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Ah, Spring!

Well, it's finally, FINALLY spring. It seemed like a really long and monotonous winter. I'm itching to get my hands back into the soil and plant something pretty. Shoot, I'm even looking forward to pulling a few weeds!

Beth and I have spent the winter cleaning our store and making plans for the upcoming spring and summer season. We've brought in many new and exciting products for your lawn and gardens, and some really neat things to add beauty and/or whimsy to your yard.

The economy isn't so great lately, and many of us are spending more time relaxing or entertaining in our own back yards. Spring is the perfect time to spruce up that yard or patio with fresh, new nursery plants, perennials, annuals or some fun, decorative items. Most landscape plants are less expensive than dinner out, and they last a lot longer, too! So let's make this year the year we take care of ourselves and beautify our own environments.

We at Sautter's have an Open House event planned for mid April to showcase all of our new products. We have a beautiful new, bright store and greenhouse filled with all sorts of useful and fun items for your property. We hope you all will take a few minutes to stop in and browse or just say 'Hi'.

We have a lot of fun, informative workshops and seminars scheduled this season. I have included the schedule for all of them in this newsletter. Please browse through and give us a call to sign up for any you would be interested in attending. We always learn something and have loads of fun.

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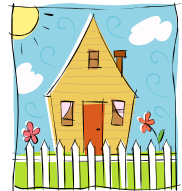
Spring Open House, April 12-13

See all our new, fun merchandise.

Talk to industry specialists.

Learn about Sautter's Landscaping services.

Enjoy some refreshments.



Mother's Day

Don't forget to show your love and devotion to Mom! Take her out to dinner and a movie. And don't forget a flowering hanging basket, a lovely flowering tree for her back yard, or perhaps a beautiful floral arrangement. Whatever you decide to surprise Mom with, we are here to help. Be sure to stop in and ask our friendly staff for advice or assistance.

Mom's Day Specials!

Hanging Baskets	25% off
Potted Roses	25% off
Chimes	25% off
Garden Shoes	25% off



Don't forget to bring your containers & pots in.

We'll do the planting for you!

Product Spotlight

Bobbex Animal Repellents This is an excellent product as far as I'm concerned! Every spring we all engage in the battle of trying to keep young wildlife (most notably bunnies) from nibbling away at our plants' new spring growth. This is one product I have had some luck with. Bobbex lasts for at least 2 months and does not wash off in rain. I have, however, refreshed it after especially hard rains, just to be on the safe side. Bobbex can be used on flowers, shrubs, and even on fruits and veggies. It does caution not to use it on plants with edible leaves, such as lettuce, or on rough-skinned berries like raspberries and strawberries. Try using it and see if you get the same good results.

Start & Grow This is a great plant food for the busy gardener. One application lasts for up to 3 months. It can be used inside or out, which I think is absolutely fabulous. If your plant has roots, I definitely recommend **Start & Grow**.

Systemic Fungicide Personally, I think this is one of the niftiest products around. Just about everything and anything we have in our yards has the capability of acquiring a fungus. If the weather is right, then something somewhere in your yard is going to get something. This product prevents and controls whatever Mother Nature throws at you. It doesn't wash off with rain and works up to 4 weeks for several problems.

Don't Forget to add Root Stimulator

Whenever you plant or transplant! This product will almost insure that your plants have a strong, fighting chance at growing and thriving in your landscape.

Burpee Seeds!

Our Burpee seeds have arrived! We have vegetables and assorted flower, herb and perennial seeds, as well as canisters of wildflower seed for both the Butterfly Garden and Cool Color Gardens.

Ferti-lome Fertilizer Program

Since we are all going to be spending more time entertaining in our own yards this year, we need to make sure our lawns are strong, healthy and beautiful. One way to do this is proper maintenance and fertilization. As always, we are happy to provide our customers with the Ferti-lome system again this year. Used correctly, this system will provide healthy, lush, green lawns all season long. The prices listed below reflect a 20% discount off the individual bag prices. The program must be purchased in full to receive these discounted prices.

Ferti-lome 4-step Program	5,000 sq. ft. \$53.75	10,000 sq. ft. \$87.50	15,000 sq. ft. \$140.75
	20,000 sq. ft. \$174.50	25,000 sq. ft. \$227.99	30,000 sq. ft. \$261.99
Ferti-lome 5-step Program	5,000 sq. ft. \$67.50	10,000 sq. ft. \$110.50	15,000 sq. ft. \$177.50
	20,000 sq. ft. \$220.50	25,000 sq. ft. \$287.75	30,000 sq. ft. \$330.75
Hi-Yield/Ferti-lome 4-step Program (No fertilizer in the 1st application)			
	5,000 sq. ft. \$47.75	10,000 sq. ft. \$77.99	15,000 sq. ft. \$125.50
	20,000 sq. ft. \$146.99	25,000 sq. ft. \$194.50	30,000 sq. ft. \$224.60
Hi Yield 5-step program	5,000 sq. ft. \$61.50	10,000 sq. ft. \$100.99	15,000 sq. ft. \$161.99
	20,000 sq. ft. \$192.99	25,000 sq. ft. \$253.99	30,000 sq. ft. \$293.75

Keep It Cool & Moist!

Mulching around newly planted trees and shrubs helps insure that they will receive protection from the hot summer sun and also aids in holding moisture around the plant's root zone during the crucial first season. There are several types of mulch from which to choose. All mulches deliver the same protective benefits. Choose one that's to your liking: Cypress, Hardwood, Red-Dyed, Pine Nuggets, and Cedar.

April.... Time To:

- Remove coverings over cold-tender plants in mid April.
- Rake leaves and debris from perennial beds.
- Prune old dead twigs and branches from trees and shrubs.
- Apply slow-release fertilizer to trees and shrubs in mid April.
- Apply Crabgrass Preventer plus lawn food in early April.

