

The Village Garden Center's March 2010 Garden Club Newsletter



Yes, it's that time of year again. Everyone is looking forward to Spring and the planting ahead. Some of our seedlings have arrived in the Greenhouse and we definitely have Spring fever. Even though the snow is probably going to visit us again, there are still plenty of things you can be doing in your yard to prepare for another growing season.

Perennial grasses and plants can now be cut back. Most things can be cut back to about a height of six inches. Ground covers and shorter perennials can be cut closer to the ground. Remove any debris from around the base of the plant, and make sure all of your mulch is the same depth. (Winter winds could have made it thin in some areas and thicker in others)

Did you know....Irish women received the right to vote in 1918, while American women did not receive the same right until two years later

Did you know....While it is customary to wear green on St. Patrick's day in the United States, it is considered unlucky in Ireland. Green is the color of faeries, which are believed to steal children who wear too much green

It is a great time to replace or turn over the mulch in your flower beds and around your trees. Remember that you want the depth to be about four inches. If you have any changes to your beds (enlarging) you can easily do so on the short grass. It is easy to see expansion of beds at this time since there are not any plants or shrubs growing.

Did you know....There are 36.5 million U.S residents that claim Irish ancestry. This number is almost nine times the population of Ireland itself.

Ornamental trees and shrubs can still be pruned if you cannot see any budding. If you can see budding you need to wait until next year. You do not want to take the chance of ruining your blossoms.

Your pots and containers from last year need to be cleaned out with bleach. It is also a good idea to clean your garden tools the same way. Bacteria can stay on tools from one season to the next, so they need to be cleaned off.

Most importantly....plant some pansies. A little bit of color in a snow drift can go a long way!

GARDEN CLUB SPECIALS - April
30% off (garden club members only)
Any one item with a bunny on it
6-pack of Pansies
Easter Arrangement

Our **Annual Garden Club Luncheon** April 10th, 11:00. Please remember to call and reserve your seat for the seminar and lunch. Thank you.



The March 20th Garden Club Meeting, Birding with Kathy DeLara, will start at **9:00am** instead of 10:00 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. early in the week so we know how many people to expect. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will be carpooling (4 people per car) to look for birds. Destination will be determined by weather and road conditions.