Did you know…?

We’re More Than

Just a Garden Centre!

You better believe it!

We aren’t just trees, shrubs and flowers! We have ladies’ fashion as well as kitchenware and other giftware items! We even have slippers!

We have a gorgeous selection of jewelry and other accessories to make that outfit you’ve been dying to wear look perfect! Haven’t picked out the clothes to go with those earrings? Come take a look at the clothing we’ve got in our store!

Our clothing, scarves and hats are all 50% OFF until September 6th!

Dinner party tonight? We can equip you with the right things you’ll need to mix that marinade, or maybe you want to spice your table up with our origami folding napkins! Fresh parmesan on your spaghetti? We even have cheese graters! We also have a variety of teas and other drink mixes.

We aren’t your typical garden centre! We carry the Wishpet line of stuffed animals from a pink dinosaur to a fuzzy puppy for the kids. It’s never too late to get your little one into gardening like mom, dad, grandma or grandpa! We carry a colourful line of children’s tools and other gardening accessories – even better yet, they are on sale for 50% OFF until September 6th!  Bring the kids out for a nice sunny walk around our grounds and then treat them to their own set of shovels and an ice cream; they’d be thrilled!
Focus on Fountains
Adding a fountain to your property requires one key design principle: balance. Balance on the property as well as in its space. A large fountain will look better in the center of a large yard, while a smaller fountain may look best tucked into the corner of a patio, according to Visalia, Calif., landscape and nursery experts. Leveling the fountain in its space is also extremely important as well.

Some maintenance tips include emptying the fountain two to three times per year sweeping it out and scrubbing it with soap and water and rinsing well. Always be sure to empty your fountain and cover it before winter freezing can cause any damage.

Be sure to stop in and take a look at our selection of fountains as well as the various different sized covers we have!

All Fountains
(in-stock items only)
30% OFF
the regular sale price
Offer valid with this coupon
While quantities last
Valid August 14th-Sept 6th, 2013

Go on, Get Happy!
Feeling a little down? Don’t reach for a glass of wine – head out to the landscape instead!

More than 90% of gardeners say the activity improves their mood, according to a survey for Gardener’s World Magazine. The survey also found gardeners are less likely to display signs of depression. Moreover, 80% of gardeners feel satisfied with their lives compared to 67% of non-gardeners. The findings are rooted in the good feeling that comes from nurturing something living, the gratification of passing on those seeds of knowledge, in addition to the natural optimism that comes from realizing that no matter how bad the weather, there’s always next year, explains Gardener’s World Editor Lucy Hall. “We have long suspected it,” she says, “but our research means we can definitely say that gardening makes you happy.

Plant a Centennial Hot Wing Tatarian Maple Tree
40% OFF
Offer valid with this coupon
While quantities last
Valid until September 3rd, 2013
To Do List for August/September/October

**August**
- Deadhead annuals and some perennials for continued bloom. Some decorative seed heads can be left.
- Reduce watering trees, shrubs and perennials and reduce volumes to encourage winter hardiness.
- Continue fertilizing annual plantings and containers.
- Discontinue fertilizing trees, shrubs, roses and perennials to encourage winter hardiness.
- Stop deadheading hardy roses in late August.
- Carefully remove mildewed or black-spotted foliage from roses and place in plastic garbage bags for disposal.
- Take geranium cuttings, etc., before the first frost.
- Make a list of spring bulbs to acquire then purchase any required.
- Top off tomatoes in early Aug to encourage finishing of existing fruit.
- To keep containers going as long as possible, cover them or place them indoors if frost is predicted.

**September**
- Plant spring flowering bulbs as soon as possible—Arriving at Parkland in early September.
- This is the time to lift, divide and replant irises.
- Continue weeding; place any weeds that have gone to seed in the garbage (not your compost pile).
- Assemble a supply of frost covers. Parkland Garden Centre carries them in various sizes.
- Following overnight frosts, mist tender flowers with sprinkler before the sun touches them; you may save some.
- Cut flowers that preserve well and save them for winter arrangements. Globe thistle and nigella both preserve well.
- Be sure to visit Parkland Garden Centre to see our fall displays, have our horticulturists answer all your questions, and check out what’s new!

**October**
- Sheer potentilla shrubs to prevent snow load crush.
- Water in evergreens and birch trees.
- Trim back perennials, leaving 6-8” of stem to hold snow cover.
- Fall seeding of onions, lettuce, carrots, beets, sweet peas, etc... in late October.
- Dig up potatoes, gladiola, and dahlias for winter storage – also carrots, beets and turnips.
- Trim back and cover tea roses only (not hardy roses).
- Collect seed of favourite annuals for next year.
- Do final cleaning and servicing of lawn mower and garden tools before storing over winter.
- Put up outdoor Christmas decorations prior to extreme cold weather – Parkland Garden Centre has unique lighting options, come in and take a look!
- Final tilling of gardens after adding compost and peat moss to improve hard soil for next spring.