Get all your annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs at Sautter's

We have a knowledgeable staff, quality merchandise, and the best prices around!

Sautter's Garden Center

2008 Workshop & Seminar Schedule.

March 29	10:00 a.m.	Seed Cards. Fun greeting cards that include seeds for your friends!	\$10.00
April 5	10:00 a.m.	Container Gardens. The "in" thing right now. Everyone needs one!	Cost of materials
April 26	10:00 a.m.	Rain Gardens. The 'green' thing to do.	Free
June 7	10:00 a.m.	Vignette Gardens. A mini garden in a hurricane lamp.	\$20.00
June 14	10:00 a.m.	Tabletop Fountains. Enjoy the sound of water anywhere anytime.	\$35.00
June 28	10:00 a.m.	Pruning & Deadheading. The when, how to, and why.	Free
June 28	2:00 p.m.	Make A Shed Tidy. A fun way to store all those little things.	\$15.00
July 12	10:00 a.m.	Terra Cotta Bird Bath. We'll use clay pots.	\$10.00
July 26	10:00 a.m.	Part 1 - Make A Hypertufa Trough.	\$15.00
August 2	10:00 a.m.	Part 2 - Plant your trough.	Cost of materials
August 16	10:00 a.m.	Hostas. Everything you ever wanted to know about these plants.	Free
Sept 6	10:00 a.m.	Wooden magnets. Make these fun magnets from tree cuttings.	\$10.00
Sept. 13	10:00 a.m.	Cast A Leaf. Beautiful leaf castings for your garden.	\$15.00
Sept. 26	10:00 a.m.	Drought tolerant plants. Learn what goes in hot, dry areas.	Free
October 11	10:00 a.m.	Corn Husk Dolls. Make these fun autumn dolls with us.	\$15.00
October 18	10:00 a.m.	Bonsai. Learn how to start and care for your bonsai.	Free
October 25	10:00 a.m.	Pumpkin Painting. Always a favorite! For young and old.	\$10.00
November 1	10:00 a.m.	Twiggy. Fun, easy houseplant trellises.	\$10.00
November 22	10:00 a.m.	Make a bird feeding wreath. Everything you need on one wreath.	Cost of materials
December 6	10:00 a.m.	Wreath & Bow making. We'll show you how!	\$20.00
December 13	10:00 a.m.	Evergreen Planters. Always a favorite.	\$20.00

Please call and sign up! There is no limit to class size, but we do need to know how many will be attending to guarantee there will be enough supplies for everyone.

574-293-5584 Ask for the garden center.

Spring Guests

Now is the time of year we'll begin to see all kinds of new and exciting birds at our feeders. I so look forward to welcoming all my favorites like the Baltimore orioles, the assorted warblers and my favorite, the Indigo Bunting. Be sure to keep your feeders well-stocked with food, the suet feeder loaded, and bird baths well-filled with water. The more food and treats you offer, the more likely you'll see some of these winged beauties as well. At the end of April, make sure your hummingbird feeders are out. Put globs of grape jelly out for the orioles, plenty of sunflower seeds for the Buntings, and mixed seeds for the warblers and baby birds that will soon be visiting your backyards.

Daffodils and The Like

All those bulbs you planted last fall are now up and in glorious bloom. There is one thing you need to remember though. You must leave the foliage on the plants after the blooms have faded. As the green foliage dies, it is replacing and storing nutrients in the bulb for the following year's blooms. Wait at least 6-8 weeks when the foliage has turned yellow to brown before removing. Do this on all of your spring blooming bulbs.

Become a Sautter's Frequent Customer!

For every \$10.00 you spend, we'll punch your card. After 20 punches, redeem it for \$20.00 off your next purchase. This \$20.00 discount is redeemable on your **following visit.**



From the Potting Bench

By Susie Klepinger

What a winter: snow, sleet, rain, freezes, thaws, and floods. After all of that, spring's promise of renewal and warmth is most welcome!

In retrospect, I had very few winter houseplant problems; pretty amazing for someone who has a plant in every nook and cranny of her house. Mealy bugs took up residence on the tips of a few cacti, and the scale population was persistent on a cardboard palm. I keep a very diluted mixture of rubbing alcohol and scalecide in a pint spray bottle for quick action. Catching and treating the critters early kept the situation under control.

One of my joys is watching an orchid send out a spike that will explode with cheerful blossoms, lasting several weeks or longer. Many are hesitant to purchase one, but benign neglect can often spell success. For a beginner, a phalaenopsis or moth orchid is the one to try. Being epiphytic, it grows on the body of another plant and derives moisture and nourishment from the air and rain. The best potting medium is fir bark because it drains quickly.

This orchid thrives year round in bright filtered light with some artificial supplement during the short day winter months.

Phals like temperatures ranging from the mid 80's during the day to the mid 60's at night. Some growers like to keep the plants in the mid 50's for two weeks in the fall to encourage a flower spike to form.

Overwatering is the greatest mistake an owner makes. Water when the pot feels light when lifted or if the bark feels dry several inches deep. Use the old succulent rule: If in doubt, don't! Keep water off the leaves as rot and fungal infections can occur.

Fertilizing need is based on the growing stage of the plant. One getting ready to flower needs different nutrients than one that is in full bloom or resting. The danger again is overdoing it!

When the initial bloom is finished, don't lose heart; simply cut the spike off above the 3rd node from the bottom, and watch for new flowers.

Orchids are certainly worth trying, and I'll bet one will be just the start of a new hobby.

Houseplant check list: Clean up fallen leaves. Prune to promote new growth. Repot if necessary. Clean winter's dust from leaves. Check and treat any insect problems. Sit back, and enjoy the awakening!