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Farm Stand Now Open!

PUTTING THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE

By Kathleen Carr

Rain: A blessing or a curse? Like many situations, I think it depends on your perspective. Rain on Mother's Day Weekend can ruin Sales figures for the month of May for a garden center owner. Rain also wreaks havoc on any company that is responsible for scheduling work that is done outside i.e. roofing, land excavation, and landscapers. After last year I never thought I would be upset when rain was in the forecast. How short my memory is when I have a stack of work that needs to get done and the down pours keep coming. Thank goodness our landscaping job scheduling board is written in dry erase marker. Recently, my mother in law, my children and I went on a garden walk in Woodstock. I was asking a nursery owner

how the rain was affecting their schedule, she quickly said, "Oh we never complain about the rain!" That was just what I needed to hear. Earlier today, Mary, my daughter, said "Mom, It has been raining a lot this year." I responded "Yes it has, but.....remember.....last year.....". I hope I was convincing enough as I was thinking in my mind, okay if it rains Jaime (my landscape foreman) can go to the nurseries and if it doesn't he can go to a jobsite. The bottom line is that yes, the rains are tremendously beneficial for plants. If only I could forest from the trees. Thank you all for your continued support of our company. We are having a great summer sale on all of our decorative fountains and statuary-40% off.

Please check out our new website: www.thegrowingscene.com

Matt Kelley our website guru has put a lot of time and effort into getting things just right for you and us. We love it and hope you will enjoy it as well.

We have never had this type of sale before, so please take advantage of it! All of our granular fertilizers are also on sale-50% off: Weed n Feed, Summer fertilizer, Starter Fertilizer and Turf Fertilizer. Three members of our garden center staff will be going back to college in August. We need garden center sales people. Please consider applying for the position. We need someone to work 3-4 days a week through October 25.

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Welcome Back Shanell!

We are thrilled to announce the return of Shanell to our garden center staff. She is joining us this season while on her summer break from Monmouth College. She will return this fall as a Junior.

Shanell's major is Ele-

mentary Education. Her love of children is evident. She also has 3 other jobs this summer. One of them is as a babysitter for the Carr family.

Shanell, her parents, Steve & Denise, and her brother Nick all live in

Hampshire.

Her hobbies include music and volleyball and she loves hanging out with her best friend Elise.

We wish her much success in her studies when she returns to school this fall.



Dates to Remember:

- August 12th Children's Gardening Day!

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT- FREE LANDSCAPE RENOVATION

By Kathleen Carr

Each year I read about the nation program entitled "Make a Difference Day" and I am inspired. Unfortunately it comes during our busiest season and we never seem to be able to participate. This year we are starting our own version of that very successful program.

We are requesting nominations of people who's homes and yards could use a little help from a professional landscape crew. Do you know anyone that isn't able to keep up with the weeding or pruning in their yard(okay, please no one nominate me!) Perhaps a friend recently had surgery and would enjoy being able to look out at a few new flowers. Did someone special to you recently pass away and we could plant a tree in their honor?

I envision this project to take place over the course of one day with myself and our landscaping crew on site during the project. We would probably be more apt to

clean up –weeding, pruning, mulching, rather than plant a whole bunch of new trees and shrubs. We would certainly be available to plant a few flowers, bulbs or a memorial tree.

Please write to us and let us know who you are nominating and why. Please include the name, address and phone number of the person you are nominating. You may also nominate yourself. If possible please include a picture or two of the yard.

Judging will be a family project. We will read the entries to our children (Mary,8, Sarah, 6 and Christopher, 5) and let them take some ownership of making a small difference in someone's life. Chris and I will add a bit of reality to the situation concerning what resources we have available and what the strengths of our company are.

Please submit all nominations by August 20. Please mail them to:
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BUSY SUMMER? NEED HELP IN YOUR YARD?

No time to start much less complete those Yard projects? Let us professionally evaluate and assess your yard. We are the....

