

MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Spring has arrived! The greenhouses are quickly filling up with new plant material. We have an extensive list of new trees and shrubs for this year. I am very excited about the new "weeping" varieties that Cannor is carrying. We are also carrying several new varieties of fruit trees. You must come to the nursery to see what the fuss is about!

PINE – Weeping White Pine – *Pinus strobus pendula*

A weeping pine with blue-green needles. Its irregular pendulous branches can touch the ground. No two plants are alike!!

JUNIPER – Mother Lode Juniper – *Juniperus horizontalis 'Mother Lode'*

What's New at Cannor Nurseries in 2008

A very low growing juniper with golden yellow foliage that turns bronze-plum in winter. Mature height is only 15 cm!

CEDAR – Yellow Ribbon – *Thuja occidentalis 'Yellow Ribbon'*

A pyramidal cedar with bright yellow/orange foliage. Plant in full sun for best color.

APPLE - Malus x Heaps

A large eating apple named after our General Manager, Gordon Heaps! The skin is yellow with red stripes. A good keeper.

PLUM – Combination – *Prunus x*

Finally, a Plum with 3 different hardy varieties grafted onto it! Perfect for small yards!!

FLOWERING CRABAPPLE – Malus x Rosy Glo

This beautiful weeping orna-

mental crab has bright pink blossoms in spring with bronze-green leaves.

LILAC – Hers - *Syringa julianna*

A small weeping standard with light mauve, fragrant blooms and dark green leaves.

COMPTONIA – Sweet Fern – *Comptonia peregrina*

A unique fern-like plant with narrow, fragrant leaves. Good for semi-shade. Grows to a height of 1 m.

ROSE – Outta The Blue - *Rosa x*

This beautiful rose has sweet-spicy scented magenta/lavender blooms. Hardy to zone 3.

Drop by the nursery to discuss your gardening plans for this year. We have the largest selection of trees and shrubs in the area.

Brenda Shaul

What's New in Perennials for 2008

Cannor Nurseries has added 41 varieties of perennials, 10 varieties of hostas and 10 varieties of daylilies for 2008. We are pleased to offer these wonderful new selections to you. Even if "your garden is full" there is always a spot to squeeze in these new varieties. The following is a list of my top ten selections; they will definitely be going into my garden.

1. Artemesia Oriental Limelight – The foliage of this plant is light green with yellow variegation, growing as a ground cover similar in habit to Silver Brocade Artemesia.

2. Bugloss Jack Frost – Another ground cover type plant for the semi shaded area of your garden. Beautiful silver foliage with a green edge and tiny blue flowers in the spring.

3. Delphinium Delft Blue – Flower spikes to 60cm with white and blue

splashed petals, this plant loves the sun and there is no need to stake the flowers.

4. Coneflower Jade – Pure white flowers with bright green centres that will make an out-standing display. We will also have more of the Green Envy variety that we sold out of in the first week last year.

5. Geranium Rozanne – The **2008 Perennial of the Year**- Large bright blue flowers with a white veined centre. This variety is very hardy and as vigorous as the old variety, Johnson's Blue.

6. Daylily Man on Fire – a whole new concept in color with this variety. Flowers are pale yellow with a green centre; the petals are feathered with red and yellow splashes. There are also 9 other varieties of daylilies to get excited about.

7. Hosta Blue Mouse Ears – The **2008 Hosta of the Year** – Adwarf Hosta

with grey blue foliage, growing to only 5cm in height. Yes, we have other new varieties that are standard sizes.

8. Iris Firebreather – this is a later flowering variety with orange petals and falls and a bright orange beard in the centre of the falls.

9. Peony Laura Dessert – Beautiful pale yellow flowers that are the same size as standard peony varieties. The first yellow peony that is a reasonable price. This is "must have" for all Peony lovers.

10. Firecracker Mums – This new series of Mums come in 6 colors and are hardier than the old Morden series. Three of the colors were not even named when I ordered them in October of last year. Look for Dreamweaver, Suncatcher, Firestorm, Showbiz, Tigertail, and Garnet.

Gordon Heaps
General Manager

Rogue's Gallery

Another season of pests is coming but do not despair, there is a method of controlling most of the harmful insect problems. As we do not have any actual bugs running around this month (Look for actual critters in May through October) I am going to give some hints on reducing the pests while they are dormant.

1. Aphids, Thrips, Birch Leaf Miners and Leaf Hoppers winter in the soil or more importantly, in the leaf litter below the trees and perennials. It is really important to remove the litter before you do your spring fertilizing or even more important your spring watering! Rake up the dead leaves and put them in the compost pile and thoroughly douse the pile with a solution of 5 tbsp of dish soap in 3 litres of water. This will kill the larva before they hatch.

2. Slugs. Our favourite pest can be greatly reduced by simply turning the soil in large clumps. Leave the soil in clumps until you are ready to start planting. Some of the smaller slugs will freeze up in our late spring frosts. Remember that Hostas are a favourite food for slugs and they need extra protection. Use copper wire or copper mesh in the soil around the hosta. This will repel slugs all season.

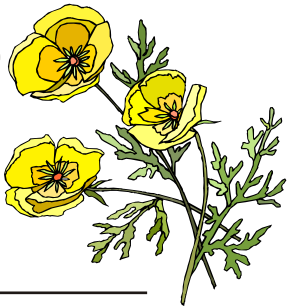
3. Onion Maggots have become a real problem with the banning of Diazinon pesticides. You can get reasonable control by using Diatomaceous Earth (Insectgone is one brand name). Use it before you seed or plant the onion sets. Diatomaceous Earth is a natural product and has no chemical pesticides in it. The other product that will work is Rotenone insect dust: this is a natural low toxicity insecticide that can be applied before planting. Rotenone is also useful in treating a wide range of other pests as well.

4. Horticultural Oil is the answer! Leafrollers and



other pests like aphids and mites spend winter on your trees, shrubs and perennials as eggs. They are usually laid around dormant flower and leaf buds. The eggs hatch just as the buds break. By the time you see the damaged rolled leaves or holes chewed in the leaves the actual pest is long gone. Horticultural oils should do the trick. One or two applications prior to bud break will cover and smother the overwintering eggs and prevent spring attacks.

Membership Has Great Perks!



Join
CANNOR GARDEN CLUB
and receive lots of benefits.....

10% off Everything! Everyday!

Members get 10% off every full price item they purchase. That includes plants, trees, caliper trees, ceramic pots, statuary, fertilizer and more!

Free use of our Garden Equipment

Borrow our lawn roller, fertilizer and grass seed spreaders, wheelbarrows and other garden tools, all at no charge!

Basket Days

Each spring we invite members to come to the nursery with their baskets and pots. We provide free soil, fertilizer and planting instructions. You leave your planted material and we take care of it until the May long weekend.

Newsletters and Classes

Throughout the planting season we send you our newsletter filled with informative articles, advance information on sales and the schedule of our weekly free classes.

Annual 50% off Members Only Sale

You must have a current membership to shop this sale. Our inventory reduction sale takes place at the end of season. No other local garden center has a sale this big!

To become a Club member the cost is \$15.00. We keep your info on file so every time you come in, you get your saving!

CANNOR GUARANTEE

All of our hardy plant material is guaranteed for one year.*

Bring us your receipt and we will give you a replacement.

**The exceptions are cedars, vines and perennials.*