



Parkland Garden Club Newsletter

## Dear Fellow Gardeners

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*As we welcome in a new year, we at Parkland Gardens are looking forward to serving you, our valued customers, for another gardening season.*

*We have scoured the catalogues to find new plants and to bring you the latest in gardening décor and gift items. Our seeds and begonias are in and*

*our greenhouse is filling up fast with new seedlings for your spring planting needs. Come on out and let us show you what we have in store for spring.*

*Our thanks go to all who came out to enjoy our Christmas displays. We were pleased to host numerous bus tours and*

*to greet visitors who came to enjoy our ice sculpture display, forest of trees, and our Christmas tree theme displays.*

*We are looking forward to seeing everyone this spring and helping you to create the garden of your dreams.*

## New In The Greenhouse for 2006

Every year we are amazed at how many new varieties are "discovered" to add to our gardens and planters. This year is no exception with these seven exciting new plants included in the line-up.

**Bacopa White Surge** ~ a new upright growing variation for your planter.

**Calitunia** ~ a new bright pink cross between calibracoa and petunias.

**Coleus Pink Chaos** ~ a new neon pink coleus from Proven Winners for shade planters.

**Geranium French Vanilla** ~ a new color in zonal geraniums ~ soft yellow!

**Lophospermum Great Cascade** ~ a whole new plant for hanging baskets or trellises with burgundy-red flowers resembling gloxinias.

**Vinca Nirvana** ~ 4 new colors: red, violet, white and apricot. This impatiens look-alike is perfect for

blooming bags or hanging pots in full hot sun.

**Easy Wave Rosey Dawn Petunia** ~ a new color in the wave series. Bright



pink with lighter centre and white throat.

... and many more. These will all be arriving throughout March and April. Drop in and check them out. Watch for our next newsletter for more details!

### OUR GARDEN SEEDS ARE IN!

Shop early for the best selections of vegetable and flower seeds! Bring a list of all your favourites with you. You won't want to forget any! Be adventurous this spring and try one of our many new or specialty varieties!

## 2006 Perennial of the Year ~ *Dianthus 'Firewitch'*



*Dianthus grat. 'Firewitch'*  
2006 Perennial of the Year

**Dianthus 'Firewitch'** is an outstanding choice for 2006 Perennial of the Year. The long summer display of fragrant bright magenta pink flowers, blue-silver foliage, and versatility in the garden makes this one a winner.

Firewitch is stunning in rock gardens, and as edging in perennial borders and cottage gardens. This sun loving plant can be used in any landscape design. Firewitch requires good drainage and is an excellent choice for hot dry sites.

Firewitch blooms May ~ July /height 20cm/spread 45cm. (Zone 2-9)

It combines beautifully with other low growing alpine plants. Try Firewitch with these other "musts" in the sunny perennial garden:

### Spangled Star Dianthus

- Red with pink petals
- High flower count
- Blooms May ~ July
- Green/blue foliage
- Height 10cm/spread 45cm

### Neon Star Dianthus

- Fragrant bright pink flowers
- Spreading habit

- Blooms May ~ July
- Good groundcover
- Height 10cm/spread 45cm

### Shooting Star Dianthus

- Pink, fragrant flowers
- Spreading habit
- Blooms May ~ July
- Good groundcover
- Height 10cm/spread 45cm

### Fire Star Dianthus

- Vivid fire red flowers
- Blooms June ~ August
- Evergreen grey-green foliage
- Good groundcover
- Height 30cm/spread 45cm

## Endless Summer Hydrangea

*Hydrangea macrophylla*  
'Bailmer'

"Big leaf hydrangeas are unique in that their flowers can change color"

A most significant new plant introduction with lush green foliage bearing 8" mop-head blooms in late August. Unlike other Hydrangeas, Endless Summer will bloom on both old and new wood and will continue to set buds

and bloom throughout the season. Deadheading the spent flowers will encourage new blooms.

Big leaf hydrangeas are unique in that their flowers change color depending on the soil's pH. An alkaline soil produces pink colors while acidic soil will produce blue flowers.

Endless Summer will be a valuable addition to your garden. Watch Parkland for other exciting introductions as they appear.



