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Summer 2014 gardener

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Celebrating Over Eighty Years of Bloomin' Joy!

"The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."

Confucius, Confucius: The Analects

Spring is here and summer is right on our doorstep! I am always reminded of the quote above this time of year. In January when we start all our crops and begin the planning process for the upcoming spring it seems like such a daunting task. Fast forward to June and I realize that the "mountain" has been moved by team work and passion...working together all things are possible.

My son Johnny is graduating from high school this June and of course I wonder how that happened so fast. Thinking back to this little boy and wondering how the heck my wife and I were going to "grow" this boy, who is so full of life, was downright daunting. But again...Confucius' quote proved right again...little by little the sum of a life is the small additions and accomplishments that add up to a great life...and Johnny has thrived. I am excited (*and relieved*) to know that he will now be in charge of the "small stones".

Of course this gets me to thinking about life in the garden and home. This time of year we often have the exasperated customer come in seeking help in "moving mountains". That's the tricky part of gardening and home decorating...you need to see the mountain but not try to get there in one day. The joy is in the steps you take to get there. At Bayport Flower Houses we know that setting a goal and understanding the steps to get there is the key to success. Every goal is different and there is no one size fits all but with the right information, proper planning and quality materials all things are possible. It all starts with a visit to Bayport Flower Houses to get started on the right track. There is no better time than today to get started...summer is a great time for gardening!

Most of all remember to enjoy the journey...with any luck it will be a long one!

Best of luck and enjoy the summer,

Karl

**We're Bloomin'
All Summer Long!**

For All Your Gardening Needs!

Monday - Saturday, 8 am - 6 pm
Friday 8 am - 7 pm until July 3
Sunday, 9 am - 3 pm

All Major Credit Cards Accepted



Words of Wisdom From the Vegetable Garden

~Grow Peas of Mind

~Always Make Thyme For Loved Ones

~Lettuce Be Thankful

~Squash Selfishness

~Turnip To Help Thy Neighbor

Jamie Durie

Visits Bayport Flower Houses!

On Saturday, May 31, over 120 of Long Island's most wonderful gardeners welcomed HGTV's Jamie Durie of *The Outdoor Room* to the newly built stage at Bayport Flower Houses! Also known as **Oprah's Favorite Garden Gnome**, Jamie, who's from Australia, engaged the crowd with fabulous ideas for creating the perfect Outdoor Room. Jamie also shared his professional design tips for edible gardens and gardening with children. After his entertaining and educational presentation, Jamie signed copies of his new book, *Edible Garden Designs and The Outdoor Room* for his fans. Sorry you missed such a great event at Bayport Flower Houses? Don't worry, we've got a limited supply of signed books available for purchase.



Perennial Fun! *June Is National Perennial Month! Here's Some of Our Favorites...*



Nepeta x faassenii
'Blue Wonder' Catmint
Beautiful flowers complement fragrant silver leaves and attract butterflies. Shear in midsummer. Height: 12-15" (30-38 cm). Zone: 3-8.



Veronica 'Hocus Pocus' is a winner! It's a plant that is dense, compact, pest free and happy to keep its great form in the garden unlike other family members. Its flower spikes rise above the foliage in June and reach lengths of 6-8", a size that is remarkable for these narrow yet stiff stems that hold countless little buds. Finally, when the flowers open in early July, the deep purple bloom color combined with the length of the flower spike make for an unforgettably wonderful show that lasts well into August. 'Hocus Pocus' will put on a great show alone but a sublime one when grouped in the front or the middle of any full sun or partial sun garden.



Nepeta 'Blue Dreams'
Countless spikes of rich blue flowers above deep green serrated foliage. Plant Height: 18" - 24" Plant Width: 18" - 24" Hardy zones: 3-8
Full Sun - Not Favored by Deer - Attracts Butterflies



Hemerocallis - Early Bird Daylilies
are the first to crack and bloom back to back! This fantastic perennial starts blooming a month before the average day lily and then re-blooms for nearly three months with lovely blooms.



