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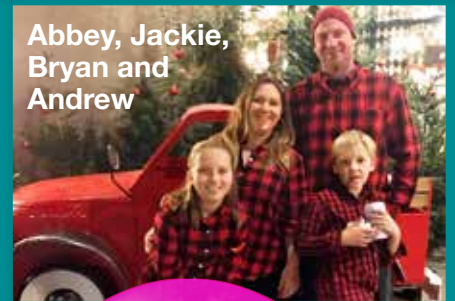
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Abbey, Jackie,
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30 Years & Still Growing... Happy 30th Anniversary, Beaver Bark!

From our humble beginnings at The “Richland Wye” to your local “World class” 3rd generation garden center and landscape supply enterprise, we are ever grateful for the ongoing support of our local community, and the dedicated employees still with us today.

Providing you with high quality products procured in a fun, friendly, and beautiful setting has always been a top priority for us. When we began our growing operation 15 years ago our goal was to bring you the freshest and healthiest plants possible... as local and well-rooted as you will ever get.

Our ongoing goal of continual improvement and always giving you the best is of utmost importance and we know without YOU there is no US.

We look forward to welcoming you to Spring 2024, and hope you enjoy the \$20 coupon on the back page to get the party started. It's a nice savings to start off your shopping adventure... and there is always so much to see with every visit!



Abbey Bobbett, part of the future of Beaver Bark

As we celebrate 30 years in business, I am delighted to introduce to you the Third Generation of Beaver Bark!

Meet Abbey and Andrew Bobbett. I asked them what was special about Beaver Bark, and what they enjoy about it.

At the ages of 17 and 15, these are their thoughts.

Abbey:

Beaver Bark isn't just a business to me; it's a cherished part of

my family's legacy. As the third generation, I take immense pride in being able to call this establishment mine. Each day, I eagerly anticipate going to work, not only because I love what I do, but also because I'm surrounded by the people that make it special. From my family members—mom, dad, brother, and grandparents, to every dedicated team member and loyal customer, each person plays a crucial role in making Beaver Bark an essential part of my life. Although I began my journey behind the cash register at the age of six, my affection has grown for the grow house. Watching young plants flourish and transform the space into an oasis of the healthiest plants and flowers brings me joy.

Andrew

As the third-generation in my family business, our company represents a legacy of hard work, dedication, and innovation. Working in the Christmas tree lot is my favorite time of year, but also any time I get to work alongside my dad throughout the year...

It's been fun creating memories as we celebrate milestones. Together, we navigate challenges, celebrate milestones, and continue to build a legacy that we're proud of, as a family.



Andrew Bobbett, part of the future of Beaver Bark

Renae

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non-stop color, and heat-loving happiness!

We are your Summer Solution to getting more time to enjoy your Happy Place!

As the heat of the summer descends on our Eastern Washington desert, I hope you've left space for the plethora of heat-loving annuals that thrive in our hot season we have grown for you. We've got easy, no-fuss choices we know you're going to love. They absolutely turn on the charm for the honey bees, hummingbirds,

and butterflies who all love the sweet nectar these plants produce in abundance. These pollinator plants become nature's feeders that don't need refilling, and you'll have a backyard gathering place for all your winged visitors.

Here are a few of our favorites we have highlighted to get you started! Stop in often, and see for yourself all the great options to make your summer pots and patio full of non-stop color and the joy they bring to your happy place.



sweet talk cuphea

cuphea

This is an exciting new Cuphea we're growing this year! Native to Central America and irresistible to hummingbirds, this new series for 2024 is available in three colors, and includes a true red. These tidy plants don't need deadheading, and will be in flower until late fall. Plan on 12" of height and width, and we suggest planting in May.

portulaca

This heat-loving succulent-like annual evokes a feel of the tropics every day! The showy flowers of the purslane we're growing for your summer enjoyment sure do love our sunny weather, and look so nice as a hanging basket or trailing off the side of colorful pottery. The flowers magically close at night and then reopen in the morning. This low-maintenance choice thrives even in the hottest and driest summers. Every part is edible, and nutritious. Pop some in a salad!



rio scarlet portulaca



rose



orange



yellow

all summer long, we're infatuated with lantana!

