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Growing with Gray's

A Seasonal Gardening Newsletter for the Willamette Valley

**Special Notice! Our Biggest Sale Of The Year Starts Now!
See Wednesday's Entree in the Register Guard for details**

Our 65th Anniversary Fall Clearance Starts Now!

It's almost the end of the summer season and that means the biggest savings of the year throughout the store. Hundreds of items in every department are marked down. Some over 75%. Hurry in for the best selection!

Early Order Gets You What You Want and Great Deals!

Now is the time to pre-order roses and fruit trees for the 2006 gardening season. All of your old favorites and several new varieties are available and **you'll pay less at Gray's than you will ordering direct from the grower!** All pre-ordered roses will receive three dollars off the retail price. You can view catalogs at both gray's locations. New introductions for 2006 of more than 20:

- Let Freedom Ring - strawberry red
- Ebb Tide - smoky deep plum purple.
- Spellbound - deep coral pink
- Black Cherry - dark red with blackening center
- Rainbow Sorbet - deep yellow edged with pink

Fruit Trees- pre-order and save 50% off the potted price!
All pre-ordered fruit trees will be bare root and ready for delivery in February.

When you order your roses and fruit trees from Gray's you get:

- **Better prices than ordering direct from the grower!**
- **Potted roses instead of bare root so that you can plant when you want to!**
- **Local support from Gray's knowledgeable and friendly staff!**
- **Varieties that aren't available through the catalogs!**

In 2005 the National Audubon Society celebrates its centennial anniversary.

For over 100 years Audubon has been at the forefront of bird conservation and protection. In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Audubon Society, we have a limited number of commemorative plaques, stepping stones, wind chimes, thermometers and other tasteful gift items.

Don't Limit Your Fall Decorating To Mums!

Fall Magic is the passionate gardener's dream for late summer and autumn color. The line is balanced with combinations of spring favorites that are cold tolerant and hardy perennial varieties, providing both flowering color and long lasting plants.

Cool containers of Fall Magic plantings will provide you with an exciting display of colors that mature and change as the temperature begins to drop. Each variety is meticulously selected to withstand frosts, and yet thrive in sudden bursts of warm temperatures. Most of these plants will even last into winter in our zone.

Visit the store for inspiring container plantings and free "recipe" books using the Proven Winners plant selections. There is no excuse to be bored with mums!

NOW IS THE TIME TO WINTERIZE YOUR LAWN

Gray's 20-12-8 slow release lawn winterizer is guaranteed to give the best results. Free spreader rental with purchase.

Reminder....



Redeem your Color Dollars for savings of up to 50% throughout the store beginning October 1st! Come early for best selection!

New Fall Hanging Baskets

Last fall, when our beautiful flower baskets gave their last show of color for the season, we took them down and mourned their loss. Why do we have to have empty hooks, blank space until spring, we asked? Why can't we create hanging baskets that will look good for fall and winter? Well, understanding that the mass-color effect of the petunias might be hard to duplicate, we did find a number of plants that put on a show of their own, providing color, texture and interest worthy of the season.

Sometime around late September, our greenhouses will have produced a limited number of 14" moss lined hanging baskets for those of us who don't see any reason not to enjoy the show. We have planted these using the Proven Winners line, which are the best of the best for the season. Stop by and check them out, we know you're going to love them!

Shop With Confidence



The new Earth Friendly designation is only at Gray's.

We have long been recognized as one of the leading retailers of organic soils, fertilizers and remedies in the state of Oregon. What is not as obvious is the volume of natural and Earth Friendly products we offer as well. We define as earth friendly, in addition to organics, those products that exhibit Earth Friendly characteristics such as being all natural and/or new generation extreme low toxicity. In order to make it easier for you to shop for solutions without worry, we have designated these products with the Earth Friendly logo throughout both stores.

Stuart's Favorite Five For Fall

Looking for great fall color? Take a look at this five trees that are sure to add fabulous foliage to your yard.

Sourwood- this tree grows slowly to 25' tall and 20' wide. White summer blooms hang against green foliage. Beautiful fall color follows with red, orange, yellow all on the same tree.

Japanese Stewartia- growing slowly to 20' tall and 15' wide. Great small tree with white flowers in mid-summer. Bark peels in winter. Fall color is bright red to orange.

Persian Parrotia- grows to 25' tall and 15' wide. Bark peels in winter. Small maroon flowers. Yellow-gold, orange, and crimson fall color.

Red Sunset Maple- fast growing to 45' tall and 30' wide. Tree has an oval upright canopy. Fall color is bright red.

Sweetgum- tall upright tree growing 50' tall and 35' wide. Fall colors range from shades of reds, yellows, and oranges.

Spring Bulbs Are A Great Investment

Like any good investment, it takes a little foresight and patience, but you're always glad you did it when you plant spring flowering bulbs. A small investment of time and money generates huge rewards in the spring when you get magnificent color before it's really nice enough outside to plant your color. Come in and browse our wonderful selection of flower bulbs from Holland and pick up our free handout on "How To Plant Flowerbulbs In Minutes", which shows you how to plant with little effort and great success. You'll be glad you did.



FREE CLINICS AND EVENTS

at www.graysgardens.com
Pre-register by calling
345-1569 for Eugene Clinics
747-2301 for Springfield Clinics

FREE SOIL TESTING

Saturday, September 17 Eugene Store 10am Springfield Store 2pm

Bring a sample of soil in a plastic bag, & Steve Fung from Pacific Calcium will test it for you and offer suggestions for improvements you can make to get the best results for your lawn & garden. Free.