Leucanthemum Shasta Daisy
Profuse, large flowers on mounded plants are ideal for garden's edge. Great for borders, containers and as cut flowers. Attracts butterflies. Shasta Daisies come in many varieties, with petal structures in white and yellow that grow on dark green stems with glossy, dark green leaves. Shasta Daisies bloom from early summer until early fall. Removing faded blooms will extend the bloom time. Height: 10-12"

"When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other".

Chinese Proverb

Beneficial Garden Pests

*Information For Adults which, by the way, is much less **fun** than the stuff we learn at the Ladybug Breakfast!*



Ladybugs will take care of a lot of garden problems but probably not all of them. They like soft-bodied pests like aphids, scale, mealy bugs, boil worms, leafhopper, and corn earworm, but they like aphids best and will travel to find them.

There are other Beneficials who have a broader appetite including Green Lacewings and Praying Mantids. In fact Praying Mantids can be put out before you have a problem, they will hatch out in spring and look for all sorts of other bugs to eat, keeping the garden pretty clean. Green Lacewings control aphids, mites, whiteflies, meal bugs, leafhoppers, thrips, all types of moth and butterfly eggs, and caterpillars. Like Ladybugs it is best to put them out after you see a problem so they have something to eat right away, if you put them out too early and there is nothing for them to eat they may travel out of your garden to find food.

Another good way to keep bad bugs at bay is to make sure your garden is healthy, well fed and watered properly. It seems silly but often bad bugs are not attracted to healthy plants, they go after the stressed ones. Worm Castings are a great fertilizer, helping the soil and the plant plus they have been known to repel or decrease populations of Whitefly.

Using a beneficial insect is a natural way to control the bad bugs on your plants or in your soil. You can't get more organic than one bug eating another bug—it's nature at work. Since the beneficial bugs don't harm the plants you are not replacing a problem with a problem. Look for a balance: you don't want so many bad bugs that you're disfiguring beautiful flowers or reducing harvests, just enough to keep the good ones around in case there is a spike in populations. If all the bad bugs are gone the beneficial insects will leave also to look for more food. Not unlike house guests or teenagers.

Another benefit to using beneficial insects is you don't have to worry about the bad bugs building up a resistance to the spray or chemical. Even organic sprays are essentially chemicals, just from natural sources and bad bugs can build up tolerances to them as well. Bad bugs can never build up a tolerance to being eaten.

Also you don't have to worry about storage, leakage or kids getting into sprays or bottles with a beneficial insect.

Praying Mantid (2 Egg Mass) - \$14.99

Ladybugs (500 LIVE!) - \$12.99



SUMMER CLASSES

Pre-registration for classes is required at **631.472.0014**

Saturday, June 14 AND Sunday, June 15 at NOON - No Charge

Garden Talks: **Bloomin' SUCCESS - Hydrangeas**

Saturday, June 21 at 9 am (\$40 pp)

Flowering Porch Pot Vibrant colors, cascading beauty, striking foliage. With our guidance, create a beautiful container sure to elicit ooohs & aaahhs.

KIDS' CLASS Saturday, June 21 at 3 pm (\$15 pp)

Children's Flower Pot We've planted seeds, we've planted tiny plants but now it's time to plant up the flowers! Decorate a container and then we'll fill it up with beautiful & colorful flowers.

KIDS' CLASS Tues, July 1 & Wed, July 2 at 9 am (\$5 per family)

A Patriotic Ladybug Breakfast

Three cheers for the red, white and blue, most notably the RED. Be sure to BE SPOTTED at the annual release of the ladybugs for children of all ages! \$5 family donation to benefit the Cornell Cooperative Extension and their work in protecting the environment.

Saturday, July 12 at 10 am - \$40

Garden Talks: **OH DEAR, The Deer!**

Bambi has arrived on the South Shore! And the North Shore! And the East End! And Your Backyard! Learn how to co-exist with these creatures without resorting to "extreme" measures.

