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Dear Fellow Gardeners

*F*all will soon be upon us, bringing the cooler weather that is ideal for planting trees, shrubs and perennials. Plant them now and the roots will become well established for a great start in the spring. Parkland Garden Centre continues to carry an excellent selection!

We continue to have an extensive selection of garden statuary to add interest to your outdoor garden. Great for gift giving!

Looking for a gift for that "hard to buy for person". Remember that Parkland Garden Centre has gift certificates available for the new home owner, newly weds, courses, or any occasion.

Happy Gardening! *Gloria*

Late Summer Colour

*I*t's August and the heat of summer has taken its toll. While it helped ripen the apples and tomatoes, it stressed the flowers and many of them have gone to seed. What is the gardener to do to brighten up this dull looking late summer garden?

The answer is simple – just remove the plants that have gone to seed and replace them with new flowering plants. Pansies and violas are great subjects for late fall planting as they will keep blooming through the cooler temperatures until the first winter snows cover them.

Equally effective are the great colours of fall mums and asters available at this time of year. Ornamental grasses are a great finishing touch. An added benefit is that many of these beauties are also perennial so they'll return on their own next year.

Drop in and check out our great selection this time of year.



Photo courtesy of Northern Innovators

Outdoor Lighting

 Outdoor lighting is a beautiful way to enhance the enjoyment of your yard and is an important element of landscaping design for both practical and aesthetic reasons. Not only does outdoor lighting directly effect a homeowner's safety and security, but it has a direct impact on curb appeal and resale value as well. Exterior lighting must be both practical and attractive.

Lighting designers must blend wattage requirements with aesthetics to create a functional lighting plan. Too little illumination can lead to safety hazards such as trips and falls by visitors, as well as unwelcome visits by burglars. Too much wattage can leave a home with a garish glare unpleasing to the eye and damaging to home values.

When designing your yard consider how the garden will look at night and how you could enhance that look.

For a number of people, outdoor lighting is strictly done for looks. There are many different areas of

the yard that can be enhanced with outdoor lighting, such as water features, local trees, pathways, patio areas, stationary and structures (such as pergolas). There are many different types of lighting for the yard; probably the most often used now are uplighting and pathway lighting.

When planning your lighting, consideration of intimate patio or deck seating should also be taken into account. There is nothing to rival candles flickering in the night to create intimate ambiance. Although truly beautiful, this has raised problems with safety or the flame being extinguished by the wind.

Parkland Garden Centre has introduced the new flameless candle that lasts forever. It is made with real wax but has no flame, no drips or mess. It glows and flickers like a real candle but is safe to leave unattended and can be used even on the windiest evening. We invite you to visit our Garden Shop and ask for more information on Candle Impressions.

Uplighting ~ Uplighting places fixtures in the ground and directs light upward to create a dramatic effect that accentuates the texture of leaves on trees or the detail in a trellis or archway.

Safety Lighting ~ Used to highlight an area where you want people to navigate safely and discourage burglars.

Down Lighting ~ This includes many different styles based on how many lights are used, how they are crossed, and where they are placed in the tree. This type of lighting (when done well) should mimic natural sunlight or moonlight.

Area Lighting ~ Area lighting uses a floodlight or another source of wide light to illuminate large areas for evening entertaining. This is used as a background for other types of lighting used in the yard.

Spotlighting ~ Spotlighting will enhance and showcase certain features in your yard, like statuary or art pieces. Care must be taken to use sparingly as too much can become chaotic.

Accent Lighting ~ Similar to spotlighting, but it is used on a smaller scale in smaller yards. It

can be used to highlight special plants or other unique pieces in the yard.

Water Lighting ~ Underwater lighting, when used under correct conditions, can be very dramatic. It is important that the water is kept clear as lighting will make cloudy water appear even more so.

Just as there are styles of lighting, there are different materials that can be used to achieve the wants and needs in your yard.

Low Voltage ~ 12 volt system

Standard Voltage ~ 120 volts system

Solar Lighting ~ primarily used for walkway lights

The different types of lighting described here are certainly only the beginning of outdoor lighting schemes that can be used in your yard. If you are not comfortable with the electrical part of a lighting plan, please contact an electrician.

For assistance in planning your outdoor lighting talk to our landscape designer who will help you create the look you are after.

Did You Know...

That the terms fall bulbs and spring bulbs refer to the planting time and not when the bulb will bloom.

Most of the fall bulbs that are planted now will flower in early spring and into early summer. Spring bulbs are the ones you plant in the spring for summer flowering.

As a rule, spring bulbs aren't hardy in this climate and won't survive the winter. Spring bulbs should be dug up from the garden in late fall and overwintered according to the directions on the bulb packages. If you have any questions about keeping spring bulbs, contact our specialists who will be happy to answer your questions.

A tip for achieving the natural look of mixed bulbs. Take your bulbs and toss them into the air over the area you want to plant them. Plant them wherever they fall. With multiple varieties, throw them down one at a time, then plant them. This



will give you a natural look you'll love! The best time to plant fall bulbs is now until frost!

Parkland Garden Centre carries the best selection of tulips, narcissus, hyacinths, crocus and more, found anywhere in Central Alberta.

There are several exciting new colours of tulips including "Wendy Love" a delightful soft pink with glowing golden yellow edges.

The tulip of the year for 2006 is "World Express", a tall single late bloomer with large cream flower with vertical streaking in deep crimson.

Bulbs for outdoor planting will be available from late August to early November, and bulbs for forcing will be available until mid-winter. Our entire display will have an exciting new look this year ~ so come on in and check it out!

Small Trees for Small Yards

If you are looking for the perfect tree for a smaller city lot consider these beauties.