## Did You Know . . .

**Vernalized** ~ In our northern climate almost all perennial plants must have a winter dormancy period before renewed spring growth can occur. This

includes seeds and bulbs!

This "vernalization" can be artificially accomplished by the use of freezers, refrigerators or root cellars.

At Parkland Garden Centre these conditions have occurred and our plants or bulbs are "ready-to-go".

## New Introductions for 2006

### Coppertina Ninebark

*Physocarpus opulifolius 'Minda'*

A cross between Dart's Gold and Diablo Ninebark. Coppertina starts out a purple wine color and turns to a rich red in late summer. It bears white flowers in summer. Coppertina is a zone 3 plant. Height 2.5m x spread 2m. Full sun to part sun.

### Prairie Celebration Rose

*Rosa x 'Prairie Celebration'*

A new dark pink-red hardy shrub rose. Prairie Celebration is single flowered, disease resistant with dark green foliage. Height 1.4m x spread .6m. Developed in Canada in 2003, this is one of the newest introductions.

### Mt. Royal Plum

*Prunus 'Mount Royal'*

Mt. Royal is a new plum to Parkland. Mt. Royal is a self-fertile, freestone plum with blue skin and firm yellow flesh. Height 4m x spread 4m. (Zone 3) Mt. Royal's self pollination makes this plum a truly valuable and exciting new introduction.

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### Gold Fountain Spirea

*Spirea x vanhouttei 'Gold Fountain'*

Gold Fountain spirea is a golden form of Renaissance spirea, but slower growing and more compact. Bears white flowers. Height 1.5m x spread 2.5m. (Zone 3) As a Renaissance relative, Gold Fountain, should prove highly resistant to disease.

### Strathcona Gold Apple

*Malus pumila 'Strathcona Gold'*

An Alberta nursery has introduced Strathcona Gold, a partner to the Millstream apple also being developed here in Alberta. Strathcona Gold is a very hardy, medium-sized, yellow apple, perfect for eating.

### Snowdwarf Mockorange

*Philadelphus x 'Snowdwarf'*

A new fragrant compact form of mockorange. Blooms from top to bottom and grows quite quickly. Snowdwarf is a zone 2 plant (making it very hardy). Height 1.2m x spread 1.2m. Part sun.




## 2006 Bulb of the Year ~ *Dahlia Nenekazi*



This is a beautiful cactus dahlia with a pale yellow to soft pink center that opens out with fuchsia-pink tips.

A stunning dahlia for the full-sun garden. Makes a great cut flower.

They are arriving at our garden center in mid-March. Be sure to come to Parkland Gardens to get yours.



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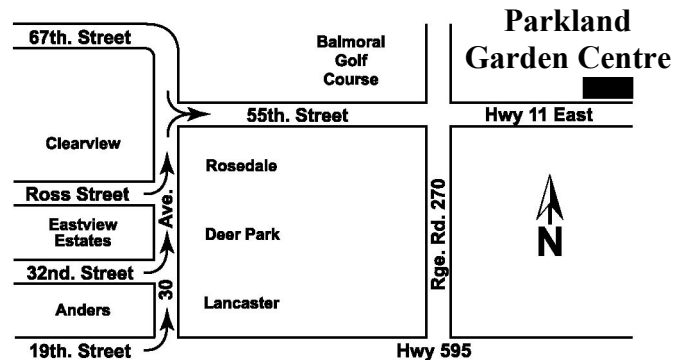


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## Upcoming Events

### Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 24, 2006  
8:00 am until 11:00 am

### Private Garden Tours

August ~ Check our Summer Newsletter for exact date

### Garden Club Flower Show & Tea

August—check our Summer Newsletter for exact date

### Craft and Market Sales

Check our Summer Newsletter for exact dates

### Business After Hours

Check our Summer Newsletter for exact date

### SPCA Pet Pictures with Santa

Sundays, November 19th and 26th  
10:00 am until 4:00 pm

Be sure to check our Summer Newsletter for more events and details!



Valentine's Day is just around the corner. This year why not give the enduring gift of an exquisite **orchid** or an exotic **tropical** plant that hints of warm romantic places. If roses are the passion of your someone special, we offer **gift certificates** for a **shrub or tea rose** to be chosen this spring