Saturday, July 26 at 10 am (\$40 pp)

Succulent Candle Ring

A beautiful, living succulent planting for placement around a candle.

KIDS' CLASS Saturday, July 26 at 3 pm (\$15 pp)

Garden of Little Water

A sweet succulent planting and a lesson on how we can all conserve the precious water we have on this great earth.

Summer Specials GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT

JULY 2014

Endless Summer
Hydrangea

\$15

Not valid with other offers or on past purchases. In-stock items only.

While supplies last

Expires 7/31/14 code: NLJ141

Limit 4 per customer

Bayport Flower Houses, Inc.

**30% Off
Outdoor
Pottery**

Not valid with other offers or on past purchases. In-stock items only.

Expires 6/30/14 code: NLJ142

Bayport Flower Houses, Inc.

**Buy One
Hanging Basket
Get One
at 50% Off**

Not valid with other offers or on past purchases. In-stock items only.

Expires 7/3/14 code: NLJ143

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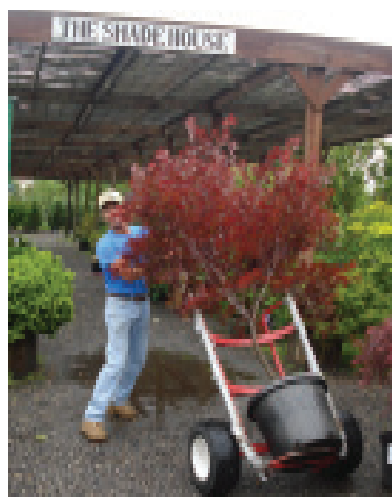
**Sunflower
Bouquet
\$14.99**

regularly \$24.99

Not valid with other offers or on past purchases. In-stock items only.

Expires 7/31/14 code: NLJ144

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Summer Planting Can Be Successful!

Spring is definitely the best time to plant, and we always hear that 'Fall is for planting' too, however, with today's modern plant material, you can plant in the summer as well. The history of planting in only the Spring or Fall harkens back to a time linked with the ability to successfully dig out plant material and have it not go into 'transplant shock.'

Years ago, the only way to avoid the stress from shock was to dig it only when the average temperatures were on the cool side such as the Spring time or in Fall. Today, however, much material is pre dug or containerized (grown in pots) and as a result eliminates the shock associated with digging plant material during warm periods.

This 'modern' type of plant material really only requires water in order to survive when planted in the summer. Year in and year out, our Landscape Division has found that as long as the plants have proper irrigation, they can be planted anytime. We are so sure, when we install them we guarantee their survival for at least a year regardless of when we plant them. So, go ahead and plant a tree this summer, or better yet, have us do it and guarantee it as well!



NEED AN EXCUSE TO PLANT A TREE?

Here's a couple.....

- You might need hammock supports in 10 years!
- You'd like tall, spring flowers!
- You'd love to reduce your carbon footprint!
- You'd like to celebrate a memory or an event



30% Off All Trees

July 6 - July 31, 2014 ONLY

Not valid with other offers or on past purchases.
In-stock items only. Expires 7/31/14 code: NLJ145

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Soil Testing Laboratory

Homeowners as well as commercial growers and ornamental horticulture professionals alike may have soil tested for pH and conductivity (soluble salts). Samples are tested for pH utilizing a Beckman-Coulter digital pH meter. Conductivity readings on samples are obtained utilizing a Thermo-Orion digital conductivity meter. Results of soil tests are sent to individuals via regular mail or email if you choose. Each report indicates the soil pH, the conductivity reading as well as a rate of limestone (if needed) to raise the soil pH into the correct range for the plants/crops being grown in the sampled soil.

