
BLOOMING NEWS

New Blooms Greenhouse

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Spring 2008

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A Warm Spring Hello to our Gardening Friends!

An early jump on spring ...

Since Easter falls early this year, we will be open from Saturday March 15 through the 22nd for the Easter holiday. Come early for the best selection of beautiful and creative blooming Easter Baskets for that special someone.

Since March is way too early to think about planting outside, we will temporarily close down again on March 23 so we can continue our spring planting. We will officially re-open for the spring season on Saturday, April 12th. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with new plant material and way cool plant combinations to share with you.

Our Spring Events!

CAUGHT UP IN CONTAINERS!

Back by popular demand! Container gardening is the answer to many garden situations. You don't need a yard to have a beautiful garden! Using containers provides flexibility, ease of maintenance and creativity all in one! Bring your own container or purchase one of ours. We will review all the new "hot" plants for the 2008 season and show you how to create your own spectacular planter using plant textures, color and form.

Sunday -- April 27 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm or 3:15 – 5:15 pm

Wednesday – April 30-- 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 4 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm or 3:15 – 5:15 pm

Wednesday – May 7-- 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Potting soil charge -- \$1/small and \$2/large container plus plant costs. If you have a large group that would like to have a private class, just let us know. Please call 834-5333 to reserve your space!!

MOTHER'S DAY PLANTERS

Available Saturday, May 3 – Sunday, May 11

"Wow" your 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. 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.

Going NATIVE and Getting Wild About HABITAT Gardening!

There's a lot of talk lately about native and non-native plants when we talk about the environment and responsible gardening. A native plant is a perennial plant, one that was here before settlement by the Europeans. Non-native plants are ones that were brought in by the European settlers when they established here. Because native plants may have grown here for thousands of years, they've adapted to Pennsylvania's weather and soil conditions and often have better defenses against pests and diseases than other plants.

Native plants have an integral place in the ecosystem (local community of plants and animals). Other plants, animals and/or insects may require them for habitat or nutrients during all or parts of their life cycles. When natural areas are destroyed by humans, what's left becomes all the more critical for the survival of many species. By using more native plants, we can help offset these losses.

You may be glad to know that some of our most popular plants are actually natives to our state, such as garden phlox, bleeding heart, bee balm, New England asters, butterfly weed and dogwoods, to name a few. Today, many American native plants are hybridized and then introduced as improved varieties, thus giving us many species to select from.

If you would like to learn more, please join us for an educational program on ***Saturday, April 26 at 1:00 pm*** when members of the Sherman's Creek Conservation Association and the Perry County Master Gardener program will discuss using native plants in your landscape and creating a habitat garden.

Be kind to our earth and remember to plant a tree! Earth Day – April 22 and Arbor Day – April 25

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JOIN OUR 2008 GARDEN CONTEST

Our 2008 "Blooming Garden" contest will include these categories:

1. Beautiful window box garden (show off your creativity by using any plant material to create a whimsical window box display)
2. Flower arranger's garden (enter a picture of your cutting garden AND a picture of those flowers arranged in a vase or container)
3. Color theme garden (choose any one color and use various shades and hues of that color to create your monochromatic garden)

Entry forms will be available at the greenhouse. We look forward to another competitive and fun contest with our gardening friends!

Growing Plants from Seed

When should you start seeds indoors? That depends on the type of seed and the last expected frost date for our area. Some people say it's safe to plant out by Mother's Day (the 11th), others say by the last full moon of May (which is the 20th). Once you determine what date you want to go by, your seed package should tell you how many weeks ahead you should start the seeds. Count back from the last expected frost date for each type of seed you are planting and you'll have a planting schedule!

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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.

March Hours:

Saturday, March 15 thru Saturday, March 22
9:00 am–6:00 pm (Sunday, March 16 - 11 am–3 pm)

April 12 thru June Hours:

Mon-Sat. 9:00 am–7:00 pm, Sunday's 11 am–3 pm

July Hours:

Mon-Sat. 9:00 am–6:00 pm, Sunday's 11 am–3 pm
Closed Tuesday & Wednesday

August Hours:

We will be closed in August

September & October Hours:

Mon-Sat. 9:00 am–6:00 pm, Sunday's 11 am–3 pm

ENTER OUR MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET DRAWING!!

One lucky winner will have the choice of any hanging basket. Entry forms are available at the greenhouse and the winner will be selected on Saturday, May 10.