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Hello Hibiscus!

Tropical hibiscus is one of the most gorgeous flowers you can grow in your garden. Their large, beautiful blooms will take you on an island getaway the minute you walk out your back door. With colors ranging from pinks and reds to oranges and yellows, they will make a great statement piece for your gardens and containers this year.



So, just how do you keep your hibiscus blooming? If placed in a sunny location, you will enjoy flowers all summer long. Feed them with bloom-booster fertilizer once a month for non-stop flowers. These lovely plants will reward you with the prettiest blooms of your garden. For the best success, water them often, as these tropicals don't care for "dry feet."

As summer turns to fall, bring your hibiscus in to enjoy as a houseplant. They will even bloom sporadically during the winter in a sunny, southern window.

Set the Mood Creating a Fragrant Mood Garden

Smell is probably the most potent of all senses. Certain aromas can alter your mood in a variety of ways. While some plants evoke fond childhood memories, others simply create peaceful feelings. So when planning a mood garden, why not let your nose decide which plants to use?



Fragrant plants, herbs, and flowers work well in nearly any type of garden. If you don't have much space, plants arranged in containers on decks or patios will work just as well.

Here are a few ideas for mixing it up in your fragrant mood garden:

- 🌿 When you need to feel refreshed in the morning, surround your breakfast table with a potted lemon tree, lavender, and rosemary. The green herbal and citrus scents enhance wakefulness.
- 🌿 For a calming and relaxing mood, plant chamomile, lavender, and roses.
- 🌿 To excite your senses, jasmine, thyme, and orange trees make a lovely fragrant backdrop.

Foliage is best placed where it will be touched, like along paths where you brush against leaves as you walk by or between pavers where leaves are crushed lightly underfoot. Thyme and chamomile are great along walkways or placed between paving stones.

Whatever the case, a fragrant garden is easy to create and the mood-boosting effects can be a welcome diversion from everyday stresses.

June Garden Tips

• Want to increase the amount of flowers on your azaleas and rhododendrons next year? Now is the time to feed them with *Espoma Holly-tone*.



• Hibiscus, Jasmine, Oleander, and Mandevilla are just some of the flowering tropical plants you can add at this time to your deck, patio, or balcony.

• Birds love blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries as much as we do! Protect your berries with netting before they ripen and are eaten by the birds.

• Remove old flower heads from annuals to keep them blooming all summer long.

• Watch for black spot and powdery mildew on rose bushes, lilacs, and phlox. Spray them with *Rose Rx* to prevent these diseases from occurring. Avoid watering the leaves as this will cause the disease to spread more rapidly.



Spruce Up Your Yard

With so many similar varieties of plants on the market, deciding what kind of tree you should plant in your yard can be confusing. Don't worry, we're here to help. Blue spruce has quickly become a staple in Midwest landscapes, and for good reason – they add a year-round splash of color to an otherwise green landscape. Consider adding one of these evergreens to your landscape. The following are 3 varieties of blue spruce Knupper's carries.



Fat Albert

Named after the cartoon character, this dense, pyramidal evergreen boasts a bright blue color all season. A slow grower (12"+ per year), Fat Albert will typically reach 10-15' tall and 6-10' wide at maturity without any pruning. Fat Albert is a grafted variety (meaning the roots of this tree belong to a different plant – typically Norway spruce); this results in each tree displaying

the same characteristics as the next. Hey, hey, hey!

Baby Blue Eyes

Discovered in 1972, the dwarf blue spruce has a dominant central leader, silver-blue needles, and a pyramidal shape. Baby Blue Eyes is a slower grower than Fat Albert (only 8" per year) and won't get as wide at the base as Fat Albert. Because Baby Blue Eyes is also a grafted selection, the growth rate of each plant can vary slightly but the overall mature size (15-20' tall and 6-8' wide) and appearance will remain the same.



Baby Blue

A larger variety of blue spruce, Baby Blue (not to be confused with Baby Blue Eyes) is a newer introduction. Larger than Fat Albert, but smaller than the typically Colorado Blue spruce, Baby Blue will grow 10-15" per year and reach a mature size of 20-30' tall and 10-15' wide. Baby Blue makes a great choice for homeowners who have slightly more space to fill.

