

Springtime in the Garden Center



Wow, it's been awhile since I've put a newsletter together so please forgive me if it's lacking. I will try to make it interesting and informative. I am going to endeavor to send a newsletter out at least 3 times a season, possibly more if I can get away with it....keep your fingers crossed!

In this issue, you will find a schedule of upcoming workshops and seminars for the entire year, every year we try to come up with informative, relevant seminar topics and fun workshops. Seminars are always free to the public, whereas we do have a minimal charge for workshops to cover the cost of materials that were used. We will also have a 'Plant Of The Month' sale each month where a landscape plant and an inside plant will be spotlighted for the sale! As always we offer excellent plant material at great, affordable prices & the friendliest, most knowledgeable staff around.

You will also find product information and news from our floral shop within these pages.

Please stop in or call anytime you have a gardening question or problem.

Organic, Natural, What's the Difference?

In the garden center we get a lot of request lately for natural or organic pest control. Many people assume they are one and the same... they're not. An organic gardener can use chemicals on his crops, but the chemical must be approved as organic. Examples are, St. Gabriel Burn out II, a weed & grass killer, containing citric acid and clove oil and Safer brand Garden Fungicide, which contains sulfur. There are many variables but to simplify an organic chemical is tested to make sure it will not harm people, pets or the environment.

Natural, simply means no chemicals what so ever have been used. Pest control is usually achieved by introducing predator insects or companion plantings.

If you are looking for a "quick fix" then man made petroleum based chemicals are for you. They start working almost immediately. Organic chemicals are just as effective but, can take a bit longer to begin working. Natural controls are very slow to act.

Root Stimulator

If your plant has roots, you should be using Ferti-Lome Root Stimulator when planting or transplanting. The primary ingredient is vitamin B1. This vitamin stimulates root growth, especially the small, hairy roots that are needed for water intake. During planting or transplanting these roots get damaged or stripped off. The plant can no longer take up sufficient water or nutrient quantities to survive. Root Stimulator speeds up the process of re-growth of these small delicate roots.

I have even used Root Stimulator on older or even unhealthy plants to encourage new root growth.

In my opinion this is one of the best, most useful gardening tools. I'm never without a bottle. Pint: \$5.99 Quart: \$7.99 Gal.: \$10.99

Product Spotlight!!

Hi-Yield Garden, Pet & Livestock Dust

Contains **Permethrin** which is a synthetic chemical intended for broad spectrum insect control. It is recommended for ornamental and vegetable gardening to control a wide range of insects. The packaging says that both dogs and cats may be treated safely for fleas, ticks and lice, however I do not recommend its use on cats and advise that cats be kept away from dogs after they have been treated. **There are some articles stating that this product can be fatal if used on or around cats, so to be on the safe sideDon't.**

That being said I think this is a good all around product, especially for vegetable gardens when you're not sure of which insect is causing problems. It is fast acting and can be used just days before harvest. This is also an excellent product if you have an ant problem around the foundation of your home. Just put a band of Garden, Pet & Livestock dust following along your foundation and within a few days ...No more ants!

It may also used around your ornamental flower and bulb gardens safely and effectively.

It is highly toxic to fish and should not be used near waterways.

Sautter's has 2 new Master Gardener interns on staff! **Susie Klepinger and Christie Egendoerfer** completed classes late last fall and have achieved their volunteer hours. Stop in and congratulate them!

Spray those Fruit Trees

If you don't spray your fruit trees, chances are the fruit will not be edible, either because of bugs or disease. In this economy, what with fruit prices the way they are, it only makes sense to grow fruit you can actually eat.

Start spraying when most of the flower petals have fallen off the tree. Then repeat spraying every 2 weeks until about 2 weeks before you plan to harvest. The last spray application should be made with a dormant oil when all the leaves have fallen off the tree. If this schedule is followed you'll have fresh, healthy fruit to eat!

Grow Your Own

Besides being able to grow all your own vegetable we also have a supply of fruiting vines and trees.

In stock for spring 2011

Asparagus Grapes Blueberries Raspberries

Rhubarb Apple Pear Cherry Peach

And as always we will have a full greenhouse of annual vegetable flats, and garden seeds.

Garden Center hours Mon-Fri 8-6 Sat. 8-5 Sun 11-4

Floral Shop hours Mon-Fri 8-5 Sat 8-3 Sun Closed

THE BEST NATURAL FERTILIZER



ON EARTH!

