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HAPPY NEW YEAR- JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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STORE

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As we slowly transition to gardening season, we can not wait to show you the great new items coming in this growing season.



GREENHOUSE

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The greenhouse is full of amazing plants. We are in planning mode for our spring seedlings. Stacey is making her list and getting things ready!



FLOWER SHOP

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Our flower shop is blooming. It is just about time to order and Valentines arrangements. Make sure to talk to Krys or Carson about your all your floral needs.

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## OUR SPRING CLASS LINEUP



### Design Your Landscape Series

- 1: Introductory Class Jan. 11 or 13; 1PM
- 2: Colour and Design Jan. 18 or 20; 1PM
- 3: Front Yards Jan. 25 or 27; 1PM
- 4: Back Yards Feb. 1 or 3; 1PM

### Spring Bulb Arrangement

Professional florist BJ Melnyk joins us for a fun class on creating a spring flower arrangement using spring bulbs. Feb. 25th; 1PM

### Kokedama; Japanese Moss Balls

Want something different in your space? Learn the art of encasing the roots of a plant in mud and moss. Feb. 8 or 11; 1PM

### Lawn Care 101

Dig deep into lawn care theory. Feb. 29 or Mar. 2; 1PM

### Valentines Arrangement

Make your own perfect Valentines Arrangement. Feb. 14th; 1PM

### Houseplants 101

Introductory course covers all common varieties of houseplants. Pest control, and ways to ensure a happy plant. Mar. 2; 11AM

### DIY Succulent Arrangement

Create a stunning arrangement for your home using succulents and cacti. Feb. 15; 1PM

### March Break: Grow With Us!

Let us teach your kids how to grow food for the family using the innovative self-watering Patch Planters. Mar 12 or 14

### Bird Identification with Terry

Join Terry Sprague for his unique presentation on bird identification. Feb. 17th; 1PM

### Grow it Yourself Series

- 1: Choosing the Right Garden for You Mar. 7 or 9; 1PM
- 2: Vegetables and Their Companions Mar. 16 or 19; 1PM
- 3: The Dirt on Dirt Mar. 21 or 23; 1PM
- 4: Slugs, Bugs and Fungus Mar 28 or 30; 1PM
- 5: Growing Fruit and Berries, April 4 or 6; 1PM

### The History of Main Duck Island

Join Terry Sprague as he teaches you about the history of this fascinating island. Feb. 18; 1PM

### Exploring Beekeeping

Wonder if beekeeping is right for you? Join Amanda Stella for an in-depth visual presentation on the theory of beekeeping. Feb. 24; 1PM

### Perennial Bed Wake Up Call

This is the most important class for perennial gardeners! How to move, prune, feed and get your beds ready for the summer months. April 25, 27 or 28; 1PM

Book online [www.carsonsgardenandmarket.com](http://www.carsonsgardenandmarket.com) or visit in store.

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# WEATHER BOMBS

By: Carson Arthur

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Winter is hard on trees. Heavy snow, violent ice storms, high winds all can damage trees as can mild weather followed by extreme cold. It feels like we've had all of this already and it's only January.

At this time of year, you should be checking your tree for frost cracks. These vertical cracks are splits in the trunk of the tree cause by rapid drops in temperature freezing. Most commonly found on trees where the trunk is exposed to the warming sunlight, a rapid temperature drop causes the outer bark to constrict faster than the inner wood, which causes a split. (It's kind of like me trying to put on a pair of jeans as fast as possible right after the holidays). Unfortunately, most frost cracks cause permanent damage and often results in the tree having to be removed. There is not much I can tell you right now that will help save damaged trees other than to call in an expert. The only good news, your trees are currently dormant, meaning their sap/energy/life-force is hopefully all protected down in the roots. Any splits or large broken branches that happen in the winter won't impact the tree until springtime. The type of damage that occurs and the kind of tree that you have will dictate when you need to prune them to restore them to good health.

Traditionally people like to prune trees in the spring or fall. When it comes to damaged branches, you should immediately remove any that have the potential to fall and hurt someone. This includes removing larger trees that may have split at the base or have become structurally compromised. Even though they may seem like they are good for now, you want to make sure to keep your family and home safe.

With a wind blown or broken branch you should consider leaving them in place on the tree or shrub as long as a hazard doesn't exist. Although unsightly, it is best to leave these branches in place until the new spring growth begins so that you know exactly where to prune the dead wood back. This pruning may also stimulate new growth in the plant for the upcoming season.

Remember, trees have the ability to heal themselves. Much like when we get a cut or a scratch, a scab forms. This natural solution is the best way for a tree to protect itself from any damage as the tree has the ability to seal off any wounds, preventing bacteria or fungi from entering. To better help the tree, remove any jagged pieces of wood from around the wound. By creating cleaner edges, a tree is better able to form a natural callus. When it doubt, let Mother Nature do the work for you!

ORDER YOUR VALENTINE FLOWERS NOW



WE CAN CUSTOMIZE ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON YOUR PERSONAL REQUESTS. CALL US AND WE CAN WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE YOUR FLORAL DREAMS COME TO LIFE.

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# HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

## APPRECIATION DAY

10:30 am Class  
Veggies and their  
Companions!

SAT

FEB  
**10**

ALL  
DAY

1:30pm Class  
Growing Fruit and  
Berries!

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