Weekly Specials All Month Long - While Supplies Last!

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 3 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 7 1:00 pm

Hot for Hydrangeas



Attend this free seminar discussing everything hydrangea! Learn about proper pruning, fertilizing, and placement as well as how to get the most flowers. Come see all of the new and interesting hydrangea varieties Knupper's has to offer.

Attend the seminar and receive a coupon for an extra \$5.00 off your hydrangea purchase.

Saturday, June 10 9:00 am

Perennials with Personality

Looking to add some excitement to your garden? This free seminar will introduce you to new perennial varieties and unique and underused plants.

Saturday, June 17 9:00 am

Cocktail Herb Gardening

From lavender lemonade to frozen mojitos, learn how to make simple syrups and infusions to add flavor to your next drink. Plant up your take home garden with some of our favorite cocktail herbs. Pre-registration is required along with a \$35 fee + tax. Workshop fee includes pot, soil, herbs and take home recipes.



Thursday, June 22 1:00 pm

Saturday, June 24 9:00 am

Bugs, Slugs & Mildew, Oh My!



Do you have some unwelcome visitors to your garden? Are you having problems with spots on your leaves? This seminar will teach you the ins and outs of keeping your garden healthy through the summer months.

Saturday, July 1 - Tuesday, July 4

Garage Sale

Best yard sale in the neighborhood. Stop in for the best bargains of the year. From pottery and statuary to garden giftware, & more. You'll find it all here. Doors open Saturday at 8 am sharp!

Our Favorite Roses

Ahh, the rose, a timeless favorite with grace and beauty. If you're thinking of starting a rose garden or maybe just adding to yours, take a look at some of our Rose Department staff's most-loved varieties. They may become your favorites too.



'Hansa'
Candi

'Milwaukee's
Calatrava'

Claire



'Julia Child'

José

'Twilight
Zone'
Diane



'Music Box'

Sue M.

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STORE HOURS

June 1 - 9

Mon-Fri 8:00 - 8:00
 Saturday 8:00 - 8:00
 Sunday 9:00 - 6:00

June 10 - 30

Mon-Fri 8:00 - 6:00
 Saturday 8:00 - 6:00
 Sunday 9:00 - 5:00

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Go Away Grubs!

Have you had an encounter with a Japanese Beetle this year? While it is easy to see the damage that the adult insect causes, grubs of the Japanese Beetle can produce significant damage to lawns, flower beds, and gardens as well.



Using a product called *Milky Spore* can control the grubs. This is a naturally occurring bacterium that only affects the Japanese Beetle grub. Once applied, grubs become infected while feeding and in a few weeks they die and decay. This process releases billions of new spores into soil, which other grubs will feed on and die. Once the soil is saturated with spores all the grubs are then destroyed. Spores remain active in the soil for 10 years after the first application.



Because *Milky Spore* is not a poison, it will not harm humans, pets, birds, fish, or other beneficial insects. For this reason, it is a great alternative to conventional grub control. The initial cost may be higher than traditional products, but you will have ten years of protection, will save money in the long run, and your lawn will be environmentally friendly!

There's an Herb for That



Whether it's getting rid of bugs, adding delicious flavor to a favorite dish or help with what ails you, there's an herb out there to handle it.

Before modern medicine, many herbs were used to fight sickness. Did you know that basil can be used to boost immunity and fight infections? Peppermint is often used to reduce headache pain, muscle pain and fight nausea. Do you suffer from allergies? Rosemary has been proven to prevent symptoms and alleviate nasal congestion.

While you're growing herbs for flavor and health benefits their oils and aromas are working hard in your garden to keep bugs at bay. Basil, lemongrass, lavender, thyme and rosemary repel insects such as mosquitoes, house flies, and fleas.

Keep your patio bug free, help with common ailments and enjoy the delicious flavors of your favorite herbs this summer fresh grown from your own garden.

Sign up for our Cocktail Herb Gardening class on June 17