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Items included in our Landscape Specials:

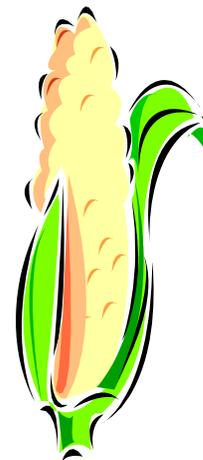
- Landscape design
- Adding mulch to existing beds
- Removing weeds
- Pruning Trees and Shrubs
- Dividing flowers
- Adding edging between flowers and shrub areas and the grass
- Removing unwanted debris

- Spading bed edges
- Shearing Hedges
- Planting new flowers, shrubs and trees
- Adding top soil to specific areas
- Whatever needs to be done to insure your yard looks its best!
- Whether your yard is in desperate need of a thorough working over, or if it just needs a little T.L.C., we can handle it!

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Fresh Fruits and Vegetables available include:

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Beets
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SELECTION**

TRANSPLANTING TREES

By Kate Kelley

Adding trees to your landscape is an exciting process. Trees add significant interest and are an asset to your yard, adding shade, screening, and beauty. However, the timing and methods used in transplanting trees are very important in determining the success of the trees. The transplant ability of a tree depends on the species of tree, the size and health of the tree prior to transplanting, and the time at which the tree is moved.

Trees which have compact, fibrous root systems are easier to move than trees which have a long tap-root which can be broken during the transplanting process. Root loss is expected and nearly impossible to avoid during the digging, wrap-

ping, moving, and planting of a tree, so it is important to provide the tree with the necessary conditions to help the tree grow new roots.

The surrounding soil is very important to establishing a new tree, and it is usually better for a tree to go from heavy soil to lighter soil, than the reverse. Ideally, a soil that has good drainage as well as moisture retention should be available to all of the plants in your yard.

Perhaps the chiefest attraction of a garden is that occupation can always be found there. With mind and fingers busy, cares are soon forgotten.

GRANDMA' RECIPE BOOK

From Grandpa's Garden to Grandma's Kitchen

By Jean Britton

FRESH N FRUITY SALAD

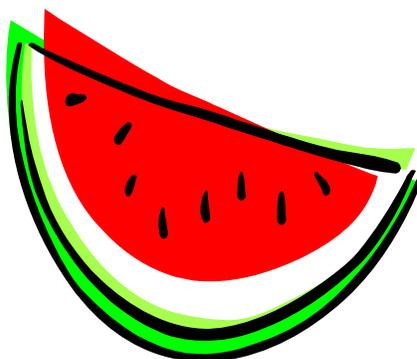
Ingredients:

- 1 can, 20 oz., unsweetened Pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 can, 15 oz., unsweetened dark Sweet cherries, drained
- 1 1/2 cups cubed cantaloupe
- 1 1/2 cups cubed seeded Watermelon
- 1 1/2 cups cubed honeydew melon

Dressing:

- 3 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 Tablespoons orange juice
- 3 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1/4-teaspoon paprika

Combine the fruit in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine dressing ingredients; pour over fruit and toss to coat. Serve immediately.



EMERALD ASH BORER

By Kathleen Carr

Emerald Ash Borer is an insect that attacks Ash trees. The insect was confirmed to be in the Midwest in 2002. In June of this year the first confirmed sighting of Emerald Ash Borer in Illinois occurred in Kane County. More than 20 million trees in the Midwest are dead or dying due to this insect.

Please read more about this situation and inspect your Ash trees. We have copies of press releases from the University of Illinois Extension Service available for you at our garden center. You can also print these off of their website.

The one tell tale sign of Emerald Ash Borer is D shaped holes in the bark. The insect has a metallic green color and is 1/4 -1/2" long. If you suspect you have Emerald Ash Borer on your tree or trees contact the McHenry County Extension Service at 815-337-3737.

CHILDREN'S GARDENING DAY!

Children's Gardening Day is a day set aside to encourage young people who are interested in gardening.

As Gertrude Jeckyll said "The love of gardening is a seed that once sown, never dies."

On Saturday, August 12th, there will be 4 classes offered for various age groups where children will work on gardening projects.

The following is a list of classes that will be offered:

What Makes it Grow? 10:00-10:30
Ages 3-6

All About Bugs 10:45-11:15
Ages 5 & up.

The Vegetable Patch 11:30-12:00
Ages 3 & up

Preserving Flowers 12:15-12:45.
Ages 6 & up

To register call 815-923-7322.

A \$2.00 registration fee applies per child per class. Registration deadline is August 9th.



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We look forward to hearing from you.

Many people say it is the best job they have ever had.



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