**lucky lantana
passionfruit**



lantana

We feel pretty lucky to have so many eye-catching colors to choose from, showing off Lucky Lantana's clusters of non-stop blooms. They prefer well-drained soil and full sun, but can be grown in part shade though flower counts will drop. They set few seeds, which means very few berries, and therefore the plant focuses on flowering its heart out. This is the most compact Lantana and is heat and drought tolerant, making them a very good choice, even for hanging baskets. It's said the crushed Lantana flower can provide a few hours as a mosquito repellent as well. Keep your furry friends away, as the leaves especially are toxic to our pets.



**lucky lantana
pot of gold, white,
and flame**



salvia brings the heat and the pollinators!



amistad salvia



black & blue salvia



hot lips salvia

With Salvia, there are so many varieties to choose from, it's difficult to pick a favorite, but we narrowed it down for you. If your desire is to have some hummingbirds make *your* home *their* home... these plants will absolutely do that!

hot lips

This one is such an interesting plant! Native to Mexico and enjoying the full summer sun, this distinctive Salvia is unusual because of its lip-shaped flower that changes from all white, to all pink, and then mysteriously changes to half white and half pink. Borderline hardy in our Tri-City winter climate, this pollinator friendly plant is a good choice for pots or in the landscape.

black & blue

This hard to find Salvia has an intense blue color! Electric cobalt blue flowers offer a contrast we find so interesting compared to its nearly black stems. Used as a thriller in potted containers, you will have created another Hummer Haven.

Heat loving flower spikes rise from the fragrant foliage to about three feet in height. They require little care and are pest free.

amistad

This tender perennial with regal purple blooms can easily grow to three feet tall. It's a true hummingbird magnet, and makes an excellent centerpiece in pots as the thriller. Deadhead this one regularly, and you will be astounded by the profuse display of its flower power!

vincas are a surprise sun and hot weather winner!

Vinca (catharanthus)

The glossy foliage and bright blooms look spectacular all summer. It's truly one of our faves!

Though they might fool you into thinking they are shade-loving impatiens, these sun and heat-loving vinca plants are a powerhouse of prolific bloomers all summer long. Not to be confused with vinca major, a flowering vine groundcover, these Madagascar natives thrive in wind, drought, and poor nutritional conditions. They are an ideal choice if you have limited time or are new to flower growing as they require minimal care.



cora cascade strawberry

cora cascade polka dot



cora cascade apricot

cora cascade violet



Magenta Sky is the New Double Petunia with the Cosmos in Each Bloom



The ever popular *Night Sky* Petunia first appeared with a big bang in our galaxy in 2012. It was the first of its kind, and something like this had never been seen before. Each flower was unique, reflecting a galaxy full of stars. *Night Sky* is still a fun and trendy plant to this day, and a top seller at Beaver Bark.

Superb for hanging baskets and containers, they are an

absolute eye-catcher. Eventually, more colors of this sky pattern followed, creating the *SKY* family.

Then, like a comet, for the very first time in the universe, a *double flowered* variety has appeared called *Magenta Sky*, a must-have for all you trendsetters. With limited quantities of the new double *Magenta Sky*, don't wait to fill your containers with this new star.

THE TIMELESS BEAUTY OF

Begonias



Begonias are one of the largest genera of flowering plants, with over 2,000 species.

Rex, Dragon Wing, Angel Wing, Non Stop, Wax, Waterfall Encanto, I'Conia, Hiemalis, Rieger, Solenia and Bellissa, just to name a few of our favorites! When you walk into our growing greenhouse, the begonias will immediately beg for your attention!

With breeding breakthroughs, these cheerful, profuse bloomers are very showy and continuously bloom all summer. In our desert climate, they tolerate only early morning sun. Many varieties are excellent for hanging baskets and (of course) shade containers. Give them good circulation and try not to overwater, and they'll be the star of the patio. With male and female flowers on the same plant, occasionally removing male flowers will substantially encourage more flowers.

On your next visit, ask one of our "Growing Greenhouse" team members to show you how to achieve this yourself. Another bonus is pests are not particularly attracted to them. Feed with *Proven Winners* water soluble fertilizer once a week for a spectacularly healthy, thriving specimen.



**Fragrant Falls
Lemon**



**I'Conia Portofino
Hot Coral**

**Waterfall
Encanto Pink**



A Remembrance in Red

Let the colorful splendor of 30,000 *Tango Red Geraniums* at Idaho's *Coeur d'Alene Resort* inspire you to create your own piece of paradise!

