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April 2017

A Smooth Transition



As cool days give way to warmer ones, deciding what to put in your container gardens can be tricky. Use the following guide to help you choose spring plants that easily transition to the heat of summer.

Dianthus is a perfect transition flower. While it loves cool spring weather, this tough annual will continue blooming through hot summers as well. Pair it with dusty miller and sweet alyssum, two other great transition annuals. While pansies and snapdragons are a must have for cool weather they tend to suffer in our summer heat. Simply swap them out for heat-loving annuals like begonias and petunias for an easy switch from spring to summer.

No container is complete without graceful spillers. Creeping Jenny and variegated ivy are two great options as they enjoy the chill of spring but also thrive in hot humid weather. Use them with your spring pansies and carry them through to your summer planters as well.



Sweet, Sweet Strawberries

Nothing tastes better than fresh picked strawberries! These sweet little fruits are a must have for your garden this year.



Strawberries prefer eight hours of full sun and like slightly acidic soils. Seeing as strawberries have an affinity to spread, plant 12-18 inches apart to give them room to grow. Always plant strawberries so the roots are thoroughly

covered being sure the crown of the plant is above ground so it will not become susceptible to rot.

Most strawberry varieties bloom in early spring and once pollinated and fertilized will bear fruit 30 days later. Two of the most popular types of strawberries are June bearing and everbearing. June bearing produce a heavy crop in June and may sporadically produce fruit through summer. Everbearing varieties however, bear a large crop in late spring with light flushes through the summer and another large crop in early fall.

Pick strawberries early in the morning and put them directly in the fridge. Wash strawberries right before eating or cooking with them as excess moisture will decrease their lifespan. Extra strawberries can be frozen, dried or made into jam. Come in to see our selection of strawberries arriving late March-early April.

April Garden Tips

- Rabbits are ready to feast on just about anything that pops up in your garden. Keep them away with *Bonide Repels All* or *Liquid Fence*.



- It's the perfect time to plant fruit trees and berry plants! Apples, peaches, cherries, raspberries, and blueberries can fit beautifully into any landscape and are delicious when picked right from your own back yard!
- It is estimated that one million trees were planted on the first Arbor Day in 1872. Celebrate Arbor Day (April 28th) by planting a spring flowering tree such as serviceberry, ornamental cherry, or redbud.
- Cut spent flowers on tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and other spring-flowering bulbs as the flower fades. Do not cut the foliage until it dies naturally. The leaves are necessary to produce food for strong bulbs for next year.
- Now is the time to fertilize your lawn! Use Knupper Turf Food and set your spreader setting to 25% open.
- Hold off on pruning any spring blooming shrubs. The best time to prune plants like lilac, forsythia, and quince is right after they finish blooming.

What's New for 2017

One of the most frequently asked questions at the start of every new gardening season is... What's new this year? Here are a few of our favorite new plants.

Annuals

Two of the greatest new annual introductions for 2017 have to be **Prince Tut Cyperus** and **Morning Star Calibrachoa**. Prince Tut Cyperus is just like King Tut grass with explosions of grassy plumes on the ends of its blades. Unlike King Tut, Prince Tut remains short making it much more workable in pots and container gardens. It reaches only three feet tall compared to the six feet of its close relative. Morning Star is a light pink calibrachoa with a purple star-shaped ring and golden yellow center which will easily make it the star of any combination you can dream up this year.



Perennials

A welcome sign that spring is here is when **Creeping Phlox** displays its mass of pretty, sweet flowers. The standard pink and blue varieties are staples in many gardens, and although not "new" there are other colors that will really bring a pop of color to remind us that spring has arrived. The dainty white blooms of **Snowflake** or the intense pink of **Millstream Daphne** will add something special to your garden. Try **Fort Hill** (see picture) with its very fragrant, lavender-pink flowers. All are beautiful as they creep and crawl over rocks and the ground. Grow in full sun and watch them shine. Cut back after flowering to encourage new growth.



Shrubs

This compact grower (3-4' tall and wide) is sure to add color to your landscape. **Drops of Gold Holly** sports glossy, golden-yellow upper leaves that stand out well against the rich green leaves below. This evergreen will grow in full sun to full shade but the yellow color is more prominent when placed in sunnier locations.



Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 1 9:00 am
Spring Hydrangea Wake Up

One of the most popular plants we carry at Knupper's is the magnificent, yet sometimes mystifying hydrangea. What should I do in spring? What fertilizer should I use? and When should I prune it? are all common questions we get throughout the year. Our Nursery Manager, Scott, will be on hand to answer these questions and more.



Saturday, April 8 9:00 am
Tuesday, April 11 1:00 pm
Spring Welcome Basket Workshop



Get spring started with a colorful welcome basket. Join us in creating Spring flowering welcome baskets to herald in the warmer weather. Pre-registration is required along with a fee of \$29.99 +tax. Workshop includes welcome basket, soil, and spring flowers.

Please bring your own gloves.

Saturday, April 15 9:30 am - 11:00 am
Hip Hoppity Fun Featuring The Easter Bunny

Knupper's is hosting our Annual morning of Easter fun! Take part in the Easter Egg Hunt that begins at 9:30am sharp. After the hunt, stick around for face painting, balloons, and pictures with the Easter Bunny! *Don't forget to bring the camera and an Easter basket.*

Saturday, April 22 - Sunday, April 23
Flat Fest

Don't miss one of our best sales of the year! Full flats of begonias, alyssum, dianthus, dusty miller, lobelia, marigolds, petunias, impatiens, salvia, and snapdragons are only \$11.99/flat! Regular price \$19.99 per flat. Two days only! While supplies last.



Thursday, April 27 1:00 pm
Saturday, April 29 9:00 am
Creative Container Gardening

Tired of planting the same old things in your pots? Let us help you get creative! This free seminar will introduce you to new ideas on combining color, texture, and beauty into your pots!

Saturday, April 29 - Sunday, April 30
Hanging Basket Sale

Enjoy colorful hanging baskets all spring and summer! 10" hanging baskets will be on sale for only \$14.99. Varieties include bacopa, impatiens, petunias, and assorted combinations. While supplies last!

Spring Perennial Spotlight

April is the month when our best selection of helleborus, primula, violas, epimediums and Virginia bluebells are available. These varieties are some of the first to greet us in the garden this spring.

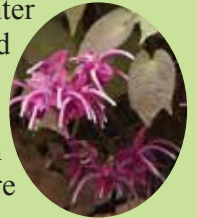
Helleborus are first to kick off the season and will continue to bloom for 6-8 weeks. Perfect for under trees that will give them relief from the sun.



Primula (primrose) have bold, colorful blooms that can also provide 4-6 weeks of continuous color. Violet-blue, yellows, pink, and orange add some pretty dramatic color to the garden. As blooms fade, be sure to provide consistent moisture throughout warmer seasons.



Epimediums, also known as *Bishop's Hat*, have dainty flowers that emerge before their foliage takes center stage. These underused and unassuming plants are perfect under trees in a shady site. Don't rush these beauties, they are slow to establish.



Virginia Bluebells come and go quickly, arriving a little later than the rest of the above plants. These charming plants can't be missed. A woodland plant that is happiest in moist areas, their flowers are varying shades of blue-pink. They naturally reseed and go completely dormant by early summer.



Boxwood Sale Price \$34.99ea. Buy 10 or More \$29.99ea. Regular Price \$44.99



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Sunday	9:00 - 6:00	9:00 - 6:00
Easter	9:00 - 5:00	

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Boxwood Sale

April 1 - April 30
#2 Green Velvet
 34.99 ea.
 Buy 10+ 29.99 ea.

Flat fest

April 22 - April 23
Full Flats
 only 11.99/Flat!

hanging basket sale

April 29 & 30
10" Hanging Baskets only 14.99!

While Supplies Last



Protect Your Trees

Get a jump on those hard to control insect pests this year with *Bonide Annual Tree and Shrub Insect Control*. *Annual Tree and Shrub* is a systematic insecticide that controls a variety of pests. You water it into the roots and the tree pulls it up into the bark and leaves. When the pest attacks the tree, it eats the insecticide and dies. Annual application in early spring or early fall gives season long protection. New growth is also protected for up to 8 weeks.

If you have a question about one of your plants, give us a call or bring in a leaf or small branch. We are happy to help with the diagnosis!

Call us to schedule your Spring Clean-up!