(in my humble opinion)

Stop in and get your container of **Fish "n" Worms!**

If you've ever tossed fish guts into your garden then you know that this is **GOOD** stuff! It can be used on flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs or houseplants. It is made by Northern Indiana Aquaproducts. (A local company) We also offer worm casting which is a great ,GREAT soil amendment



TO PRUNE OR NOT TO PRUNE

If you've ever wondered why your **lilac** or maybe your hydrangeas never bloom, chances are they are being pruned at the wrong time. It's easy really, if it blooms before June 1st don't touch it until after it blooms! **Spring bloomers** need pruned as soon as they are done blooming. I always figure on July 1st to begin my pruning. If it blooms after July 1st or later, wait until it's dormant, usually December or later. **Hydrangeas** are without a doubt the toughest plant to know when to prune. To start with you must know what kind you have. **Macrophyllas & Quercifolias** (usually blue or white) should be pruned immediately after blooms fade. **Paniculatas** (usually white) should be pruned when dormant. All Hydrangeas should be protected from winter winds. Remember if you are unsure give us a call.

574-293-5584

Workshops and Seminars

Date	Time	Event	Cost
June 4	10:00 a.m.	Put together a Fairy Garden	Materials
	2:00 p.m.	Healthy plants the natural way.	Free
June 11	10:00 a.m.	Herb vinegars & oils	\$20.00
	2:00 p.m.	Theme Gardens	Free
June 18	10:00 a.m.	Clay pot chime	\$12.00
June 25	10:00 a.m.	Clematis & Hydrangeas	Free
July 9	10:00 a.m.	Hypertufa tree face and Gnomes	\$20.00
	2:00 p.m.	Natural pest controls	Free
July 16	10:00 a.m.	Silverware & whisk chime	\$20.00
July 23	10:00 a.m.	Chicken Hats	To be determined
	2:00 p.m.	Shade Gardening	Free
Aug. 6	10:00 a.m.	Leaf Casting	\$20.00
Aug. 13	10:00 a.m.	Houseplant and cactus care	Free
Sept. 3	10:00 a.m.	Painted Bowling Balls	\$15.00
Sept. 15	10:00 a.m.	Create A Backyard Wildlife Habitat	Free
Nov. 26	10:00 a.m.	Create an Evergreen Planter	\$20.00
Dec.17	10:00 a.m.	Create a wreath & Door hanger	\$20.00

For all workshops please call 293-5584 (ask for Garden Center) to reserve a spot and be assured we have adequate materials by Thursday 5:00 before the workshops.

Sautter's Floral

Sautter's Floral is the place to go if you need a beautiful floral gift to brighten up someone's day, even your own! We are now an FTD florist as well as Bloomnet and Teleflora. So there is an awesome selection. Of course our designers are extremely good at creating unique designs of their own too! Be sure to get you your Mother's Day (and grandma) flowers ordered early! Stop in and browse for those little extras, like candles, stuffed animals or 'little nothings' for mom too.

Check out **Connie's Corner** at www.sautters.net for all your floral shop news.

Floral Shop Hours : Mon.-Fri. 8-5
 Sat. 8-3
 Sun. Closed



Is There A Fungus Among Us?

Did you have trouble last year with a fungus disease? Either on your lawn or trees, shrubs, roses or perennials? Well, if you did, now is the time to treat the problem.

Begin by raking out the area and cleaning up any debris or old plant material left in the area from last year. If the lawn was the problem be sure to rake any dead grass up and fertilize with your spring fertilization treatment.

If trees, shrubs, roses or perennials were the problem, begin spraying with a fungicide safe for your particular plants. Lawn areas should also be treated with a fungicide safe for the lawn area. I know it might look like the problem has corrected itself, but believe me, the disease is lying dormant in the soils surrounding the plant and will become active again in mid to late summer when heat and humidity are prevalent.

By treating now the disease will be eradicated. Treatment when the disease is visible only controls, but does not get rid of it.

Plant Of The Month

May



Each month, Sautters Garden Center will be spotlighting an inside and outside plant. This month: **Boston Fern**, 25% off. It's a great plant for the front porch, likes a bit more shade than sun. **Roses**, 25% off. Buy mom a rose for Mother's Day. They really aren't hard to care for. We'll help!



Let Us Help You

Got a gardening question? Trying to lay out a new garden? Have disease or insect problems? Got a lawn problem that is stumping you? Almost any problem or project you may have, Sautters has someone on staff in the Garden Center that can give you answers or advice. Our staff are all **Master Gardeners**, our employees are all experienced in gardening and our manager has had 23 years of garden center experience. We pride ourselves on helpful friendly service, and are never too busy to answer our phone or take care of the customer in front of us.

Call 293-5584 (ask for the Garden Center) or just stop by and see us!

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Plant Of The Month

June



Philodendron, 25% off one of the most popular, easiest plants to have, sun or shade.

Fernleaf Buckthorn 25% Off. Try this plant as a specimen piece. A very open airy plant.