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The most common and most colourful of all our spring flowers are still the tulips. A distant cousin of the lily, tulips come in almost every colour except bright blue. They range in size from the tall 60cm Darwin and Emperor types with giant 10-15cm bowl shaped blooms, down to the little species types at only 10-15cm tall, with 3cm blooms. Blossom styles come in simple six petal (actually three petals, three sepals) types to the fully double peony flowered types. There are the slender flower, lily flowered types and the ruffled and multi-coloured parrot types.

Few plants lift our spirits more after a long, cold winter than the waxy green tips of the new tulip shoots pushing through the soil shortly after the spring sun drives the snow away and warms the soil. This is followed a few weeks later by an explosion of bright colours when the fast-growing buds burst forth in a riot of vibrant colours. Some are also fragrant and all make great cut flowers. While tulips only bloom for about two weeks at most, there are many different kinds of early, medium and late blooming varieties so that a patch containing a selection of all three types can bloom for 4-5 weeks. If some are planted in a more sunny location, and some in shadier areas this bloom season can be further prolonged.

**Tulips are amongst the easiest flowers to grow.**

Here are some tips:

- Tulips prefer at least 3-4 hours of sun a day. More is better, but remember that tulips will generally bloom in heavier shade – but only the first year. They require direct sunshine to replenish their bulbs for next year’s blooming.
- Tulips are best planted in the ground, a few feet away from the hot south wall of a building, as they do not over winter well in planters or raised beds, and they often pop up far too early in late winter along those south facing walls, and can consequently be damaged by late winter cold snaps.
- Tulips prefer well drained loamy soils.
- Plant tulips in groups, and in the center area of flower gardens and half under deciduous shrubs. This is because when the blooms have faded, the seed pods should be removed, but the leaves must be left in place until late July, to replenish the bulbs. This way other flowers can be planted amongst and in front of them to hide the leaves for the two months they must grow after blooming. An application of bone meal will also help.
- Tulip bulbs are planted in mid September to mid October, and at a depth equal to three times the thickness of the bulb. Bulbs can still be planted later, almost up to freeze up – usually early November, but earlier is better. They cannot however, be stored over winter for the following spring.
- Tulips can also be easily “forced” into bloom indoors in the winter months. Drop in and see our experts for more information!

Parkland Garden Centre carries a full range of all types of tulips as well as daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums, lilies and much more!
Kale, the new-old super food!

Kale has been grown for centuries in Europe and now is gaining new attention as an amazing health food. It is one of the easiest vegetables to grow, thriving in cool growing conditions, and even improving with frosty nights late in the season.

It is a cousin of cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower, just easier to grow—requiring less care and the same insect pests, controlled easily with biological controls will also seek out kale.

While all kales are edible. The curliest ones are most ornamental and the winter kales are considered to possess the best flavours.

Kale can be seeded directly in your garden bed or planter pots, but better results will be achieved by starting it by about April 1st Indoors, and then transplanting it outside in early to mid May. Kale does best in rich soil in cool but sunny areas. Avoid hot and dry locations.

Try this Kale Chips Recipe!

Large older/thicker leaves work well. Because its leaves are relatively flat and tend to dry evenly ‘Lacinato’ can be left whole as pictured, without removing the stem. Still, any variety of kale can successfully be made into chips. If you prefer to go gluten-free, use Bragg Liquid Aminos or a gluten-free soy sauce.

Directions:
Rub one or both sides of leaves lightly with oil, sprinkle with salt, adding a dash or spray of Bragg’s or soy sauce if desired. Sprinkle with some sesame seeds.

In the Oven: Preheat the oven to 325°F. Place rack in the middle of the oven. Lay the leaves out whole, or in smaller pieces, on a baking pan lined with parchment paper. Bake for ten minutes and check to ensure they’re toasting evenly, then continue baking, checking every five minutes or so. The leaves should feel overall dry to the touch but should not shatter.

Enjoy!

-The Book of Kale, Sharon Hannah

What You’ll Need

- Washed Kale leaves— to fit in a baking pan in single layers
- Olive, Avocado, Walnut or Grape seed oil
- Sea or Kosher Salt
- Bragg Liquid Aminos or Soy sauce
- Sesame Seeds
- Parchment Paper

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Come See What We Have On Our In-House Specials List!!

Ladies Fashion—Hats, scarves, and clothing (50% OFF)

Select Shade Trees (30% OFF)

Select Fruit Trees (30% OFF)

Statuary—in-stock item only (20% OFF)

Decorative Garden Accessories **excludes Fairy Gardening products** (50% OFF)

And so much more! Stop in today and take a look around!

