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TONY'S TIPS

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THINGS TO DO IN OCTOBER

- If you haven't already; feed your lawn – it has been a hard winter!
- Prune and feed Magnolia Little Gems & n bTeddy Bears to fatten and thicken up
- Plant Petunias and Impatiens for late Spring/Summer/Autumn colour.
- Dose all long term (longer than 1 year) potted plants with Saturaid to rejuvenate potting mix to then accept food and water supplied
- Plant summer salad vegies and herbs; for foliage, fruits and herbal dressings to add more flavour, for fresher and cleaner food
- Watch for aphids on Roses and spray with Rose Gun or Rose Shield
- Plant a tomato (or two) for flavour and taste
- Prune and feed all Winter/early Spring flowering plants, ie Camellias, Azaleas, Pieris, Japonica, Winter flowering natives, Spirea, Wisteria etc
- Stop and smell the roses and appreciate the many colours and shapes
- Give the Gardenias another feed of Harry's to fatten up for flowering
- Warm enough to plant warm season perennials or, prune, feed and rejuvenate last years!
- Repot Cymbidium Orchids if they are bursting their pots; preferably to a bigger pot in orchid mix and dress with high K Osmocote. Do not divide unless you have to as this prevents flowering for years

THEY'RE BACK

Daphne Eternal Fragrance & Daphne Spring Pink are back now the warmer weather is here. Small rounded shrubs 60cm high by up to 90 wide these sun loving (to part shade) Daphne are like all Daphne in that they hate root disturbance (don't tease roots), they hate wet feet (plant up on a mound of improved soil) but will be covered in small white or pink fragrant flowers in Spring & again in Summer/Autumn.



NEW SEASON

October is when we start Basil! Our favourite variety (called Gecofure; an improved Genovese Basil) is a bushier, disease resistant, less cold sensitive but superior aroma and flavour variety of Basil. Keep protected initially but the best grower has the best variety of Basil to give you the best result! Basil is a simple creature. It loves fertile soil, a sunny, warm position and is great in pots or the garden.

Also new season are the Impatiens; best performers are the Sunpatiens and the Impacios which are hardier varieties of the New Guinea Impatiens for sun or shade, pots or the garden. We get flowers from October to May in a wide range of spectacular colours. With good soil, regular feeding and watering these plants are a non-stop spectacular!



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NEW SEASON PETUNIAS

The spreading petunias have been a wonderful addition to the garden not least because their flowers are profuse and spectacular from Spring through to late Autumn. A new addition is Petunia Baby Doll; sister to last year's new addition Night Sky. Night Sky is deep blue speckled with white, whereas Baby Doll is deep pink speckled with white. It has a neat, bushy mounding habit, 25-30cm tall and 35-40cm wide and is covered in flowers for the next 6 months! Great in baskets or pots and with sunshine, food and water this plant will work very hard for you. A limited release in its first year.



We're loving this time of year in the giftshop. The shelves are becoming fuller and fuller with all the fabulous goods arriving everyday from the gift fair.

Our beautiful new range of cotton nighties from Arabella Sleepwear are proving very popular. These nighties are made from 100% pure cotton and feature gorgeous ribbon and embroidery. Available in all sizes and priced at just \$60 each.

Can't believe that we're saying it, but Christmas really is just around the corner.

We've had many customers in with their Christmas lists getting organised nice and early. Such a good way to take the stress out of Christmas shopping. Why not compile your own list and let us help you choose some wonderful gifts. We will even wrap them for you. Remember that your donation to our gift wrapping service goes towards the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Our favourite range of candles Ecoya has been reborn. With the introduction of beautiful new scents, this range has totally changed their packaging. It is and always has been a perfect gift to give. The candles are 100% soy wax, so that they burn evenly for up to 80 hours. Our Kew Botanical Gardens pots are now available in many colours and lots of different shapes and sizes. Add style to your patio or to the inside of your home with these gorgeous pots. We look forward to seeing you in the gift shop very soon...

Melissa, Janine, Viv, Paula and Emma

