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Tomato Types

The tomato is one of the most common, vegetables grown in the home garden. We receive numerous calls each year from competitive homeowners, who are trying to out do their neighbors and friends in terms of size, flavor and earliness of their tomatoes. All gardeners should first realize that tomatoes have three general types of growth habit; determinate, indeterminate and semi-determinate.

Determinate: varieties of this type are often called bush tomatoes. This is because the terminal (top and end) buds end in a flower cluster that produces fruit. The plant stops growing when the terminal flowers develop. The fruit develops and ripens over a short period of time. These varieties are usually early-maturing and produce small plants with generally smaller fruit. Because of their small size, this type of tomato is seldom pruned or staked.

Indeterminate: these varieties are favored by many homeowners because they often produce high-quality, flavorful, even though they are generally later-maturing varieties. The growth habit of the plant is indeterminate, meaning that it continues to grown and flower until a killing frost. These are tall plants that require staking for best results. They also require pruning for optimum quality. Flowering and fruiting occur over a longer time period.

Semi-Indeterminate: as the name implies, these varieties have characteristics intermediate between the above-mentioned ones. They are basically indeterminate in nature. Staking and pruning will improve quality, but is not essential

Welcome Aboard

We would like to welcome Ken Buresch to Janoski's Garden Center ! Ken will be a horticulturist for the Garden Center. A native of Western Pennsylvania, Ken is a fourth generation horticulturist, a member of the National Conifer Society, and a member of the Pennsylvania Landscape Nurseryman's Association. He has managed his family's retail greenhouses, Delaware Valley College's fruit orchards, several independent garden centers throughout Pennsylvania and New York, and overseen landscape crews on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Ken has also designed and has planted annual beds for Kennywood and Sandcastle Water Park here in Pittsburgh. Welcome aboard Ken!

Garden Center Ultimate Special

We are pleased to continue an offer to our newsletter subscribers that we hade made available at the Container Gardening Seminar on April 6th. During the Month of May available in the Garden Center with this coupon. Take advantage of a great buy. A trio purchase for the container gardener: A packet of Peters water soluble fertilizer (8oz) , a 14" Austram Pro Gro hanging basket with hanger, and a bag of Premier Ultimate Container Mix (32 quart). You must have coupon for this offer. Cost $15.00

Purchased separately would be $21.50

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Janoski's Garden Center
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to
May 31, 2002

Update

- Janoski's is open year round.
- Tuesdays is Senior Citizen Discount Day 10% off in the Farm Market only
- Sidewalk sale items in the back of the Farm Market , up to 70% off
- Try some fresh Hydroponically Grown Tomatoes available in the Farm Market

In The Farm Market & Bakery

- *Local Farm Fresh Milk*
- *Local Honey*
- *Farm Fresh Eggs*
- *We carry a selection of fresh cheeses*
- *Rosalind Candy Castle Candies*
- *Home Baked Pies & Bread*
- *McCutcheon's Products*

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‘State of the Art’ Potting & Planting Mixes Give Homeowners the ‘Grower Edge’

First it was designer sneakers and now we have designer planting mixes. But in the case of the planting mixes, the word designer refers to premium content rather than good looks. Because if you want to grow gorgeous flowers and lush landscapes, a “one-kind-fits all” potting and planting mix doesn’t cut it.

That’s why Premier Horticulture, maker of quality growing mixes for professional growers and home users, is introducing a new premium line of soil less mixes called PRO-MIX® Ultimate.

The PRO-MIX state-of-the art double acting soil less mixes start with premium grade Canadian Sphagnum moss, an all-organic, disease free material that’s prized for its ability to grow great plants.

Canadian Sphagnum peat moss is rated best in growth tests performed by university soil scientists, when compared to other growing mediums.

Pro-Mix Ultimate Potting Mix is formulated specifically for repotting houseplants, potting up container gardens, seed starting and other indoor uses.

Canadian Sphagnum peat combined with just the right amount of perlite and vermiculite, retains moisture yet provides excellent aeration and drainage to give plants just the right growing conditions to make them happy. The addition of a completely balanced, slow release fertilizer feeds plants for more than 100 days and helps them thrive and takes the mystery out of plant care.

PRO-MIX Ultimate Container Mix is perfect for hanging baskets, pots and outdoor planters continually exposed to sun drenching heat and constantly at risk of drying out.

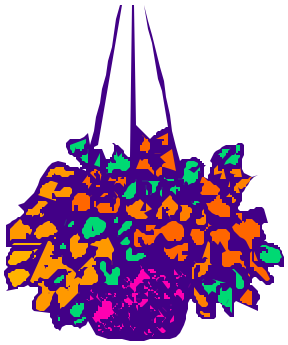
To help retain moisture and reduce the need for watering, water-absorbing crystals, which act as tiny water reservoirs, are blended into the mix of Sphagnum peat and horticultural ingredients.

Plus a nine-month supply of a complete slow release fertilizer makes plant care easy, giving homeowners plenty of time to smell the roses and other gorgeous flowers they grow with little effort, thanks to the new Pro-Mix Ultimate line of soils mixes.

