



Budding News from Sundance

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Happy 4th, Happy Summer!

Finally, our glorious summer weather has arrived! We hope your gardens are thriving with the wonderful precipitation we have received this year. And if things are a bit overgrown, let us know if we may help. Have a fantastic 4th of July holiday!



Allium Firecracker Sparklers

"In childhood the daylight always fails too soon -- except when there are going to be fireworks" - Jan Struther

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Are you entertaining at home this summer? Stop in to see how we can help outfit your al fresco space. From serving platters to table runners to decorative solar lighting, we can set you up.

Are you going on vacation this summer? Lucky you! Ask about our Plant Nannies. They will take care of your indoor and outdoor plants while you are enjoying the outdoors! All styles buy one, get one 1/2 off through July 8th. We will be open Saturday, July 4, from 10-3.

We enjoyed a lovely "Flowers for a Friend" Tea Party last month as we celebrated Emma's journey to her home at the Hiwan Homestead Museum. To see pictures of the event [click here](#).



Linda's Garden Center Tip:

There are over four thousand species of aphids, and 250 of those are considered harmful to

crops. Aphids not only suck out the sap from plants, but also can carry viruses to plants. They also secrete a sweet, sticky substance called honeydew which attracts ants. Ants will "farm" or "herd" aphids just to keep a good supply of honeydew for the ants.

Aphids almost always find their way into our gardens, and after the extremely wet spring we had, they are on the warpath!

Aphids reproduce rapidly so if you can, control the infestation early by literally squishing them with your fingers. Also prune and squish them with your foot.

You can also control aphids with cold water from your hose, being careful not to do this when the leaves are warm from the sun. Soap and water work well, also. A tablespoon of mild liquid soap (such as Dawn, Ivory, Palmolive) in a small bucket of water sprayed directly on the bugs will dissolve their protective coating and kill them. Keep in mind this will kill all insects, even beneficial ones.

There are also organic insecticides such as Fox Farm's "Don't Bug Me", or "Insecticidal Soap". Neem Oil works well but must be applied only after bees have gone back to their hive for the night.

Of course, the old standby is to release ladybugs in the evening. Adult ladybugs eat a lot of aphids, but their larvae (which look like small alligators) eat a heckuva lot more!

Garden Center Special:

"Don't Bug Me" 10% OFF thru July

Evergreen Garden Club

Congratulations to the Evergreen Garden Club for an exciting and successful 50th Anniversary Expo.

Their monthly meetings are now on summer season hiatus and shall resume on Tuesday, September 8th. For more information on the Evergreen Garden Club [click here](#).



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