

Parkland Nurseries Garden Centre Ltd.

Garden Club Newsletter

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Dear fellow gardeners

Another spring and summer has passed us by. But just because our summer is coming to an end does not mean that you have to stop planting plants. We still have plenty of time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials.

The staff at Parkland would like to thank everyone for coming out this year. We are still available to assist you with your fall planting decision and look forward to sharing our winter season with everyone as well.

Come visit us Monday to Saturday 9:00 am until 6:00 pm and Sunday's from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Our garden shop is always full of surprises

There is always a very nice selection of tropical plants for in your home, solarium or office. If there is a specific kind of plant you are looking for but you do not see in the tropical house we will do the utmost to get it for you. To "dress up" your tropical plants we carry a large line of pots from small to large. The pots come in a variety of colours and you have a choice of ceramic, metal, wicker and terra cota.

We carry numerous candles, scented and unscented, to create any kind of atmosphere you desire. Our candles come in round, floating, different size pillars, tapers, votives and tealights.

"Fire Burners" for your yard or deck are a sure way to give these areas ambience. These burners come with a can of "gel" to get you started, we also carry the refill bottles of "gel". Tapered copper oil burners are a must! These are put in your flower pots or in the ground. Both kinds of "fire burners" will light up your world!

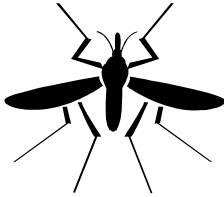
Home décor is a very important part of Parkland Garden Centre. We carry many "giftware" and home décor items that will beautify every room in your home as well as your deck or patio.

Our Beka furniture can beautify any deck or solarium. This cast aluminum furniture has a 10 year warranty. It can be ordered in a variety of colours and chair styles.

We carry crushable hats in a variety of styles and colours including "red" for those Red Hat Ladies!

Fight the Bite—Tips to avoid West Nile virus

Article is compliments of Sun Gro Horticulture



- Make sure doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Use mosquito repellents on exposed skin whenever you are in an area where mosquitoes may be present. Repellents provide the extra protection individuals need when exposed to mosquitoes and other disease carrying insects.
- Eliminate standing water, including clogged gutters, pool covers, empty wheelbarrows and pools of water anywhere in the yard. Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water holding containers that have accumulated. Be sure to remove used tires, which are a common haven for mosquito breeding.
- Remind or help neighbors eliminate breeding sites on their properties.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, socks and closed shoes.
- Encourage local officials to treat small ponds with larvacide and consider stocking larger ponds with larva eating fish.
- Beware of the times mosquitoes are most active, typically at dusk and dawn, April through October and avoid prime mosquito locations such as marshes and wetlands.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. If not in use, keep them covered.

For more information visit: www.westnilevirusfacts.org

Potpourri recipe

Potpourri

4 c. rose petals
2 c. scented geranium leaves
2 c. lavender flowers and leaves
1 c. lemon verbena leaves
2 T. orris root powder
1 tsp. rose geranium oil
1 tsp. lavender oil
1 tsp. ground cloves
1 T. ground cinnamon
Cinnamon bark (several pieces)
12 cloves

Dry flowers and leaves. Put all the flowers and leaves into a wide topped glass or earthenware jar and mix them together. Put orris powder, ground cloves and cinnamon into a small bowl and blend, and then add essentials oils and mix.

Add powder to the dried material in the jar and mix thoroughly with your hands. Cover and let sit for at least 1 month. The perfume mellows with time and becomes more fragrant. Mixing and a warm atmosphere will help draw the fragrance out. Add drops of essential oil to give new life when necessary.

Fall care of garden statuary

Concrete birdbaths, fountains and statuary can be at risk of damage during the fall/winter months. But with a little care and attention these risks can be reduced.

- Do not allow water to collect and freeze in bowls of birdbaths or fountains.
- Do not allow statuary to sit in pools of water or ice.
- Remove pumps from fountains and store indoors for the winter. If possible tip bowls of birdbaths and fountains upside down on the base.
- If bowls are too large to turn over, fill with absorbent material such as burlap or blankets.
- Cover entire fountain, birdbath with a water proof cover such as a tarp or garbage bags. Remember to tie the cover on tightly.



Tips for water conservation

Plants still require water well into the fall season, especially with the different weather patterns we have experienced. Here are some handy tips for conserving water during those hotter days.

- Established lawns, shrubs, perennials and trees only require approximately 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water per week.
- Use a rain gauge, this is a low cost reliable way to check if Mother Nature is doing her job.
- Use rain barrels to collect water. This water is better for your plants and free!
- Fix all leaky hoses. This way all your water gets where it is suppose to.
- Hand water small areas.
- Ensure sprinklers are not watering sidewalks.
- Put a bowl out on the lawn under the sprinkler. When the bowl has 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water it is time to turn it off.
- Use drought tolerant plants.

Remember there is still plenty of planting season left and even if Mother Nature is not doing her job, keep these handy tips in mind for growing healthy plants.

Upcoming events

Private Garden Tours

Thursday, August 11, 2005
5:45 pm until 9:00 pm
Contact Parkland for more information

Red Deer & District Garden Club Flower Show & Tea

Saturday, August 20, 2005 Show open to public
1:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Garden Spirits workshop

Saturday, August 27, 2005 9:00 am until 4:00 pm
Contact Parkland for more information

Craft & Market Sales

Saturday, November 12, 19 and 26 as well as
Saturday, December 10 and 17, 2005 from
10:00 am until 4:00 pm

Business After Hours

Tuesday, November 29, 2005
5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

SPCA Pet Pictures with Santa

Sunday, November 20 and 27, 2005
11:00 am until 4:00 pm

Fall courses

Saturday, September 10, 2005 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon
Landscape and Pond Design

Learn the principles of a good design such as traffic patterns, feature areas, tree and plant placement and how to enhance your property with the calming beauty of a pond. Come prepared with a sketch of your yard layout. Register early as course is limited to a maximum of 10 participants. Course fee \$30.00 includes course material

Saturday, September 17, 2005 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am
Blooming Bulbs by Christmas

Make your own pot of bulbs to take home and have blooming by Christmas. Course fee \$15.00

Saturday, September 24, 2005 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am
Dividing Perennials

Learn how to make your plants "multiply" with our proper techniques. This is a hands-on course where you will be cutting rhizomes, dividing lilies and other perennials. Course fee \$20.00 includes a special discount to participants

Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon
Enhance your home with a Fall Wreath or Centrepiece for Thanksgiving

This is a hands-on course where you will be creating a beautiful enduring wreath or centrepiece using silk plants to take home with you. Course fee \$40.00

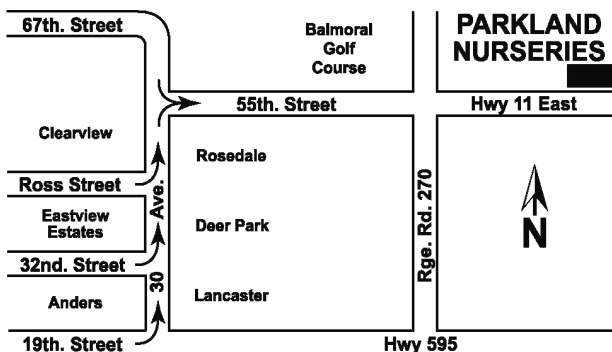
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While quantities last
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