The Soil Testing Laboratory is located at the Cornell Cooperative Extension - Suffolk County, Extension Education Center in Riverhead, NY. Samples may be dropped off directly at the Extension Education Center in Riverhead or at the Insect & Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab located at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Oakdale, NY. Samples dropped off at the Arboretum will be transported once a week to the Lab in Riverhead. Soil samples can also be mailed directly to the Lab in Riverhead as well. Testing is performed once or twice a week depending on the volume of samples submitted to the Lab.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Extension Education Center

423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901
Office Hours: Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Horticulture Information Line: 631-727-4126
Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Cornell Cooperative Extension Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Montauk Highway, Oakdale, NY 11769
Office Hours: Thursday through Friday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm (April-October)

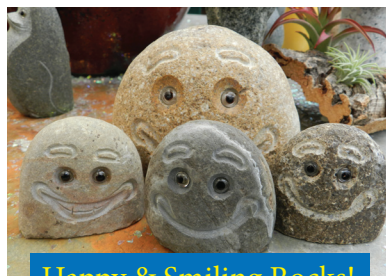
Horticulture Information Line: 631-581-4223
Thursday through Friday
8:45 am to 11:45 am & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hostess Gifts

Summer is Party Time! Say "Thanks" to your Hostess with a gift from Bayport Flower Houses



Seashore Candles, Soaps & Lotions



Happy & Smiling Rocks!



Fluttering Butterflies, Bumble Bees & Dragonflies



Locally Made Miss Amy's Preserves, Honey and Mustards



Beautiful Orchids



Great Selection of Yankee Candles



Handmade Tussy Mussy



Garden Of Seasonal Blooms - All Colors

Succulent Container Gardens

Have you noticed how a container garden can really jazz up a front entryway, back deck or porch? Perhaps you've thought twice about including this addition to your plantscaping because you just don't have time every day to water.

Cheer up! You can plant a container with succulents (plants with fleshy, or thickened, leaves, stems or roots) and you will not have to worry about watering frequently. Succulent container gardens are relatively carefree. They're so easy that you don't have to limit yourself to just one. Remember, if one container makes a statement, several will create a conversation!

Exposure - Full sun is a must for all succulents! If your viewing location has less than adequate sun, place your succulent garden in a full sun area for the majority of the day and move to your desired location when you have company or time to enjoy it yourself. Remember to move it back out into the sun when company leaves.

Soil - All succulents need fast draining soil. We carry pre-mixed soil used specifically for succulent container plantings. You may also use a general all-purpose potting mix and add additional perlite and/or sand.

Containers - Because succulents do not have extensive root systems, your chosen containers may be shallow. Too much soil can hold excessive water causing the succulent's roots to rot. Perhaps a strawberry pot would make the perfect focal point at your front door, although many front doors look great with a single shallow round planter sitting on the stoop. If you have several steps to the door, try a pot on each step. How do you want your front entrance to say "hello?"

Think about varying the heights of your containers. Perhaps your containers will require a pedestal or something else for elevation. This could be an inverted pot, a table, shelf or even pot feet. You may even consider hanging your container. Whatever you choose, it's important to remember succulents require excellent drainage. Therefore, the containers must have holes.

Plants - When making your plant selection, let your imagination go wild. Use a thriller, a filler, and a spiller... and you'll never go wrong. Succulents come in an extensive variety of colors, striking shapes, and varying sizes. Evaluate plant color, texture and shape when making your selections. You may feel overwhelmed when choosing your plants. If you can't decide, here is a simple "recipe" for planting one 16" container to be seen from all sides. Maybe it will give you some ideas:

- 1-thriller (Euphorbia tirucalli 'Sticks on Fire') planted in the middle.
- 3-fillers (Kalanchoe blossfeldiana) to surround the thriller and provide texture or color contrast
- 5-spillers (Sempervivum arachnoideum) to drape over the container's edge.

As an extra bonus, many succulents bloom, adding extra beauty.

Topdress - After planting, gently brush off any soil from the leaves. Add more interest by "topdressing." This layer of material will give your container garden a finished appearance. Desert type plants look great with a thin layer of light tan-colored gravel. Create sparkle with sea-glass top-pings or add a clean contemporary look to Zen-like or Asian inspired plantings with smooth black river stones. Stop by and look for other materials to add bling to your container garden.