For over 30 years, the *Coeur d'Alene Resort* has adorned its property with a virtual sea of these vibrant red geraniums each May.

This horticultural feat has become a beloved tradition and serves as an enduring symbol of the resort's founder, Mr. Duane Hagadone, as they were his mother Beverly's favorite flower. They showcase the resort's dedication to providing an unforgettable experience, but also serves as a celebration of the beauty that can be found in even the simplest of things.

We have grown some of the *Coeur d'Alene Resort's* famous *Red Tango Geraniums* for you to brighten up your own backyard resort.



*Northern Idaho's Beautiful
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9 out of 10 Roosters Think Celosia Needs More Love in the Garden

Celosia plants are typically grown as ornamentals in gardens and landscapes due to their striking appearance, and *Twisted* gives us the cockscomb style in colors you would love to have in borders or in mixed containers as a standout filler. These tough sun lovers bloom throughout the Summer and into the Fall, adding a vibrant burst of color.

Celosias are relatively easy to grow, preferring full sun and well-drained soil. They are also drought-tolerant once established, making them so very suitable for our Tri-City conditions. Additionally, Celosia flowers are great in dried arrangements due to their long-lasting nature and punchy colors. *Twisted* is just that, a new twist on Celosia in habit that we think is a lot of fun to grow this year!



THIS IS THE ROSE THAT JUST BLOOMS...

THIS AWARD-WINNING GROUND COVER ROSE REALLY PERFORMS!

It was really no surprise to learn that the *Flower Carpet Pink Rose* had been inducted into the *Rose Hall of Fame*. Voted on by members from 39 countries of the *World Federation of Rose Societies*, it joins only 17 other roses in the past 46 years deemed worthy enough to hold the *Hall of Fame* title.

Due to its outstanding performance, it's the first ground cover to be bestowed this honor. Released in 1989, it was bred to be a mega-blooming, easy for anyone to grow, low maintenance, chemical-free rose. A year after its debut, the *Flower Carpet Pink Rose* was given the highest points ever awarded at the prestigious *All Deutsche Rose Trials*.

Nearly 35 years from Pink's release, 11 other colors have joined the *Flower Carpet* family. Producing an astonishing display of up to 2,000 self-cleaning flowers spring to fall, and no deadheading, this extraordinary low maintenance and drought tolerant choice is why these prolific roses have received over 30 Gold Medals and international awards!

pink



ROSE HALL OF FAME



pink splash



amber



apple blossom



coral



pink supreme



red



scarlet



white



yellow



peach



Ballerina Arabesque



CHECK OUT THIS TINY DANCER...

A New Star on Stage!

Ballerina Brisé



Ballerina Pirouette



Introducing a new "Shade loving" fuchsia that we think will steal the show. The *Ballerina* series collection has an abundance of tutu-ruffled colorful petals, and dark, lush foliage. Some varieties are double flowered, some single, with various growing habits. Each are named after French ballet techniques. A natural talent in all aspects, they keep twirling and pushing flowers early in the season, with some heat tolerance as a bonus. The unique flower structure attracts butterflies and hummingbirds alike.

As with most flowering annuals they perform best when well fed. We continue to recommend *Proven Winners* brand of fertilizer. It's what we use in our professional growing greenhouses, and you can see for yourself how the dark green foliage and abundance of flowers love this nutrient-rich proprietary formula that includes chelated iron.



Ballerina's blooms resemble its namesake!



Bringing in Pollinators is a Snap (dragon)!

Angelonia, also called the *Summer Snapdragon*, is a genus of approximately 30 species that grow natively in South America.

These impressive plants grow either as an upright, or with an enthusiastic cascading form, boasting stalks just filled with flowers. *Angelonia* florets resemble orchid-like blooms and their shape aids in pollination through hairs in the bloom that bees forage in for pollen. The low-maintenance *Angelonia* thrives in heat and arid locations, making it a perfect choice for our summer gardens here in the Columbia Basin.

These upright beauties have a color palette that ranges from pink, to white, to blue, to bicolor. They can become a Thriller or a Spiller with other sun-loving plants and are spectacular for larger containers. The blooms also last a long time, providing color all season!

