

'Sunnyside Up'

July 2010 Newsletter

The 26th Annual Snohomish Garden Tour



**Sunday, July 25th
noon-5pm**

Tickets, non-profit,
are sold here.
Proceeds go to local
horticulture &
conservation projects.

Visit the [Snohomish
Garden Club website](#)
for more details.

Summer Accents



Come browse our
selection of
'hardscape' accents
like fountains, benches
and arbors. You may
find just right accent
to add this summer!

We update our
website weekly:
www.sunnysidenursery.net

It's time for Tropicals



Break out the sun with
bright, fun-loving tropicals.

Hibiscus, cannas, bananas,
and more, we bring them in for
those lovers of summer sun!

Regarding your summer bounty



Veggies have done a lot of work
below ground to help catch up this
summer. Visible daily growth during
scattered days of warmth and sunshine
contest to it. But, there's still work to be
done on our part!

Harvest fruits two to three times per week at a
smaller, more tender size to encourage further fruit set.
Blueberries are an exception: they set all their fruit at the
beginning of the season and fruit will not continue to
ripen once picked.

Scratch in a second feeding of Organic E.B. Stone
fertilizer along plant edges to boost your bounty.
Vegetables are heavy feeders and sometimes poop out
simply because they're hungry.

Hoe out weeds and reduce watering needs at the
same time by keeping the soil surface loose and
evaporative loss at a minimum.

Water slowly and deeply when the soil is dry
several inches down, usually 2-3 times/week in the heat
of summer. Proper soil moisture allows you to form a ball
with soil 5-6 inches down that falls apart when dropped.

Keep the Marysville Community Food Bank in
mind. And remember, you'll get a **[free bag of compost
or box of fertilizer](#)** from us when your donations for the
year reach 150 lbs through their [Giving Gardens](#)
program.

Multi-task & Save...



...at the same time!

Bonide's Guard & Grow, insecticide & fertilizer, is an easy way to catch up on the insects and the drain on fertilizer brought to us by the spring rains.

2-lbs reg. \$7.99

Now \$5

4-lbs reg. \$12.99

Now \$10

Rose Care Tip



When done blooming, cut flowering stems down to the first leaves w/ 5 versus 3 leaflets to encourage another round of flowering.

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Bringing in the Butterflies and Birds



The list is long, the plants plenty that will bring fluttering friends to your door.

Stop by and ask Chris for one of her information sheets on what to plant to attract them!

Greetings from the 'Whistler' - July 'to do's'



Many gardeners trade trowel for grill tongs this time of year and it's really a shame. Certainly, we should take time to enjoy the outdoor bbq area and gaze at the beauty earned through months of effort in the garden. But too often the the gardening gloves are hung up from a mistaken belief.

That false belief is thinking you can't plant in summer. *Transplanting* is pretty risky this time of year, but *planting* is entirely fine. New plantings require a little more watering, but so will all your plantings of the year.

Planting can be done almost always in the PNW; and, almost always is when you *should* be planting. It keeps your garden growing with interest every month, every season. So, first on my list of July 'to do's' is plant.

Second is to water. I'll go into detail on how to properly quench your garden's thirst in my newspaper column, also accessible on our website. The gist is rather than quickly and more often water deeply, less frequently.

Third, keep an eye out for pests. While waiting for the charcoals to turn, stroll through the yard and peek at your leaves. Don't know what you're up against? Bring in samples. We'll help.

Finally, keep up with the flowers, i.e. fertilize and deadhead. Annual baskets and containers will only keep you in non-stop color if they have non-stop food. Deadheading keeps annuals in bloom and perennials and shrubs looking great.

Enjoy the summer sun, but don't forget the garden. Or your local gardening center!