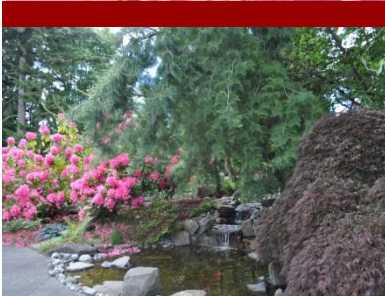


Peonies VII



"Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake"
~Henry David Thoreau



"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust"

~Gertrude Jekyll

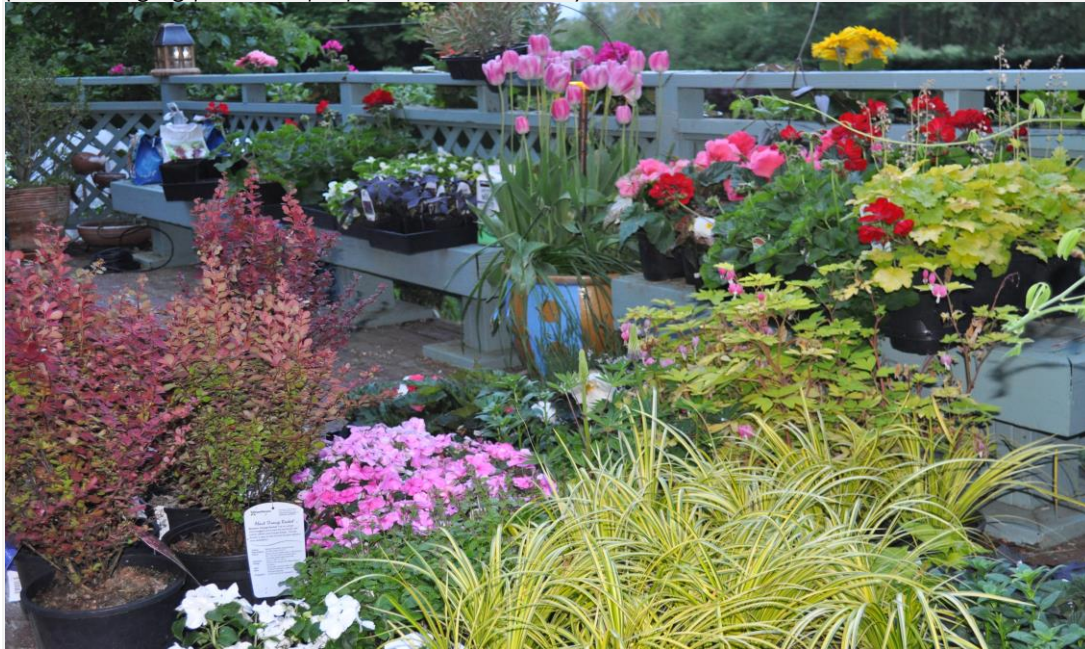


"When people will not weed their own minds, they are apt to be overrun by nettles."

~Horace Walpole

Splashes of color...

The rule of thumb for our area is to install seasonal color after Mother's Day weekend. All chance of frost has passed by then and we are safe to transform our pots and garden beds without fear of losing them to a rogue freeze. We love preparing for the event. We have numerous customers for whom we install color, as well as herbs and vegetables. At our home, we decided the four months of non-stop bold, vibrant color was worth the investment in time and effort. We have spots of annual color throughout our entire property. (below; Staging plants to prepare for installation)



Irrigation...

When we started doing color in the landscape and not just around the house we found that manually watering our plants would take up to two hours a day and was very wasteful. We have added drip irrigation to the areas we install seasonal color which has freed up our time but more importantly uses far less water. We are changing to drip irrigation in our vegetable garden this year.

May Fun Facts....

From Cinco de Mayo, on the 5th to celebrating Mothers on the 11th, to Memorial day on 26th which is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season, May is a joyful month. May is thought to originate from Maia the goddess of fertility and the bright green emerald, its birthstone. The color being associated with fertility and joy. Emerald is also said to help for-tell the future and sharpen the mind.

The official flower of May is the Lily of the Valley, a shade loving low growing perennial. The intoxicating scent of this tiny blossom belies its poisonous qualities. All parts of this plant are toxic to humans, cats and dogs.

What's Growing on...

News & Noteworthy

We are in the throes of busy season. The crews are moving at breakneck speed and we are doing our best to make sure your property continues to look its best. As long as the rains continue we will not want to do the irrigation startups. Last year it was not until June. Normally the start-ups occur toward the end of May. A few dry days in a row will not impact your lawn and plants unless they have been newly installed. If the weather forecast is for unseasonably warm dry weather for longer than a week, we will be there to get your systems turned on for you.