We're growing our favorites just for you, in this, the *Year of the Angelonia!*



Angelface
Cascade
Blue

Angelface
Pink



2024
YEAR OF THE
ANGELONIA



Angelface
Wedgwood
Blue



Angelface
White



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SOMETHING SHADY'S GOING ON



Blue Mouse Ears

Hosta are the most popular and well-recognized perennial in the U.S.

They've gained their popularity from their fantastic foliage that provides interest throughout the growing season. These are adaptable, tough-as-nails plants, long lived, and capable of surviving in the toughest soils and shadiest locations.

Sometimes referred to as plantain lilies, Hostas traditionally are selected for their foliage with the flowers almost an afterthought, and can be trimmed off without harming the plant. Their flowers are edible, and popular in Japanese cuisine. Pollinators love them too!

Hostas like to be fed, and like any plant will grow bigger, faster, and healthier. To increase fertility, amend them with high quality compost when first planted.

Today there are tens of thousands of Hosta varieties, with some collectors amassing several hundred, or even a few thousand plants.

Some of our favorites are *Blue Mouse Ears* (the smallest of hostas), *Shadowland Whee!*, and *Shadowland Hudson Bay*, 2024's *Hosta of the Year!*



FIRE CHIEF

With glowing red foliage, this chief commands attention as it emerges in spring. It's a strong rebloomer with bicolored pink and white flowers blooming on red stems. The scalloped foliage matures to a handsome smoky red.



PEPPERMINT SPICE

Green with a silver wash and veined with deep purple, each leaf is a work of art. Spires of rose pink in spring add even more spice. In cooler months, foliage transforms to shades of red and orange.



BLACKFOREST CAKE

This is a medium sized plant with dark, chocolatey foliage, topped with re-blooming cherry-red flowers. It's an excellent choice in containers or the landscape with its tight growth habit.

HOORAY FOR HEUCHERA!

Happiest in just morning or in dappled sunlight, these American natives called Heuchera are also known as "Coral bells". This is an interesting family of perennials grown for their dazzling foliage colors with their dainty flower spikes. Cold hardy and drought resistant, they're perfect for containers, as well as in the landscape.



MIDNIGHT ROSE

This award-winning All-star is adorned with gorgeous, shiny, paint-splattered black and pink leaves. It can also tolerate more sun than some other varieties.



PARIS

Paris is the best flowering Heuchera of them all, with green, shimmering leaves and a continuous display of deep, rose-colored blooms on tall spikes until frost.



ELECTRIC LIME

This flashy perennial is a larger specimen, suitable for the landscape, with white flowers and bright chartreuse leaves, marked with attractive red veining.





Butterfly Bushes ARE A GARDEN FAVORITE to our BEST-LOVED Pollinators!



These long-lived, colorful summer flowering deciduous shrubs make a nice accent in the landscape. They're fragrant as well, and inspire flocks of butterflies to be drawn to their nectar-rich flowers.



Miss Molly

Growing up to 5 feet high 6 feet wide, *Miss Molly* is a one of our biggest butterfly bushes, a heat-lover that produces large, fragrant flowers from mid-summer to frost. The flowers are a dark red-purple color, with the most common shade being a wine red.

Pugster White

We love *Pugster* because its small, sturdy frame bears the kind of large flowers you'd usually find on much taller plants. Panicles are a dense cluster of sweet-smelling, crisp white blooms. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds are all lured to this tasty snack. It blooms all summer with no deadheading, and grows to 2 feet high and 3 feet wide. It's one of the mid-sized varieties we carry.



Lo & Behold Pink Micro Chip

This is the award-winning dwarf butterfly bush that will fit beautifully anywhere, because it only grows to 2 feet tall and wide. It's a tiny and tidy mound of orchid-pink flower spikes, with a cute pincushion-like habit that makes it perfect for including in perennial gardens. An early bloomer which gives you non stop color from early summer clear through frost.



THIS IS THE ECLIPSE WORTH STARING AT! ECLIPSE BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA

WITH DARK FOLIAGE THAT STAYS DARK
These leaves stay deep purple and won't go green!

Eclipse... maintaining dark foliage and bright blooms all season, especially in the heat of the summer.

A brand new hydrangea is debuting in the spring of 2024 in its first national appearance.

The bright cranberry-colored blooms contrast beautifully against the dark colored leaves. Growing to only three to five feet tall and wide, *Eclipse* is right at home in smaller landscapes,

providing brilliant form, color, and texture. It is also a great fit for larger patio pots where it can be grown on its own, or mixed with other seasonal annuals.

