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# BLOOMING NEWS

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Spring 2007

## *Where Gardening Friends Find New “Blooming” Ideas!*

### **Hello to our Gardening Friends...**

New Blooms Greenhouse opens for the season on Saturday, March 17 and we are looking forward to seeing all of you again soon! We've had a pretty mild winter so far and we're hopeful that your plants are receiving adequate moisture from the rain and warmth from the sunshine. When it finally does get cold, we will have to watch the freezing and thawing of our shrubs and perennials to be sure they don't "push" out of the ground.

We have a lot of exciting things coming up this spring. For the first time, we will have a booth at the upcoming PA Garden Expo, scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> at the PA Farm Show Building. The show features local growers and landscapers displaying new ideas and varieties, which are sure to produce fantastic ideas for your summer garden. We hope to see all of our gardening friends there!

As you can see from our Calendar of Events on page 3, we have an informative schedule of garden related activities lined up for the spring season. Don't forget to enter our 2007 Garden Contest this year. We'll award gift certificates to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each of our categories (see Pg. 2). The 2006 contest provided a huge selection of beautiful entries.

### **What's Growing On??**

The spring issue of Country Living Gardner, as well as gardening expert P. Allen Smith, has chosen 21 different Proven Winner plants as their top choices for 2007. These plants have been selected for their visual impact, vibrant color, superior performance, and low maintenance. Log on to [www.provenwinners.com](http://www.provenwinners.com) to check out these new varieties. A Proven Winner representative will be on hand during one of our container gardening classes to answer any questions you may have about their plants. Check our website for the specific date. All of these top performers will be available at New Blooms this spring!

Once again, we will have an assortment of very cool tropical plants to add some excitement to your garden. One of many new varieties we will carry this year is the Graptophyllum Black Beauty. It is a dark tropical foliage plant from Hawaii that grows 18-30" tall and tolerates heat and humidity well. It will give a dramatic look to your container garden! This is just one of many tropicals that we are excited to show you this spring.

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## WHY GARDEN?

For those of us who love to garden, we already know how good it feels to have a shovel in our hand, plant something and watch it grow, and the enjoyment we get out of seeing each plant emerge from the ground in the spring and watch it blossom, and the passion we feel in planning a continuous rainbow of color in our garden. We also know its not easy work, but it is so rewarding. *So why doesn't everyone garden?*

Cell phones, PDA's, and MP3 players have now become the tools we use. But it wasn't that long ago that a shovel, a patch of soil and a bag of seeds were the only tools needed to provide sustenance and satisfaction and gardening was a part of daily life. Now it is viewed as a chore that most people feel they don't have time for. Why grow it when you can buy it at the grocery store? *So what can we do to change this trend?*

As adults, we face a lot of stress factors including information about environmental issues, economic concerns, health worries, and community strife. Gardening is a tool to abate life's stress, enhance the environment, develop individuals and build communities. We are losing touch with nature and what our heritage has taught us about survival and appreciation for the environment.

That said, here are *some great reasons to garden at any age*. **Grow your own food** – you know it will be safe and healthy. It's **good exercise**, both mentally and physically. Garden to **add beauty** by surrounding your home and your community with wildlife and beauty. It is said that beautiful gardens can also **raise the value of your property** by up to 20%. Garden **to learn** – the more you learn about plants, the more you'll want to know. Garden **to meet people** – there are fellow gardeners down the street and around the world who love to talk about their gardens.

**How about gardening with your children?** It can be both fun and rewarding to spend quality time together, and they can learn some basic botany and an appreciation for nature and the environment. Children are anxious to see the results of their labor, so plant some fast-germinating

seeds or work with transplants that are quick to flower or bear fruit. Here are some ideas to make gardening fun and fruitful for children.

**Make it tasty.** Growing something a child can eat -- a 4x4 patch is ample space for growing vegetables, fruits, or herbs for teas.

**Make it easy.** Leaf lettuce, spinach, radishes, carrots, green beans, and cherry tomatoes are easy to grow and can be harvested in a few weeks.

**Feed the senses.** Children love pretty flowers, especially if they smell good and are brightly colored. Fragrant plants include dianthus, scented geraniums, honeysuckle, and sweet peas.

**Grow some drama.** Children love plants that are huge and tower over their heads. Showy flowers to grow include sunflowers, dahlias, hybrid iris, hibiscus and Oriental lilies.

## WEBSITE

Our website is finally "live"! Check out our inventory, services, upcoming events, cool gardening links, past newsletters, join our mail list or post questions on our plant forum. We are still working on the "Featured Plant of the Week" and "Combinations Planter Ideas". Good things take time. ☺ [www.newbloomsgreenhouse.com](http://www.newbloomsgreenhouse.com)

## JOIN THE 2007 GARDEN CONTEST

Our 2007 "Blooming Garden" contest will include these categories:

- Best use of plants in a water garden feature
- Best of outdoor living (an area that could include a fireplace, a water garden, or other features that invite outdoor living and entertaining)
- Creative use of color in a shade garden

Entry forms will be available at the greenhouse. This is a "garden contest," (vs. a photo contest) so the judges will be looking for interesting plant combinations, textures and color, taking in the palette of *your whole garden area*, not just a photo of one particular plant or feature.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### ***PA GARDEN EXPO – FARM SHOW BUILDING***

*March 8 – 11 – 10:00 am – 8:00 pm*

New Blooms has a booth at this year's PA Garden Expo – please stop and say hello! Roger Swain, Co-host of People, Places & Plants, an HGTV Program, is returning for the fifth straight year and will conduct three seminars per day on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. In addition, you'll find lots of different landscape and garden ideas to get you enthused about your own garden this year!

