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June Success Tips

1. **Plant perennials now**, and divide those that have finished blooming and are overcrowded.
2. **Feed annuals** to keep the color coming. Feed with *Dr. Earth Organic 3 Rose & Flower Fertilizer*. Also pinch back any annuals, fuchsias, and geraniums that have grown leggy. Pinch chrysanthemums one last time this month.
3. **Make sure climbing roses** are secured to their support. Prune after they bloom. Check all roses for mildew, rust, blackspot and insect damage. Ask us how to prevent these problems and grow more beautiful roses.
4. **Feed azaleas, camellias, and all acid-loving plants** with *Dr. Earth Organic 4 Rhododendron, Azalea & Camellia Fertilizer*.
5. **Protect your fruit** from the birds with our bird netting. Also prune out any suckers.
6. **Mulch with Kellogg's Xerimulch** to keep out weeds and reduce soil evaporation.
7. **Plant a variety of flowers** to encourage honey bees and solitary bees—populations of both are declining.

Gifts for Fathers

So, what's it going to be for a Father's Day gift—another shirt? NOPE! Here are some great gifts to choose from:



And don't forget our popular
GIFT CERTIFICATES!



The Best Blooms for your Buck

Flowering annuals and perennials provide the most satisfying garden color. Here are three groupings of plants to help you get the most flowers for your effort.

Flowers that thrive in summer heat include: marigolds, coreopsis, portulaca, celosia, gaillardia, gloriosa daisy, ageratum, lobelia, salvia, petunias, dahlias, vinca rosea, phlox, sweet alyssum, verbena, zinnia. These plants will bloom nicely with average water and regular feeding.

Flowers that can be stimulated into a second bloom: bells of Ireland, campanula, candytuft, carnations, cosmos, lobelia, nasturtium, phlox, pinks, scabiosa, snapdragons and statice. To encourage the second bloom, mulch to keep the roots cool and damp. (Moist conditions also prolong flowering.) Many of the above listed plants re-bloom when cut back by 1/3 after flowering.

Flowers that self-sow: calendula, California poppy, cosmos, hollyhock, and sweet alyssum. To encourage attractive beds of flowers that self-sow, thin the seedlings in spring if they are crowded.

Plant Crape Myrtles!

The best time to plant crape myrtles is June, July and early fall when the soil is warm. Their gorgeous colorful flowers begin blooming as soon as daytime temperatures are consistently high, then continue until cold weather.



New cultivars are resistant to powdery mildew, making them much easier to grow than old ones, which were often attacked by mildew. To help prevent mildew, plant in full sun, give them space so they have good air movement and avoid overhead watering.

Plant crape myrtles in good, deep soil. Once established, water infrequently but deeply during hot weather only.

All the height growth occurs between the time the buds swell in the spring and the beginning of flowering in June. Once the flowering starts, the plants don't grow in height, but continue to bloom through fall, and follow that by a colorful fall foliage display.

Come In & Check Out New Items!

- **ENVIRO TREE:** An excellent ready-to-use tree fertilizer!
- **JOHN & BOB'S SOIL OPTIMIZER:** Concentrated, cost-effective soil enhancer—a 6 lb bag treats 2,000 sq ft!
- **PLANT SKYDD:** Don't forget this proven bunny deterrent!

Containers: Easy, Quick, Gorgeous!



Containers make gardening easy! They provide a beautiful show of eye-catching color using less space, less soil, and less time. Plus, you can move containers to follow the sun through the seasons, and rotate flowering plants with those that have finished blooming.

Quickly beautify a deck, patio, or entryway using potted flowers. Add instant color to bare areas; for instance, set out containers of bright blossoms in a newly-planted flower bed, or hang a basket of flowers on a tree limb.

For easy maintenance, place containers at a height that minimizes bending for watering and tending. Less work may also be involved because containers can be placed close to a water source.

Even if your gardening area is small, or if you live in an apartment or condo, you can enjoy container gardens of colorful flowers and fresh vegetables.

Come into the nursery and select some of the colorful plants we have available and arrange them in an attractive grouping right here. Then stand back and let your creativity blossom!



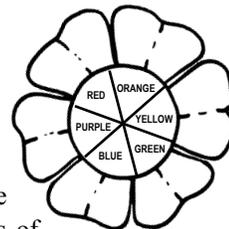
"Apple-a-Day" Scores Again!

The old saying has a new meaning! According to researchers at the University of Massachusetts, eating apples and drinking apple juice, in conjunction with a balanced diet, protects the brain from the effects of oxidative brain damage, which can lead to memory loss.

The researchers evaluated three groups of aged mice that were fed either a standard diet, a nutrient-deficient diet, or a nutrient-deficient diet supplemented with apple juice. As measured by maze tests followed by brain tissue examination, the aged mice who consumed the diets supplemented with apple juice *performed significantly better*, and all had less oxidative brain damage than those on the standard diet. Also, the mice proved to be mentally stronger when they consumed the equivalent of 2-3 cups of apple juice or 2-4 apples each day.

Color Concepts in the Garden

You have so many color choices when planning your garden. Here are three types of color schemes—try them out in various areas of your landscape during different growing seasons.



① A **monochromatic** scheme uses plants in the same color category, taking advantage of the many different shades of the same color. For instance, you can use bright yellow flowers as a predominate color, and accent it with flowers of gold and creamy white. This color design can make a small garden feel more open, and a partly shaded area seem brighter. For additional interest, bring in lots of different foliage textures and vary the flower and plant shapes. Garden areas of a single color can sound boring, but with some experimentation, the result will be elegant and dramatic.

② **Harmonious** color combinations use colors that are different from each other, but close to each other on the color wheel. For instance, select a mixture of red, orange, and yellow flowers to bring energy and excitement to an area—these bright bold colors won't look washed out in direct sun.

③ **Contrasting** color combinations are opposites on the color wheel, like red and green. This design allows you to combine colors not normally seen together; for instance orange and blue, or bright red and lime green. Combinations such as these make your garden upbeat and fun!



Chunky Cherry Pecan Squares

1-1/3 cups flour	2 eggs
1-1/3 cups (packed) brown sugar	1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp baking powder	1 cup fresh sweet cherries, pitted and halved
1/2 tsp salt	1/2 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup vegetable oil	

Combine all ingredients except the cherries and pecans till blended. Mix one minute on electric mixer's medium speed. Batter will be thick. Spread half the batter into greased and floured 9" square baking pan. Toss the cherries in a small amount of flour and scatter over batter. Spread remaining batter over cherries. Sprinkle pecans on top. Bake at 325° for about 30 minutes. Cool, cut into 2" squares and serve!

Outdoor Room for Family Fun

Gardens are becoming "Great Outdoor Family Rooms". Their value has increased because parks, beaches and freeways are all becoming overcrowded, and spending quality family time together is a priority. Furthermore, many of us enjoy entertaining family and friends at home.

Consider your family members' needs when planning your living space/landscape. Space may be needed for romping and playing (don't forget family pets!), hobbies, outdoor cooking, growing flowers and vegetables (remember to plant herbs for the barbeque), and entertaining, as well as just sitting in the sun!

A well landscaped yard maintains your property value, saves energy costs, and increases your use of the property. Those are great reasons by themselves, and if the entire family becomes involved, the project has other important benefits. It will help children learn essential principles such as the importance of maintaining and improving your property, respect for others people's needs, and the value of working together! It's a project where everyone can participate and benefit from the final result.