This new bigleaf hydrangea wants only morning sun and does best with afternoon shade. Be sure to use an acid soil amendment when planting and feed with a low pH acid fertilizer to provide the best growing conditions and performance.





CANNAS

Fit for a Queen



While Canna Lilies are often referred to as lilies, they are not related to the lily family at all. At home in the tropics, these show off large exotic leaves, along with an abundance of colorful flowers atop strong stems that keep flowering all summer long.

Cannas make a popular choice for the patio and water garden. These are reliable plants that need full sun and won't bat an eye when temperatures reach 100 degrees. They like to be frequently watered, but do not like to get waterlogged. The Tri-City summer really seems to bring out the best in Cannas, they get huge here!

Deadheading encourages more blooms and feeding with a 5-10-5, which is higher in phosphorus, will promote a healthy root system. Easily overwintered in a garage, you can split them up in the spring to enjoy more cannas, or even share with a friend.

One of our favorite and highly sought-after Cannas is the gorgeous *Cleopatra!* She has two-toned green and chocolate leaves, and vibrant two-toned yellow and orange streaked, and polka dotted flowers. Such an unusual showstopper with no leaves or flowers ever the same. In addition they are pet safe.

FLAME THROWER SAYS IT ALL!

This Redbud is Too Hot to Handle!



Once in a while a new tree variety emerges that really catches our eye. We love to recommend Eastern Redbuds in general, but this new variety is especially hot.

Redbuds form tight colorful pink flowers that adorn the trees in early spring... then form their leaves. The young heart shaped leaves of *Flame Thrower* start out in a strong burgundy-red color, then they turn yellow, and finally to green as the leaves mature. The branches display **all three colors at once** for this stunning display that continues through to fall.

Considered a small landscape tree at around fifteen feet tall and wide when fully grown, it's easy to find space for such a cool specimen. Expect it to be seven to ten feet tall in six years, depending on your food and water habits given the tree.

Some of our other favorite Redbuds to consider are a smaller variety called *Ruby Falls*, which matures at seven feet tall and five feet wide, and *Forest Pansy* with tight purple buds and a mature height of eighteen feet tall. There's a variety for all redbud lovers, and we carry quite a few through the season!



WE'RE CHOPPING CHERRY TREES DOWN TO SHRUB SIZE

Shrub Cherries are a beautiful, compact alternative to full-sized cherry trees in the landscape, and will grow happily as a container plant. They produce abundant amounts of petite cherries after blossoming, with a gorgeous flowering show every spring.

Both varieties are needed to pollinate, so in this case, two really is better than one!



Carmine Jewel is a new kind of cherry, combining the lusciousness of sweet cherries with the complex flavors of pie or tart cherries and the easy-to-maintain, dwarf habit of bush cherries. Loads of large, wine-colored fruit cover this 6-foot bush starting in mid-July. And as hard as it is, you really should wait for Carmine Jewel's cherries to turn black before harvesting. You'll be rewarded with a much sweeter fruit.



Juliet is sure to be a hit, and a flavor sensation! Cherries can obtain up to a 20-brix sugar level (higher than sweet cherries!) with a delightful complement of acidity, making for a rich flavor.

Large, deep-red fruits are delicious when used for baking, jams and ice cream, and freeze beautifully.

Growing just 5-to 8- ft. tall, Juliet is a breeze to care for and harvest. It's also a self-pollinator!



Bring the Jungle Indoors in a **Big** Way!

Large tropical trees make stunning houseplants, offering a range of benefits beyond just their aesthetic appeal. We'd love to tell you some advantages of keeping large trees as houseplants:

Air Purification: Tropical trees are natural air purifiers. They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen through photosynthesis, improving indoor air quality. They can remove harmful pollutants like formaldehyde, benzene, and xylene from the air.

Health Benefits: Being around nature, even indoors, has been shown to have positive effects on mental health and well-being. Tropical trees provide a sense of connection to nature, reduce stress, and promote relaxation. They can also enhance creativity, productivity, and concentration.

Visual Appeal: These trees add a touch of lushness and drama to indoor spaces. Their vibrant green foliage and

unique shapes create a focal point, making rooms feel more inviting and vibrant. They can also serve as natural dividers, adding privacy and delineating different areas within a room.

