



2011 Spring Newsletter

Welcome to a brand new season at Parkland Garden Centre! Our staff is busy getting new and exciting product ready for the 2011 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. We hope that you have a wonderful gardening season!

Did You Know...?

Parkland Nurseries & Garden Centre's "Plant Finder", located on our website at www.parklandgarden.ca, 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.

Once again Parkland Garden Centre is offering a MYKE "5" year warranty program on hardy trees and shrubs when accompanied with the purchase of any tree or shrub. Be sure to ask our "Specialists" for more information.

Be sure to check out our new 2011 Garden Guide magazine which has just been circulated. If you did not receive a copy, please come in and we will be happy to provide you with one. We hope that you enjoy the new edition and we would welcome any comments that you may have regarding the new look.

Love to Read...?

Come in to select some of our newest titles and versions to assist you with your gardening projects.

1. No Guff Vegetable gardening...Garden Coaches Chat: No guff, Lots of fun...by Donna Balzer & Steven Biggs. Don't forget her personal appearance and book signing here at Parkland Garden Centre on Saturday, June 11 from 11:00am – 12:00pm.
2. Gardening with Colour...Creative Design Ideas for Canadian Gardens by Rob Sproule
3. Beginner Gardening for Canada – A. H. Jackson...The basics – practical advice to get started

Here's What's New & Exciting in the Gift Shop...

- From the makers of Dig It Hand wear...the Dig It "High Five" new Gauntlet style glove has arrived! Specially made for women with manicures and embedded with comfortable nail protection in the tip of each finger. Breathable fabric gives hands comfort and flexibility.
- **Lug** - duffels, luggage belts, coordinating tags, clutches – fit for travel, work, play and every day. Great selection and colors to choose from!
- **Jewellery** – New selection of incredible designs from fun and funky to vintage inspired. We have a great selection of necklaces, earrings, bracelets and broaches. Come in to see our great display.
- **Sunglasses** – We carry a wide selection of UV protective designer sunglasses. Also available, plain reader and sunglass tinted reader glasses in great designer cases.

Fruit Growing Indoors

By Alfred Prins

There are several fruits that may be grown indoors. These are invariably tropical fruits, as only tropical plants can grow in our indoor climates year round without a dormant period occurring.

There are really only two main requirements for growing fruits indoors:

1. Large windows or a sun room to provide plenty of direct sunlight
2. Sufficient space to allow growth for small trees.

The most common fruit grown indoors are citrus – orange, lemon, grapefruit, etc. At Parkland Nurseries and Garden Centre, we carry a wide selection of citrus plants for the easy start or, you may start your own tree with seeds from ripe fruit, by planting them directly into pots of soil. The seeds should germinate readily. They will require well-drained soil and progressively larger pots as growth occurs. Do not allow the tree to dry between watering. Your efforts will be rewarded with wonderfully fragrant blooms and delicious juicy fruits.

Pineapple may also be grown indoors. These require less space as they are not trees, but require the same light and soil conditions. It is best to purchase a plant, but availability is generally very inconsistent. Rooting the leafy top off a pineapple fruit may also start pineapples.

Grown indoors, bananas, because of the size of the plant, are best grown in a sunroom or greenhouse. They are hesitant to bear fruit indoors.

None of the plants should be moved outdoors in summer, as our night temperatures are generally too low.

It is important to remember that these plants will all do much better when watered using rainwater, snow melt, or distilled water rather than tap water.

While we do not always succeed with these tropical fruits, it is always fun to try.





2011 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!

June

Donna Balzer, author of "No Guff Vegetable Gardening", Book Signing!



Join CBC Radio personality and author Donna Balzer for a talk, demo and book signing for her new book released March 15th, 2011 - "**No Guff Vegetable Gardening**", written with co-author Steven Biggs. New and experienced vegetable gardeners alike will smile as garden coach Donna Balzer lays it on the table: there isn't only one right way to grow vegetables. No Guff. Lots of Fun.

Books Available for Purchase or bring your own!

Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information. **Limited Space!!**

Cost: \$15.00 plus GST

Saturday, June 11 11:00am – 12:00pm

July

Queen of Flowers – The Rose

Alfred will share his deep love of this Queen of Flowers and reveal his secrets to a beautiful rose garden to enhance your own garden. From the old to the new, this course will explore the kingdom of the rose and a guided tour of the many varieties of roses in our display gardens and sales areas.

Cost: \$15.00 plus GST

Saturday, July 9 10:00am to 12:00pm

Private Garden Tour

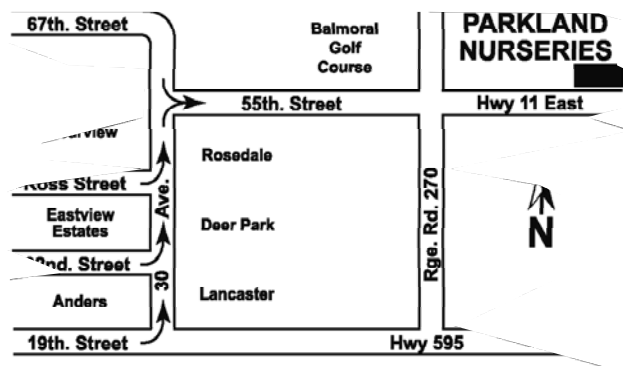
View some spectacular private gardens in and around Red Deer. Travel in a luxury coach accompanied by our staff to give you a tour and information regarding these beautiful yards and gardens. Enjoy an evening of fun and light refreshments. Please call 403.346.5613 to register.

Cost: \$40.00 plus GST

Wednesday, July 27 5:45pm to 9:00pm

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