### ***SPRING OPEN HOUSE***

*Saturday, March 31 – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm*

Get a first peek at all the cool new plant varieties for spring and summer. Enter our Mother's Day Hanging Basket Drawing and pick up an application for the 2007 Garden Contest. Members of Duncannon's Gentle Ladies Garden Club will hold a drawing for a free container garden. Our special sale item at this year's Spring Open House is Leyland Cypress. All sizes (1, 3 and 7 gallon) will be 50% off for this day only. These evergreen trees are great for windbreaks, privacy and overall appearance.

*Free refreshments.*

### ***FLOWERING EASTER BASKETS***

*Available Sat., March 31 – Sat., April 7*

Come early for the best selection of beautiful and creative blooming Easter Baskets for that special someone. Each basket includes blooming plants and foliage decorated specifically for Easter.

*I don't know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice.*

*- Roland A Beowne*

We will be growing over 30 different varieties of Weeks Roses this year, including two brand new floribundas – Burgundy Iceberg and Brilliant Pink Iceberg. We will also have some incredibly beautiful, fragrant old-fashioned David Austin English roses. And for those of you who saw these last year and fell in love with them, we will again have a limited supply of the "Oranges 'N' Lemon floribunda – a yellow and orange fragrant beauty.

### ***ENGLISH GARDEN PLANTERS***

*Sat., April 28 – 12:00 – 5:00 pm*

Paul Zagozewski of English Garden Solutions will be on hand to demonstrate the new "Babyllon Bowl" used to create easy but elegant English Garden Planters. Using plants you select, he will help you to put together your own beautiful planter. Don't miss this opportunity! *This class is free -- you just pay for plants and containers that you use. Please call ahead to reserve your space!!*

### ***CREATING A SPECTACULAR PLANTER***

*Sunday's – April 29 and May 6,*

*3:00-5:00 pm*

*Wednesday's – May 2 and May 9*

*6:00-8:00 pm*

One of our most popular classes! Bring your own container or purchase one of ours. We will review all the new "hot" plants for the 2007 season and show you how to create your own planter using plant textures, color and form. Limit 1 planter per person.

*This class is free –we provide the potting soil, you just pay for plants and containers that you use. Please call ahead to reserve your space!!*

### ***BLOOMING MOTHER'S DAY PLANTERS***

*Available Sat., May 5 – Sunday, May 13*

"Wow" you mom with a "one of a kind" Mother's Day planter, hanging basket or specialty flowering basket. Each one is uniquely different and guaranteed to please her. And if you're not exactly sure what to get her, you can't go wrong with a New Blooms Gift Certificate made out in any amount you choose.

### ***TOUR OF PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE SUMMER GARDEN EXPERIENCE***

*Saturday, July 28 – 7:30 am – 1:30 pm*

Depart by van from New Blooms Greenhouse at 7:30 am to visit the annual Penn State Field Trial gardens in Landisville. Among one of the premier trial gardens in North America since 1933, each year the Dauphin County Extension Office of Penn State grows 700-800 plants from breeders all over the world. Plants are tested for their flowers, foliage, plant uniformity, pest problems and overall landscape display. Plant lovers can take a guided tour through their trial gardens and get a first hand look at all the new plant varieties, taking note of what will work best in their garden. Tour is from 9:00-12:00, returning to New Blooms approximately 1:30 pm.

*Snacks & drinks provided. Cost is \$10/pp to cover costs. Please call ahead to reserve your space!!*

## Private Garden Tours in 2007

*Sunday, June 24 – 12:00 – 5:00 pm*

We are looking for fellow gardeners who would be willing to open up their gardens for a tour by other local garden enthusiasts. Your garden does not have to be a showpiece – this is a learning experience for all of us!

If you are interested in hosting a garden tour (now don't be shy), please contact us at [www.newbloomsgreenhouse.com](http://www.newbloomsgreenhouse.com) or stop in the greenhouse for details.

We'll post a list of tour hosts on our website and those who want to sign up for the tour can do so either on our website or by stopping in. Let's learn together and share some "blooming" ideas!

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### ***Directions:***

From Harrisburg -- Take Rt. 11/15 to the Duncannon exit. Turn west on Rt. 274. Follow Rt. 274 west for 1.3 miles to Hickory Drive on left. Follow signs.

From New Bloomfield – Take Rt. 34 west to Rt. 274 east. Follow Rt. 274 east for approx. 6 miles to Hickory Drive on right. Follow signs.

### ***Spring & Summer Hours:***

*Monday thru Saturday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm*

*Sunday's from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm*

Closed Easter Sunday, and Wednesday, July 4th  
Please note: We close earlier (6:00 pm ) from July through October and will be closed for the season from November through February.