

Parkland Nurseries Garden Centre Ltd.

Garden Club Newsletter

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Summer 2004



Dear Fellow Gardeners

The season everyone loves – summer! With all the wonderful sights and smells of green grass, flowering plants and so much more. The days are longer and more time for everyone to spend in his or her garden. Let Parkland Nurseries & Garden Centre help you this summer with your entire gardening project!

Business hours – Monday – Friday 9:00 am until 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am until 6:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am until 5:00 pm

Serenity gardens

Gardens have many purposes and what more noble than to rejuvenate and allow one to be at peace? Serenity gardens are fast becoming the quiet heart of many landscapes. You can create your own haven with just a few simple elements.

1. **Seclusion from the outside world.** Make sure you feel nestled, in not open and exposed. Behind a wall, building or hedgerow is a good place to create your garden. A trickling water feature can be a soothing background sound if street noise is a problem.
2. **Serene plantings.** This should be limited to green with a possible dash of white. The unity will allow your mind to rest rather than a riot of color to jolt

your senses. Form and texture should take precedence over flowers and color.

3. **Resting place.** This may be as simple as a patch of soft grass or fragrant thyme, a stone bench or a swaying hammock. Where ever you feel comfortable sitting.
4. **Focal or meditation point.** This is anything you wish it to be, a water pool, gazing ball, trellis on a wall, statue or interesting rocks. You can make a sand “pool” with rock “islands” reminiscent of oriental gardens. The motion of raking the sand to make wave patterns is very soothing.

Parkland has all the elements necessary to create your own special serenity garden. Let us help you to have “peace of mind” this gardening season.

Did you know?



Trees are a great way to celebrate the milestones in your life. Plant trees for weddings, births and graduations and watch them grow with your family. Long-lived hardy trees such as Burr Oak, Spruce, Linden, Hawthorn and flowering Crabapples make excellent choices!



Raspberries

One of the old-timer favorites. With new faces. No longer are raspberries a maintenance nightmare. We are talking about Primocanes. Primocanes are raspberries that can be pruned to the ground every season. They produce late August, early September. Berries are medium sized and come in purple and the favorite red. The new varieties available are Aubin Black a heavy producer and are a good fresh eating berry. Double Delight is a red raspberry good flavor and larger fruit. But do not forget Heritage and Summit, which are red-berried full flavored, heavy producing plants.

Kids Korner



much more!

We have an exciting contest for kids between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. Bring your parents out to Parkland Garden Centre and try to guess how many jellybeans are in the jar!! Just fill out an entry form that is available in the garden shop and see the exciting prizes that can be won. This contest will run until June 30, 2004. Good luck to all of you!

Did you know?



Your garden can make a difference in the community. Plan now to include an extra row or two of vegetables to share with your local food bank. Root crops such as potatoes, carrots, beets and turnips store the best but any fresh vegetables in season are appreciated. See the information centre staff at Parkland or call you local food bank for more information.



Mark your calendars for the 2004 events at Parkland Nurseries

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, June 26, 2004

Private Gardens Tours
Thursday, August 5, 2004

Red Deer & District Garden Club Flower Show & Tea
Saturday, August 21, 2004

Craft and Market Sales
Saturday, November 13, 20 and 27 and
December 11, 2004

Red Deer Chamber of Commerce
Business After Hours
Tuesday, November 30, 2004

Ladies Night
Thursday, December 2, 2004
(This is a RSVP event, with tickets purchased in advance – ticket sale date to be announced)

SPCA Pet Pictures with Santa
Sunday, November 21 and 28, 2004

Ice Sculptures - December 2004

For times please call (403) 346-5613
We look forward to everyone joining us for our all of our events.

Private Garden Tour

We are pleased to announce that on Thursday, August 5, 2004 we will be touring private gardens of Central Alberta from 5:45 pm until 9:00 pm.

You will be riding on a luxury coach from Destiny Charters with knowledgeable guides from Parkland Garden Centre.

Register in advance by calling (403) 346-5613 or at Parkland Garden Centre. Book early as seating is limited.