Amur Maple ~ 20' x 13' (6m x 4m)
This fast growing small tree has vivid scarlet fall colour.

Autumn Brilliance Saskatoon ~ 26' x 16' (8m x 5m)
A fast growing tree with edible fruit. White flowers. Beautiful orange/red fall colour.

Toba Hawthorne ~ 20' x 14' (6m x 4m)
A shade tree, good to sit under on those hot summer days. Pink flowers in June.

Flowering Crabapple ~ 16' x 13' (5m x 4m)
A selection of trees available. Flowers in shades of pink. Bears non-edible fruit but puts on the best show.

Schubert Chokecherry ~ 20' x 18' (6m x 5m)
Purple foliage in June. Excellent tree for summer colour.

Ivory Silk Lilac ~ 23' x 16' (7m x 5m)
Beautiful flowers in June. Dark green leaves all summer.



Queen of the Garden ~ The Rose

Parkland Roses were developed by the Morden Research Station in Morden, Manitoba and are all hardy in the prairie climates. This series of true Canadian roses is known for its long blooming season. Please stop in and see the wide selection Parkland Garden Centre offers.



Adelaide Hoodless



Morden Fireglow



Morden Snowbeauty



Winnipeg Parks

Adelaide Hoodless ~ red

Height: 3 ft (.9 m)

Spread: 3 ft (.9 m)

Cuthbert Grant ~ red (fragrant)

Height: 3 ft (.9 m)

Spread: 3 ft (.9 m)

Morden Blush ~ clear pink

Height: 2 ft (.6 m)

Spread: 2 ft (.6 m)

Morden Fireglow ~ orange-red

Height: 2 ft (.6 m)

Spread: 1 ft (.3 m)

Hope for Humanity ~ deep blood red

Height: 3 ft (.9m)

Spread: 2 ft (.6 m)

Morden Centennial ~ pink

Height: 3 ft (.9 m)

Spread: 3 ft (.9 m)

Morden Ruby ~ large red-pink flowers

Height: 3 ft (.9 m)

Spread: 3 ft (.9 m)

Morden Snowbeauty ~ white

Height: 3 ft (.9 m)

Spread: 3 ft (.9 m)

Morden Sunrise ~ peach/yellow (disease resistant)

Height: 3 ft (.9m)

Spread: 2 ft (.6m)

Winnipeg Parks ~ deep rose (disease resistant)

Height: 2 ft (.6m)

Spread: 2 ft (.6m)

Morden Belle ~ pink **New!**

Height: 3 ft (.6m)

Spread: 3 ft (.6m)

Prairie Celebration ~ red **New!**

Height: 3 ft (.9m)

Spread: 3 ft (.9m)



Morden Blush



Hope for Humanity



Morden Sunrise

Rose Photos courtesy of Alfred Prins

"I will waste not even a precious second today in anger or hate or jealousy or selfishness. I know that the seeds I sow I will harvest, because every action, good or bad, is always followed by an equal reaction. I will plant only good seeds this day."

Og Mandino, 1923-1996, Author and Speaker

To Do List for August / September

- ✓ This is the last chance to lift, divide and replant irises.
- ✓ Continue weeding; place any weeds that have gone to seed in the garbage (not your compost pile).
- ✓ Deadhead annuals and some perennials for continued bloom. Some decorative seed heads can be left.
- ✓ Continue watering on a regular schedule.
- ✓ Continue fertilizing annual plantings and containers.
- ✓ Discontinue fertilizing trees, shrubs, roses and perennials
- ✓ Stop deadheading hardy roses in late August.
- ✓ Carefully remove mildewed or black-spotted foliage and place in plastic garbage bags for disposal.
- ✓ Take geranium cuttings, etc., before the first frost.
- ✓ Make a list of spring bulbs to acquire then purchase any required. Plant spring bulbs as soon as possible.
- ✓ To keep containers going as long as possible, cover them or place them indoors if frost is predicted.
- ✓ Assemble a supply of frost covers. Old towels, sheets, etc. can be used.
- ✓ Following overnight frosts, mist tender flowers with sprinkler before the sun touches them; you may save some.
- ✓ Cut flowers that preserve well and save them for winter containers. Globe thistle, baby's breath and nigella all preserve well.
- ✓ Be sure to visit Parkland Garden Centre to see our fall displays, have our horticulturists answer all your questions, and check out what's new!

Alberta Community Art Clubs Association

Parkland Garden Centre is pleased to host a showing of some of Alberta's finest artists on Saturday, September 9th from 10 am to 4:00 pm.

You will be treated with the rare opportunity to watch as these esteemed artists and teachers create artwork on-location in several mediums; including oils, watercolors and acrylics. Finished pieces will be on display and available for purchase.

Featured artists include Jan Howden-Paul of Clive, Marilyn St. Germain of Red Deer, Marjorie Vetter, Ellen Lorne, Barbarba Checkryn-Rivers, Cindy Brown of Sylvan Lake, Sandra Bingeman, Dee Poisson, and Marianne Vanderkley also of

Red Deer.

Each artist brings the credentials of numerous exhibitions and awards. Collections of their work are displayed in Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, and India.

As well as the diversity of mediums, subject matter also varies from landscape, portraits, Alberta country life, animals, still life and more.

This is a significant event that you won't want to miss! For more information on this event or watercolor painting courses offered by Parkland Garden Centre please call us at 346-5613 or drop into the Garden Centre.



Present this coupon and receive

10% off

Your purchase of Fall Bulbs

*tulips*daffodils*hyacinths*narcissus*

*snowdrops*and more*

Offer expires: September 25, 2006



Redeem this coupon when you register for your next course and receive

\$10.00 off the registration course fee.

(Limit one coupon per person)

Valid for one course. Offer expires Dec. 2, 2006