Look for the complete line **PRO-MIX Ultimate Container Mix**, **Pro Moss**, **Bio Max**, and **Potting & Seeding Mix**. All available at **Janoski’s Garden Center.**

Remember Mom on Mother’s Day!

Sunday, May 12, 2002



Welcome Back Plants?

What is a perennial? It is an herbaceous plant that produces vegetation for at least three years. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has divided the US, Canada and Europe into ten hardiness zones; each zone has a 10°F difference in the **average** minimum yearly temperature. The Pittsburgh area is charted in Zone 6 and if you purchase a perennial that is hardy for this zone, you can be fairly confident the plant will survive the winter.

GAILLARDIA, commonly known as Blanket Flower, is a sun-loving, long-blooming, drought-tolerant **PERENNIAL** for zones 4-9. It is a medium-size, daisy like, cut flower that comes in dazzling shades of red, orange, yellow and bicolor. Propagation is by root division in the spring or fall, and it self-seeds. Planting en masse is a sure showstopper.

“Goblin,” a compact variety of Gaillardia, can be purchased at the **Janoski’s Garden Center** along with many other stunning perennials.

In the Greenhouse

Summer is finally here! It's time to plant our vegetable gardens. Everyone loves growing fresh vegetables for their dinner tables. Many people enjoy this time of year to grow, can and freeze vegetables to enjoy now, and well after the growing season is over. Here are some summer crops you can grow to enjoy all summer, and to can and freeze. If you planted broccoli and cauliflower in April, by the end of May or early June, they should be ready to pick. Broccoli is easy to pick. Cut the main stem off and then you can cut side shoots for a few more weeks. Cauliflower is a little more complicated. When the head is about the size of an egg, you must blanch it, or cover it so no light reaches it until it matures. To do that, you must pull the leaves around the head and put a rubber band around them. Leave it that way until the head matures. Both of these vegetables freeze very well. Blanche the freshly picked vegetables for 2 to 3 minutes in boiling water, pat dry and put in plastic bags. I use plastic bags with twist ties, that way I can remove all the air from the bag before freezing. It keeps the vegetables tasting fresher longer. Some other vegetables that freeze well are: spinach, peas, corn, peppers, beans, zucchini, any squash, and even pumpkin. Tomatoes are everyone's favorite. Canning tomatoes is well worth the trouble. Try Tomato Juice, Stewed Tomatoes, Whole Tomatoes, and Tomato Sauce. I know many people who also can Spaghetti Sauce and Vegetable Soup. If you purchase a Canning and Freezing book, it will tell you all you need to know about this subject. You can get many recipes from these books also. It is truly rewarding to grow a summer vegetable garden, and to can and freeze your crops, so give it a try. There is nothing like the taste of fresh vegetables in the summer and all year long, and it saves money too! All the girls that work at Janoski's and the owners know a lot about canning and freezing. We pass around recipes and have great fun. So give us a call if you have any questions or need advice, we will be happy to help you. Janoski's sells all the vegetable plants and seeds you will need to start your summer garden. We carry a well stocked line of canning supplies also. Ken, our expert grower is there to help with all your questions and problems concerning gardening and plants. Come visit us soon. Have a Great Summer!

Lorraine Ellis

Mother's Day

is just around the corner

Bring your Mom out to our Family Restaurant for some "Fine Home Cooking"
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Garden Center Workshops

June 1, 2002 - *Woody Ornaments for Difficult Areas.*
This workshop will identify trees and shrubs for shady, wet, windy and other difficult areas of the garden. It will also cover remedies to help reduce stress on plants found in these areas.

June 15, 2002 - *Fertilization, the Pros and Cons of Organic/Inorganic Fertilizers.*
This workshop will compare organic and inorganic fertilizers. It will also cover when and how often to fertilize trees and shrubs.

June 29, 2002 - *Pruning and Planting.*
This workshop will explain the best methods to shape and maintain size of woody ornamentals. It will also cover the best time and methods for planting and transplanting trees and shrubs.

July 13, 2002 - *Turf Management, Identification and Treatment of Common Lawn Problems.*
This workshop will identify most common lawn diseases and pests. It will also cover proper techniques for seeding, thatching, and fertilizing the lawn.

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Calendar Of Events

May 12, 2002
Mother's Day

May 27, 2002
Memorial Day

June 1, 2002
Woody Ornaments for Difficult Areas

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(See Page 3 for more details on Garden Center Workshops)

Mark your Calendar

We opened our **"Country Restaurant"** on March 5th, and just wanted to say ***thank you*** to those of you who stopped in to 'have a bite' with us! If you haven't visited the restaurant yet, be sure to drop in and say 'hello'!

May Garden Chores

- Plant out Bedding Plants but continue to be aware of a potential late frost.
- Sow seeds of peas, carrots and radishes
- Plant containers of annuals for summer color on the patio.
- Remember to fertilize hanging baskets at least weekly.
- Start seed indoors for summer crops
- Continue to plant and transplant perennials
- Complete rose planting and fertilize existing roses
- Re-seed bare lawn areas