Noise Reduction: The foliage of large tropical trees can help dampen noise by absorbing and deflecting sound. This can be particularly beneficial in homes with open floor plans where echoing sound is common.

Longevity and Growth Potential: Many tropical tree species are long-lived and can thrive indoors with proper care. Watching a tropical tree grow and flourish over time can be a rewarding experience, adding a sense of connection to nature.

Overall, large tropical trees offer a multitude of benefits as houseplants, contributing to both physical and psychological well-being, while enhancing the beauty and ambiance of indoor spaces.



*Beaver Bark Has the Best Selection in the Tri-Cities
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sweet potato vines

Plant these winners for their looks, and at the end of the season, dig to uncover their hidden treasure! This is a breakthrough in plant breeding, the first *ornamental* sweet potato where both the foliage *and* the roots are edible!

Makatea

Kaukura



Treasure Island 'Makatea'

The light orange skin and white flesh of **Makatea** makes it ideal for Asian and Island dishes; the edible heart-shaped, bright chartreuse foliage is excellent in salad! It's so tasty, you might forget that it's good for you, too.

Treasure Island 'Kaukura'

Rich in beta carotene and delicious. Its edible, heart-shaped, deep-purple leaves, light-orange skin and vibrant orange flesh are bursting with flavor, making it ideal in a smoothie or as a juice, for cooking, or grated like carrot in a salad. However prepared, the Kaukura sweet potato delights taste buds



SUMMER OR WINTER, SQUASH IS A WINNER!

A DELICIOUS VEGETABLE WITH A RICH HISTORY

Pumpkins, squash, and gourds have enchanted gardeners and foodies for generations with a diversity in shapes, colors, and flavors. Collectively known as “squash,” the Cucurbita genus has a rich history, dating back over 8,000 years to Central and South America. 4,000 years later, it’s considered the primary agricultural crop of the ancients.

The indigenous people of the Americas included squash as a central component of their diets, which combined maize, beans, and squash to create a beneficial ecosystem.

Squash was introduced to Europe in the late 16th century, and it quickly became a popular food crop there as well. Today, squash is enjoyed all over the world in both sweet and savory dishes. Some squash varieties are grown primarily for their ornamental value, while others are used for a variety of practical purposes

Hybridization of squash over the centuries has provided us with a wealth of squash to choose from.

Squashes can broadly be grouped into two categories – Summer and Winter squash.

Regarding pollination, squash requires bees to move pollen

from the male to the female flowers. As a monoecious plant, squash can produce male and female blooms, and both produce nectar which attract bees.

You can see the difference. Male blooms are borne on long, narrow stems, and female blooms are found close to the stem of the plant. It takes as many as twelve visits to a female flower by bees to complete pollination.

Timing is everything, and optimally, there are both male and female blooms open for pollination to occur.



Incomplete pollination results in the appearance of fruits that turn from green to pale yellow and never size up, and oftentimes the immature fruit appears shriveled or woody.

Remove these from the plant as soon as detected.

Incomplete or lack of pollination can occur under windy conditions, which make it difficult for the bees to move about productively or under cool, wet conditions which discourages bees from foraging.

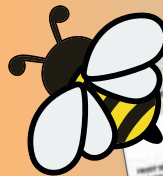
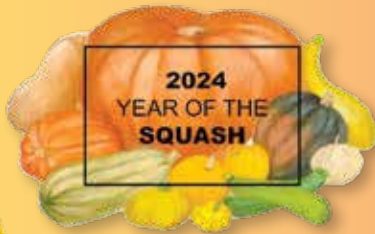
The solution is planting ornamental flowers near squash, which can help attract bees to your vegetable garden.

SUMMER

Summer varieties are quick growing, early to harvest, and usually eaten before the seeds mature. Their thin, soft skins make it easy to enjoy raw or cooked. *Zucchini*, *Yellow Crookneck*, *Straight Neck*, *Chayote*, *Cousa*, *Pattypan*, and *Tromboncino* are common types.

WINTER

Winter varieties are harvested later, can have odd shapes, often with tough or warty skins, and offer a long shelf life. The flesh is traditionally enjoyed cooked, baked, or roasted. *Acorn*, *Butternut*, *Kabocha*, *Spaghetti*, and *Turban* are popular types.





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Check out the unique prints in *Amanda Blu* PJ's this spring, led by their in-house design team. On trend and made with quality fabrics, discover the coziest lounge wear, where being a hermit has never been so comfy. They make nice gifts, too.