Fee is only \$25.00 plus GST (Visa and Mastercard are accepted for phone in registrations).

Bring along your camera, suitable clothing and footwear! We look forward to having you aboard!



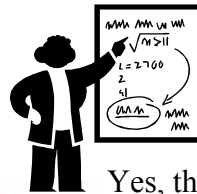
Garden Photo Contest

Once again we invite you to bring in your photos of your garden or plants. Enter our 2nd annual garden photo contest and you may win a \$50.00 gift certificate from Parkland Garden Centre.

Enter one of the following three categories:

1. Best individual plant
2. Best perennial, water or rose garden
3. Best all around garden

For more details and entry forms please visit our garden shop cash register desks.



Summer in the Garden Series courses

Yes, these courses were so popular last year we are bringing them back along with some new courses!

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| July 3 | Painted pots and more |
| July 10 | Rose care |
| July 17 | Summer pruning |
| July 24 | Bud grafting |
| August 7 | Pressed plants and posies |
| August 11 | The Art of Bonsai |
| August 14 | Harvesting herbs |
| August 28 | Water plant care |
| August 29 | “Forever” flowers |
| September 4 | Fall planters with pizzazz |
| September 11 | Blooming bulbs by Christmas |
| September 18 | Fall colour for the garden |
| September 25 | Dividing perennials |

For a complete description of the course(s) please contact us at (403) 346-5613 or come in and pick up a course information flyer.

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Garden Club Gift

Starter perennial
Buy 2 get 1 free
Regular \$2.49 each

Any Wednesday in June 2004

Limit one coupon per person and expires June 30, 2004



Fruit salad in the flower garden

In garden magazine, seed catalogues and in the local garden centre you will notice in the many plant names a growing trend in fruit and other flavour names used in naming our flowering plants.

While these temptingly descriptive monikers do not refer to flavours, nutrient content or even those that may be edible (some are); they generally imply sum colors and delightful fragrance.

Here are some delights you will discover at Parkland:

| <i>Plant name</i> | <i>Refers to</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Geranium Raspberry Ripple | Color |
| Geranium Blueberry Ripple | Color |
| Geranium Lemon Scented | Fragrance |
| Mimulus – Pina Colada | Color |
| Dianthus – Raspberry Parfait | Color |
| Impatiens – Peach Swirl | Color |
| Marigold – Pineapple Crush | Color |
| Carnation – Peppermint Essence | Color and fragrance |
| Calibraco – Colorburst Chocolate | Color |
| Diascia – Tangerine | Color |
| Geranium Fantasia Strawberry Sizzle | Color |
| Mint – Apple, chocolate, orange, etc | Fragrance |
| Impatiens – Fiesta Salsa Red | Color |
| Nemesia – Sunsation Cranberry | Color |
| Nemesia – Sunsation Lemon | Color |
| Nemesia – Sunsation Peach | Color |

Do you require help with your landscape design requirements? Call Parkland at (403) 346-5613



Garden shop happenings!

When you come home after a hard day of work, would it not be nice to sit and relax in your garden with a Beka furniture set from Parkland Garden Centre. We have an excellent selection that features a ten-year warranty against rust and breakage. The furniture is solid die cast aluminum construction, stainless steel screws, rubber feed for indoor use, powder baked epoxy paint that is non-toxic and the best part about the Beka product line, is that it is made for outdoor use during winter or summer temperatures.

Would you like to have a garden flag in your yard? We have two sizes to choose from along with flagpoles or holders. You can also dress up your doorstep with a matching jute mat.



Are you a couple that enjoys gardening?

Parkland Nurseries & Garden Centre is pleased to announce a Bridal Registry.

We invite all brides and grooms to register with us, picking out all of your gardening plants, tools, accessories, giftware and so much more. Your registry can be an endless gardening paradise.

New to the garden shop this year **“Everlasting Flowers”** Parkland is pleased to announce our top of the line silk flower line. You can purchase individual flowers or already made arrangements in many colours to suit any home décor.

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