

It's almost Spring! Roses are already shooting away; plum blossom will begin in the next week and after a cold, wet winter we can see things start to move. If you are considering doing any planting do it now so that your plants can catch that wave of Spring growth in their new home. If you have plants that struggled last year give them a decent feed so they too can react positively to the growth window of opportunity that is Spring! As the warmth comes into the air and the soil the momentum will gather and we need to make sure that your garden can make the most out of what Spring has to offer.

NEW RELEASE - GHOSTLY PRINCESS

A compact lavender called Ghostly Princess is a new younger sibling to the award winning Princess Lavender. Ghostly Princess has paler, dusky pink flowers on a striking silvery-grey foliated shrub. The flowering is lovely but it is the year round foliage accent brightening up the garden that really earns a place in the garden. As with all lavenders plant in a sunny, well drained position & prune after flowering which is from August to November. Available the first week of August or can be seen now in our garden bed.



THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST

- Now that the worst of winter is over it is time to prune cold sensitive evergreens to improve shape and bushiness and promote new growth in Spring that will bear flowers. Prune Sasanqua Camellias, Fuchsias, Hibiscus, Plumbago, Heliotrope etc.
- Feed Roses with a high K complete fertilizer to improve flowering & increase disease resistance.
- Treat Bindi-eye and other weeds in lawns now with selective weedicide eg Buffalo Pro. Mix it yourself in a watering can for best results. Bindi-eye is at its most vulnerable stage in August.
- Start feeding Gardenias with Harry's Gardenia Food in the second half of August.
- Feed anything that is beginning to put on new growth. Plants are hungry after a lean Winter.
- Apply Blueing Fertilizer now for bluer hydrangeas.
- Remove all galls from Citrus trees and hang Gall Wasp Traps. Feed with high Potassium citrus food to improve resistance.
- If your plants are being monstered by more aggressive plants nearby then root prune around them with a spade to ensure that they get their fair share of the food and water available.





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DECIDUOUS MAGNOLIA

Spectacular small to medium trees with an amazing display of flowers from white, through pinks to red or purple-black flowers before almost anything else starts flowering. Magnolias are hill plants; they love good drainage and hate wet feet. I always plant my Magnolias (and Michelias) up on a mound in ZooGro improved soil to facilitate good drainage. Otherwise quite hardy and enormously rewarding. A grower recently lamented to me that most people never feed or usually underfeed their evergreen Magnolias and Michelias. These plants have a compact root system that doesn't go looking for food. I give mine a kilo or two of complete organic based fertilizer twice a year, not a handful or two. They also love a prune to thicken, neaten and improve flowering.



We are super excited in the gift shop because the Gift Fair starts next week. Melissa and Janine are getting their running shoes ready for 4 (very serious) and busy days of shopping. We'll keep you posted via our Facebook and Instagram pages on all the new goodies that they find.

In the meantime, you are still spoilt with choice at the variety of gorgeous gift ideas in the gift shop.

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Our first taste of Spring arrived today in the form of D'Lux. This exquisite range of scarves highlight all the stunning colours of the coming season. Personally, I can't wait to brighten up my wardrobe with a splash of Spring colour. D'Lux scarves also make an ideal gift for someone special. Choose from natural cotton, linen and silk fabrics.



Come and wander through the gift shop and talk to any of the friendly staff. We pride ourselves in being able to help you find the perfect gift for every occasion.

Janine, Melissa, Vivienne, Marita, Paula and Sophie



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