



## 2010 Spring Newsletter

Welcome to a brand new season at Parkland Garden Centre! Our staff is busy getting new and exciting things ready for the 2010 season. We look forward to seeing you again this year and thank you for the opportunity to be your personal plant supplier for all your gardening requirements. Have a wonderful gardening season!

### Did You Know...?

Parkland Nurseries & Garden Centre is proud to announce our new "Plant Finder", located on our website at [www.parklandgarden.ca](http://www.parklandgarden.ca). This is a great tool to help you with designing and planning your yard. Come out and talk to our Specialists and they will assist you with all of your planting needs.

**Traditional combination Weed and Feed** is no longer available as of January, 2010 due to government regulations. While similar products are still offered in separate forms, fertilizer alone or pesticide alone, we now carry Sarritor as a replacement for the former combined product.

### **Sarritor – Biological Lawn Weed Killer**

- Fast acting and effective non-chemical weed control
- Active ingredient is a naturally occurring fungus
- Controls dandelions and does not harm the lawn
- Contains enough Sarritor to treat approximately 750 dandelions
- Sarritor fungus dies after killing the weed. It does not persist in the soil

#### Easy to Apply:

- Product is a dry granule that is spot applied directly to the weed.
- Apply in the spring or fall when daytime highs are less than 24°C.
- Needs rain or irrigation within 12 hours of application to activate.
- Product includes an applicator lid that dispenses the correct dose – one dose per dandelion is all it takes!

### Love to Read...? Here's What's New & Exciting

#### New Annuals for Canada by Rob Sproule

- Written by a new Alberta author
- Uses beautiful photographs to illustrate plant usage
- Well laid out and is easy to access information
- Gives a new perspective when deciding which plants to use
- Helps to revitalize the look of your containers

- All New Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew
  - Changes the idea of how to garden in small yards effectively
  - Adds new excitement to the simple art of growing vegetables
  - Devised a low maintenance way to grow your vegetables
  - An effective way to grow organically

### When Designing Your Yard....

#### Things to Remember:

- Keep it simple
- Keep materials and designs similar to the house style
- Keep it functional
- Use repetition of plant material in order to keep harmony and unity in your yard
- Use mulches and fabrics where possible to reduce weeds
- Remember to design for all four seasons
- Entry walks should be approximately 4.5' wide for ease of two people walking side by side
- A deck should be a recommended minimum of 12' x 12' to accommodate a table and four chairs

#### Questions to Ask Your Landscape Designer:

- Do you want outdoor lighting?
- Do you want a water feature?
- Do you want an outdoor kitchen?
- Do you have enough soil?
- Do you have enough storage space?
- Do you need/have access for large equipment?

#### **Most Important:**

- Check with the city/county for any bylaws, setbacks or restrictions
- Be sure to have any needed permits
- ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! 1-800-242-3447
- Parkland Garden Centre has a Landscape Designer on staff to assist with your landscaping needs. Please call 403.346.5613 for an appointment.



## 2010 Spring Calendar of Courses

Pre-register in person at the Garden Centre or by telephone 403-346-5613. Please contact us if you would like more information or to make suggestions for future courses or events.

**Check our Calendar often for updates!**

### April

#### *Herb Gardening*

We will discuss herb plants, special techniques for their propagation by seed and cuttings, herb garden design as well as soil, light and water requirements. You'll also discover the different ways herbs act as companion plants to repel pests, attract beneficial insects and encourage or discourage the growth of other plants. Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: \$25.00 plus GST

**Tuesday, April 13** 6:45pm to 9:00pm

#### *Roses for Central Alberta*

Alfred will reveal his secrets to a beautiful rose garden. Enjoy an evening of colorful slides and spirited discussion of gorgeous hardy roses as well as the irresistible tender varieties. Includes a colorful reference booklet to take home.

Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: \$40.00 plus GST

**Thursday, April 15** 7:00pm to 9:00pm

#### *Spring Pruning for Trees and Shrubs*

Careful pruning will enhance the appearance and improve the health of most trees and shrubs. Our specialists will teach you the proper techniques of pruning to rejuvenate trees and shrubs. This is an outdoor course, so come dressed for the weather.

All registrants must pre-register. Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: \$40.00 plus GST

**Saturday, April 17** 1:00pm to 4:00pm

#### *Landscape Design Revised and Revisited – Part 1 & 2*



In this new class we will go beyond the basics. Learn more about balance and symmetry as well as how texture effects design. This class will include a more in depth look at plant material and we will discover some of the best things about our climate. Come prepared with a sketch of your yard layout or a copy of your design from our introductory course for Part 2.

Cost: \$75.00 plus GST covers Part 1 & 2 and includes reference material to take home.

**Saturday, April 17:** 10:00am to 12:00pm Pt. 1

**Saturday, April 24:** 10:00am to 12:00pm Pt. 2

## Container Gardening - Hanging Moss Baskets

Create your own moss basket using a selection of plants and flowers in this hands-on session. Learn about proper care, watering and fertilizing. The beautiful planted moss basket you take home will give you a summer full of enjoyment on your patio or balcony.

Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: \$60.00 plus GST - includes plants, basket and supplies

**Saturday, April 24** 9:00am to 12:00pm

## June

## Queen of Flowers - The Rose

Alfred will reveal his secrets to a beautiful rose garden. From the old to the new, this course will explore the kingdom of the rose.

Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: \$15.00 plus GST - includes guided tour

**Saturday, June 5** 10:00am to 12:00pm

## Build a Pond Workshop



Hands on introduction to pond building. You will learn the necessary skills to build a pond in your own back yard. We will be building a streambed and a pond-less waterfall. This is a whole day hand on workshop. Come dressed for the weather and ready to work - don't forget your gloves! Pack a bag lunch and we will supply refreshments.

Instructor is Kees van Beek, a local pond expert.

**All registrants must pre-register. Limit is 15 people so sign up early**

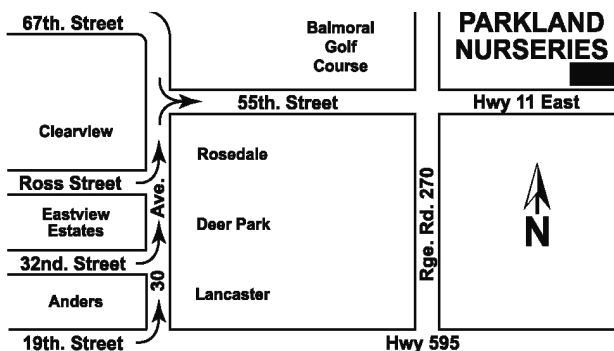
Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: \$50.00 plus GST

**Saturday, June 26** 8:30am to 3:30pm (1/2 hour lunch break)

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