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Flowering vines from season to season

Honeysuckle

Lonicera brownii 'Dropmore Scarlet'

A very easy to care for vine. No trimming involved, drought tolerant and very colourful. Dropmore Scarlet Honeysuckle has orange tubular flowers that attract Humming Birds. Grows 10' x 6' wide; and is great on the side of a house. Sun or part sun.

Hops

Humulus lupulus

A vigorous climber, that covers a chain link fence or trellis quite quickly. This vine is ideal for privacy in the summer. Shade tolerant and grows 20' x 6' wide.

Virginia Creeper/Engleman Ivy

Parthenocissus quinquefolia or *P. quinquefolia* 'Englemanii'

A very durable hardy vine that climbs almost anything. Great red fall colour. Can be used as a climber, or ground cover for slope retention. Grows 20' x 4' wide; an excellent vine for use around the house.

Clematis

Clematis spp

This is a huge group. There are large and small flowering alpine, bell flowering and large ornamental types. You could try them all. Most clematis prefer to be by the house but there are some that will climb a fence or gazebo. Grows 10 to 13' x 3' wide; a beautiful flowering vine for the yard.



Grilling vegetables and easy recipes

Canadians love their meals. Backyard grilling has never been so popular, with people cooking outdoors more and more. Here are some handy tips when barbequing vegetables:

Tomato, eggplant or zucchini—Finely chop herb or herbs of choice, for example: basil, oregano, garlic chives or crushed garlic and mix into 1/2 to 1 cup (125-250 ml) of vegetable oil (olive oil). Slice vegetable 1/2 to 3/4" (1-2 cm) thick, brush on light coating of oil and finely chopped herb mix. Cook on grill at medium-high temperature until lightly browned or the vegetable is at a texture you would enjoy eating. You may also want to brush on another light coat of the oil-herb mix after the first time the slices are turned over. A nice touch to finish off is to sprinkle a little parmesan or old cheddar cheese on top, or a hot sauce of choice.

Onions—Slice thickly and brush with oil. Cook onions directly on the grill on medium-high heat until they start to turn brown. You can also roast an onion by cutting it in half, wrapping it in foil with a little butter and cooking it for about 30 to 45 minutes on medium.

Corn—Remove most of the husk off the cob leaving only the last layer or two. This helps supply a little moisture and protects the cobs from direct high heat. Wrap multiple or individual cobs in tin foil and place on the grill at a medium heat for up to 20 minutes. It is a good idea to keep turning the cobs every few minutes to prevent over cooking any one area. Once the corn is cooked remove the rest of the husk and silk. Enjoy!!

Potatoes—Wrap baking potatoes in foil. Cook on medium for 25 to 30 minutes or until tender.

When planning your garden this summer, keep these handy cooking tips and recipes in mind and plant your own vegetables for your family and your guests to enjoy!

Tomato Basil Soup

Chop onion. Melt butter in saucepan and cook onion until soft but not browned. Skin and chop tomatoes; add to onion. Stir for a few minutes in the butter, then pour on heated stock. Bring to a boil; lower heat and simmer for 20 minutes; add salt, pepper and pinch of sugar. Puree briefly, adjust seasoning; cool and chill well. Ten minutes before serving, stir in chopped basil.

Herbal bubble bath

For those who want to pamper yourselves after a long day, try this quick and easy recipe

1 bunch of herbs (lavender, rosemary or mint works well)
1 bottle of shampoo
Several drops scented oil

Combine shampoo, herbs and oil. Let set for 3 weeks and then enjoy!



Mother Natures remedies

It is well known that Mother Nature has blessed many of our plants with the ability to repel insects and animal pests. However each one of them repels only specific pests. With increasing awareness of environmental concerns in recent years “natural” remedies to pest problems in our gardens are gaining more attention.

Consider the following pests and the plants that repel or control them:

Mosquito's, wasps or bees:	Lemon scented geranium, thyme or lemon balm
Ants:	Ant plant (Pennyroyal) and peppermint
Thrips or aphids:	Catnip, chives, coriander, fennel, marigold, peppermint, rhubarb, garlic or spray with “tea” made from any of these items
Cabbage butterfly:	Sage
Flea Beetles:	Geranium, onion, peppermint, sage and thyme
Leafhoppers:	Geranium and petunias
Rabbits:	Marigolds and onion
Slugs or snails:	Fennel
Spider mites:	Coriander
White flies:	Peppermint or thyme
Deer:	Marigolds, yarrow, campanulas monarda, chrysanthemum (all types), lavender, poppies (all types), thyme or veronica
Gophers or moles:	Gopher purge
Dogs or cats:	Rock garden marigold or rue

In many cases teas made from leaves of these plants make effective and safe insecticides for the target pests.

Easy elegance roses

Parkland Garden Centre is pleased to carry a new line of roses. These are own root roses, meaning that they are not grafted to another type of rose. This also means that they are usually hardier to withstand Prairie winters.

We have 4 different series:

Garden Art Series—takes the best of a tea rose with the vigour of an easy elegance rose and together they make art.

Garden Jubilee Series—Colour and more colour. A harmony of colour, these roses are so floriferous that they send bursts of colours to any landscape.

Garden Path Series—These are the shortest roses of the series. Good for colour impact along your sidewalk or pathway.

Lifestyle Garden Series—The trouble free roses easy to plant, easy to grow and easy to maintain.

Come visit us today to view the “series” roses

Perennial line up

Which one will be the best perennial in your garden this year?

Echinacea

Doppelganger—30" x 30", 2 rows of petals and a fragrance that will knock you off your feet.

Little Giant—16" x 24", you are sure to find a spot for this little beauty.

Sparkler—36" x 24", white splashed foliage that looks like you spilled paint on it. Unlike any other plant you would have in the garden.

Orange Meadowbrite—24" x 24", orange coneflower that smells like orange tea. You will have the neighbors talking.

Gaillardia

Summer's Kiss—18" x 24", apricot coloured soft perennial a really nice addition to the cottage garden.

Fanfare—14" x 24", this will cause commotion, this plant has a whole bunch of tubular flowers like trumpets.

Hosta

El Nino—24" x 24", blue green foliage with white edges. A real collectors plant.

Stained Glass—36" x 36", golden foliage edged with dark green, semi-sun tolerant and it is a must have, fragrant also.

Papaver

Doublelicious—20" x 24", I cannot believe it is double. Orange ruffled double petals makes this a must to have.

Hemerocallis

Purple D'oro—16" x 24", Stella's cousin, it is a need to have purple flowered daylily that re-blooms.

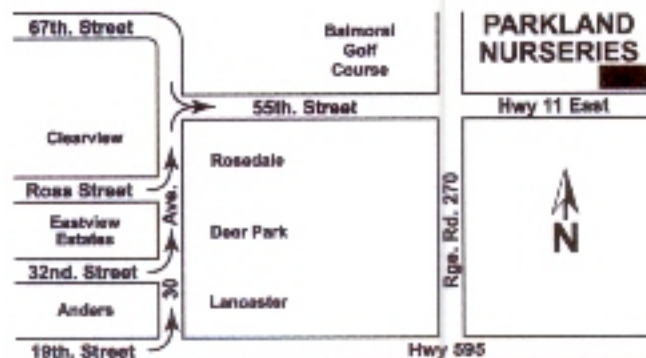
Hevchera

Lime Rickey—18" x 18" and not the drink. The most amazing lime green foliage out yet.

City Lights—15" x 24", yellow flowering plant with dark burgundy leaves.

Come and visit our perennial specialists and decide who the winner will be!

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