While quantities last!

***Sales within this list are subject to change at any time.***
Olds College Botanical Gardens and Wetlands National Tree Days Tour

Saturday September 28th, 2013—8:30am -2:00pm

Come with us on this rare opportunity to tour the beauty of recently completed Botanical Gardens and Wetlands of Olds College. College tour guides will point out the unique features and relate many little known interesting facts and details on the Centennial of Olds College.

Lunch, refreshments and prizes are included on the tour and we will be traveling on a luxurious coach bus. Upon our return back to Parkland Garden Centre, there will be specials, promotions and many fun filled activities to take part in right here at our store!

Thinking of planning a staff party or group function this winter?
We offer various different courses at our store throughout the Christmas season—take a look at the next two pages for all the winter wonderland courses that we will be hosting!

Call or come in for more information, or if you have picked out a course or two and would like to sign your team up!

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2013 Summer Calendar of Courses & Events

Pre-register in person at the Garden Centre or by telephone 403-346-5613. Please contact us if you would like more information or to make suggestions for future courses or events. Check our Calendar often for updates!

September

Design Your Own Landscape - Part 1 & Part 2

In this course our landscape designer will teach you the principles of good design including traffic patterns, feature areas, low maintenance tips, and tree and plant placement. Come prepared with a sketch of your yard layout. In Part 2, our landscape designer will assist you with any problem areas and guide you in refining your design.

Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Cost: $80.00 covers Part 1 & 2 and includes reference material to take home.

Part 1     Saturday, September 14: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Part 2     Saturday, September 21: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Blooming Bulbs by Christmas

Grow your own unique Christmas gifts – learn how to induce bulbs to flower indoors for Christmas gift giving. Plant now for December blooms. Take home your own planted bulb pot.

Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information. Includes supplies & handout.

Cost: $25.00

Saturday, September 21: 11:00am to 12:00pm

Fairy Garden

One of the hottest trends in gardening! Great for kids – and the whole family!!! This course is all about Garden Fairies and how to bring them into your home. Take home a complete fairy garden!

Cost: $60.00 plus GST

Saturday, September 28: 11:00am to 12:00pm

Olds College Botanical Garden Tour

Come on a coach bus tour to Olds College and Botanical Gardens & Wetlands! Lunch Included!

Cost: $50.00 plus GST

Saturday, September 28: 8:30am to 2:00pm

November & December

Parkland Craft Show & Food Lane

These sales provide craftspeople the opportunity to showcase their handmade crafts and offer them to customers in time for Christmas. It’s a great time to come out and purchase that unique one-of-a-kind, handmade gift that you have been looking for this season.

Admission is a donation to the Red Deer Food Bank.

Saturday, November 16  10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday, November 23  10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday, December 7    10:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday, December 14   10:00am to 4:00pm

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Holiday in the House Course Day - Saturday, November 30th
Please call 403-346-5613 to register or for information.

Beginners Fresh Wreath Making
Nothing beats the scent of real evergreen boughs. We will help you complete your own fresh evergreen wreath so that it is ready to decorate. Take your creation home!
Cost: $30.00 (all supplies included).
Saturday, November 30: 9:30am to 10:30am

Christmas Table Arrangement
Impress your guests! We will teach you how to make a festive arrangement with candles, fresh evergreens and more to add that flickering glow to your Christmas décor. Take home your completed arrangement.
Cost: $40.00 (all supplies included).
Saturday, November 30: 10:45am to 12:00pm

Make Your Own Festive Insert
Do not put away your patio planter. We will show you how to redesign them for the holiday season with fresh greens, trimmings, along with holiday silks. Take home your own creation to insert into your patio planter!
Cost: $40.00 (all supplies included).
Saturday, November 30: 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Fairy Garden
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Cost: $80.00 plus GST
Saturday, November 30: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Mantle Decorating
The classic finishing touch that says “Christmas is Here” is that gorgeous mantelpiece festooned with fresh, fragrant evergreens, cones and ornaments. Participants will take home a complete mantelpiece that will “WOW” your holiday guests.
Cost: $90.00 includes complete mantelpiece.
Saturday, November 30: 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Beginners Fresh Wreath Making
Nothing beats the scent of real evergreen boughs. We will help you complete your own fresh evergreen wreath so that it is ready to decorate. Take your creation home!
Cost: $30.00 (all supplies included).
Saturday, November 30: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Payment must be made in full at time of registration.
Visa, MasterCard, Interact, or cash accepted.
REFUND ISSUED ONLY IF CLASS IS CANCELLED.
Prices do not include GST. Class sizes are limited, pre-registration required,
For more information call Parkland Garden Centre at 403.346.5613
email info@parklandgc.ca or visit our website www.parklandgarden.ca.

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