut back water lilies. Submerge pots to bottom of the pool (if it is at least 3feet deep) or lift pots from water, draining, putting into black plastic garbage bags and storing in a frost-free location.

-cut back marginal water plants to just above the water line.

-remove pumps: clean and store properly. Disconnect plumbing to waterfalls and fountains.

-if you have fish in your pond, use an

inexpensive, energy efficient **air bubbler** for aeration in the top third of the water . This keeps a small area open and unfrozen allowing gases in the water to escape, and keeps cold surface water from mixing with warmer water on the bottom of the pond. No need to install heating devices.

-**Feed high-protein food to gold fish and koi in early fall.** Fish stop feeding when water gets cold.

-**Put a plastic garden net over the pool to prevent leaves from falling into the water.** Tannins produced by rotting leaves can be toxic to fish.

-**Provide a hiding area for fish** while they are still active.

-**Float a plastic beach ball** to keep water open in winter.

-**If you have fish, DO NOT BREAK ICE** that forms.

-It is generally recommended that waterfalls not be run in winter to prevent ice formation and resulting water losses and pump damage.

NEW IN STORE: FASHION JEWELLERY



Oh my goodness, this stuff is gorgeous and better yet, the prices are reasonable! You're going to love it!

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

Kitchen Harvest tools: 20% off (Apple peeling machines, steam juicers, food mills, multi-use strainers, Chinoise strainers, canning tool sets, corn cutters)

Fall bulbs 25% off (We've checked and our regular prices are usually better than the competitions' sale prices!!)

Fresh B.C Fruit in stock this week:

Apples: Honeycrisp, Gala, Empire, McIntosh, Hanna Special, Jubilee Fuji, Jonamac, Jonagold, Spartan. *There may be other varieties ready by the weekend.*

Pears Bosc, Flemish Beauty, Asian, Anjou

Plums Italian Prune 69¢/lb.

Field crops: corn (King Arthur), eggplant, peppers, winter & summer squash, carrots, pumpkins and garlic

Rob Fensom of **Harmonious Homestead and Ewe** will continue to set up each Saturday morning, as long as weather permits, to sell his organic produce, eggs and baked items. He's

now taking orders for lamb 

Happy gardening,
Harriet

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