Warmies Eye Masks are microwavable and gently scented with French lavender for the ultimate comfort and relaxation. Simply warm in a microwave for 30 seconds for a peaceful night's sleep, or chill in the freezer to rejuvenate tired eyes.



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LET'S TACO 'BOUT HAVING SOME



Fiesta Fun!

Turn your ordinary gathering into a fiesta to remember with our vibrant and fun taco party essentials. From serving pieces that scream "¡Olé!" to sauces and spices that make your tacos the talk of the town, we've got everything you need to make taco night *qué bueno*.



We Have a Grand Assortment
of Herbs & Veggie Starts Grown
Right Here on Site!

Let's Hear it for **BASIL!**

This is the one herb you really can't do without! Basil is an invaluable addition to Italian cooking, and adorns pizza, is a main ingredient in tomato sauce, and is the primary ingredient in pesto. It's versatile, tasty, and so fresh tasting. Each variety we carry (and there's a lot), has its own growing habit and flavor profile.

Everleaf Emerald Towers has the flavor of a sweet basil but the growth habit of King Kong! It also flowers late.

Perpetuo Pesto has light green leaves with a creamy white margin and a hint of lemon flavor. It's a non-flowering variety, so there's no rushing to harvest. It's gorgeous, too.

Pesto Besto and *Amazel* both have resistance to powdery mildew, and the more you harvest, the more they grow!

Ask about other varieties we carry, like *Try*, which is several basil in one pot, and *Amethyst* basil, which has all the great taste, but in a fun purple color! We really can't say enough about this wonderful herb.

*Everleaf
Emerald
Towers*



Amethyst

Perpetuo Pesto

Pesto Besto



**GRACEFUL
KIMONOS
IN STYLISH
PATTERNS
& COLORS**



TOTES



**CHANGE
PURSES**



*Be a
Fashionista!*

Find the latest in spring fashion in our boutique. We've picked out some special pieces for women of all tastes, from wispy, flowy kimonos to adorable vegan leather accessories, to some very cool reversible sandals. There's always something new!

CROSSBODIES



Get splashy with these *Change 'em in a Wink* fashion sandals! Go from day to night, or mood to mood by just flipping the upper to a different color! Super comfy, vegan leather, and cruelty free!

LIRAH

LAVA

TITA

TROYA



CHIC SUN HATS KEEP YOUR SKIN & HAIR HAPPY!



Catalina Cowboy

This raffia cowboy sun hat is your new summer fave.



Sausalito

UPF 50+ fabric blocks 97.5% of ultraviolet rays



Camille

Stay cool and comfortable on a hot summer day.

Our sun hats come in a wide range of styles, from wide-brimmed hats with built-in sun protection, to cute baseball caps. There's a sun hat to suit your style for any occasion, and they just look so good, and are so fun to wear.

Whether you're hitting the beach or the river, going on a hike, traveling, or just running errands, sun hats give your health a boost for solid reasons.

Besides protecting your skin from harmful UV rays, sun hats can also help prevent other types of skin damage, such as sunburns, age spots, and uneven skin tone. By blocking the sun's rays, hats help skin stay dewy and healthier longer.

Sun hats can also help protect your hair from the sun's effects which can dry it out (Hello, Tri-Cities sun?), leading to split ends and breakage. Wearing a sun hat helps keep your hair moisturized and healthy, and can even slow the annoying fading of your hair color.

Lastly, sun glare can cause eye strain, which can lead to headaches. Wearing a sun hat with a wide brim can help shade the eyes and reduce glare, making it easier to see, and reducing the risk of eye strain.

So this is the 411 on sun hats. Ready for one yet?

MAKE & TAKE WITH KELLY!

FAIRY GARDEN & NEW FOR 2024: TERRARIUM CLASSES!

This Spring, we are hosting **Make & Take Fairy Garden AND new for 2024: Terrarium Workshops**.

It's a perfect date for the creative child, grandchild or just a fun hour with the ladies. Join our expert garden designer Kelly, Saturdays and Sundays in April and May, to create your own garden to take home. Everyone goes home happy!

Classes are only **\$39.99**, and include a selection of plants and decorations we provide.

Optional decorative items are also available.



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ONLY CIRCLED DATES ARE AVAILABLE

Join Us!