PRUNING THE RIGHT WAY!

Saturday, September 24 Eugene Store 10am Springfield Store 2pm

Do your roses, trees, and shrubs look like they've had a bad haircut? Stuart Leaton, from Gray's will show you what, how and when to prune your garden favorites so they will remain healthy. No split ends here! Free.

PROVEN WINNERS!

Saturday, October 1 Springfield Store 10am Eugene Store 1pm

Gray's is a certified Proven Winners Nursery. Stuart Leaton of Gray's & Regina Fischer of Van Essen Nurseries will show you a preview of the NEW RELEASES. These are an elite group of colorful, easy growing plants selected specifically for the Northwest Garden. Join us for the one day sale of show specimens after the seminar. Free.

COLOR DOLLARS-OCTOBER 1-31!

AFTERNOON MATINEE!

Saturday, October 1 Eugene Store 3pm

Join us for an afternoon matinee starring Simple Pleasure Bulb's Mark Hopkins. He will show you a slide show of the most outstanding bulb plantings you've ever seen, and will present the new "Up and Coming Stars of 2006". Refreshments, drawing, new bulb arrivals. Free.

BIRDS AND BATS OH MY!

Saturday October 9 Eugene Store 10am Springfield Store 2pm

Jack Kronholm, one of Gray's consignment artists will teach you about "the birds and the bats". Jack will show you how to attract them, and why that is beneficial for your environment. He will have samples of various types and sizes of his bird and bat houses. Free.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, November 12 Eugene Store 10am Springfield Store 2pm

Karen Lewis, of Gray's, will give you some great ideas for holiday containers that will provide long lasting beauty to your holiday home. Free.

WE UPDATE OUR EVENTS REGULARLY, SO VISIT OUR SITE OFTEN!

New Flower Bulb Introductions From Simple Pleasures

Here are descriptions of some of the featured new introductions from the insert:

Tulip El Cid a striking variety that begins with blooms of vivid red with yellow edges that mature to rich royal purple with the same golden edges.

Tulip Monte Beau one of our favorite picks for its beautiful lemon yellow bloom with broad white edging.

Tulip Eyecatcher how aptly named! Glowing red; green flame that is slightly edged in yellow. Awesome!!

Tulip Deirdre this one is really unique, with true green petals with a greenish white edge. You won't see this in your neighbor's yard!

Daffodil Sidley pure white outer petals with a pale yellow cup accented by a striking green eye. 12-14 cm.

Daffodil Audubon pure white with a pale yellow cup edged in striking coral rose. 18"

Fritillaria Striped Beauty seldom offered! 4" yellow bells with orange stripes. 3' tall.

Bearded Iris Starship Enterprise pristine white falls; violet band, white standards with a golden center and beard. The picture doesn't do this one justice.

For a complete selection of new introductions and old favorites, stop by either store!

Introducing...



Long time Springfield resident **John Kraft** has joined our staff as the manager of our Springfield store. John brings to Gray's extensive experience both with people and plants, having managed over 675 acres at 33 sites as

Park Operations Manager for Willamalane for 13 years. John has a delightful personality and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

Kelsey Irvine joined our staff at the Eugene store in March of '04 and has impressed everyone, customers and coworkers, with her talent and great personality. Kelsey is the lead designer for our custom container plantings at the store and begins her studies in landscape architecture at the U of O this fall. Congratulations Kelsey!



Wonder gloves are back!



Now in great new colors!

Garden hints from your OSU Extension Agent and Gray's staff 2005 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- Apply parasitic nematodes to soil beneath rhodies, azaleas, pieris, camellia and viburnum affected by root weevils.
- Plant garden cover crops as garden is harvested. Spread manure or compost over unplanted garden areas.
- Divide perennials and peonies now, giving them time to root out for spring.
- Bait for slugs with traps or iron phosphate products that are safe for use around pets.
- Prepare compost pile for recycling vegetation from garden and deciduous trees. Do not compost diseased or insect-infested plant material.
- Copper spray for peach, cherry and dogwood trees as soon as leaves fall.
- Monitor arborvitae for Berckmann's blight. Spray if necessary with copper.
- Treat lawns for crane fly as necessary late Sept-Oct, using new Turf Ranger, the most effective product on the market... and it's extremely safe.
- Spray stone fruit trees to prevent various fungal and bacterial diseases. Use copper fungicides visit the store for help and advice.
- Place mulch over roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons, berries for winter protection.
- Check/treat houseplants for disease and insects before bringing indoors.
- Pot and store tulips and daffodils to force into early bloom in December and January.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with a mulch of manure or compost.
- Remove windfall apples that might be harboring apple maggot or codling moth larvae.
- Clean up annual flower beds; mulch with manure or compost.
- Dig and divide rhubarb. (Should be done about every 4 years.)
- Treat for moss on roofs during dry periods, visit the store we can save you money.
- Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, gladiolas.
- Control lawn weeds while they are small using Fertilome Weed Free Zone or All-Seasons lawn weed control.
- Plant ground covers, trees and shrubs.
- Fertilize lawn for last time this year using Gray's Lawn Winterizer 20-12-8 slow release.