Fairy Classes
Saturdays @11:00am

Terrarium Classes
Sundays @1:00pm

Mini garden figures, accessories and houses are always available to freshen up your garden or terrarium for a new season!

Call 946-1000 or go to beaverbark.com/classes-events to book.

Classes are limited to ten for each class slot.

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HAND-SELECTED POTTERY,
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THEY LIGHT UP AT NIGHT FOR A BRILLIANT EVENING EFFECT



OUR STOCK IS ALWAYS CHANGING, BUT YOU CAN RELY ON A TREMENDOUS ASSORTMENT!

FOUNTAINS ARE READY TO TAKE HOME TODAY!



Add Serenity and Beauty with a Koi Pond

Fish are very low-maintenance, which means you can enjoy them any time without having to worry about a lot of expensive, time-consuming upkeep. Many people enjoy watching them to reduce stress, and to enjoy a peaceful addition to their outdoor space.

Beaver Bark has one of the largest aquatic departments in the Northwest, and have experts available for your personalized needs. Ask us anything!



PLANTS MAKE A HEALTHIER POND ENVIRONMENT!

Floating Plants provide shade for the fish, filter the water, and absorb extra nutrients.

Emergent Plants grow up from the bottom and spread on top of the water. They also provide cover, shade, and break down nutrients algae thrive on.

Marginal Plants benefit ponds indirectly. They collect nutrients on the sides of your pond before they can feed algae.

Bog Plants grow best in soil that is consistently moist, but not completely wet or submerged.



Floating water plants include Water Lettuce, Water Hyacinth, and Sensitive Plant.



This type of plant includes Water Lilies, Moneywort, Bacopa, Rushes, and others.



These include Marsh Marigolds, grasses and ferns, Spiderwort, Cannas, Monkey Flower and more.



This type of plant includes Flag Iris, Cattail, Bog Bean, Society Garlic, Creeping Jenny, and others.

FEEDING YOUR PLANTS... PLUS SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Just like us, plants need food and nutrients to perform, so they can bear fruit and flowers, grow strong roots, and fend off disease and pests.

Our native Tri-Cities sandy loam soil is quite low in nutrient values and moisture-retaining properties. Plants benefit greatly by amending the planting areas with quality compost before planting. Some plants prefer an acidic environment, others prefer an alkaline environment, and some don't really care. Furthermore,

we only get one chance at planting time to get it right, so be sure to learn what pH environment your specific plant wants, so you can amend correctly.

In addition to composting well, depending on what you're planting, you'll also need to add fertilizer periodically for optimal growth and health. Fertilizer, in a nutshell, is comprised of three macronutrients called NPK, that all plants require to thrive.

N Nitrogen is the key to leaf development. It's essential for young plants and leafy vegetables, and encourages growth and dark green foliage.

P Phosphorus is all about the roots, ensuring proper development of blooms and fruit. It also helps the plant get energy from photosynthesis.

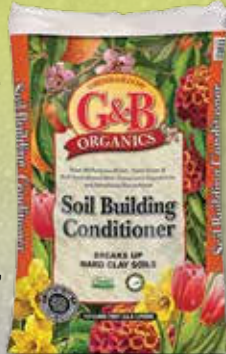
K Potassium helps with a plant's overall health, vigor, and disease resistance.



ORGANIC ACID PLANTING MIX

Made especially for acid-loving, shade-dwelling plants

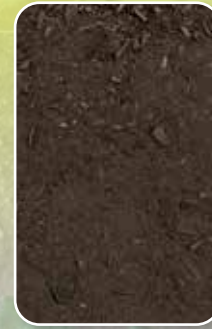
- Made from premium ingredients
- Great for azaleas, rhododendrons, gardenias, hydrangeas, citrus, blueberries, conifers, dogwoods, and maples



ORGANIC SOIL BUILDING CONDITIONER

Made especially to enrich native soils

- Improves drainage
- Promotes root development with added mycorrhizae
- Can be used for mulching and top-dressing



BULK ORGANIC COMPOST

A great solution for the budget-conscious and professional

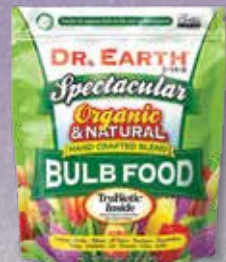
- Supplies a significant quantity of organic matter
- Improves soil structure, porosity, density, and creates a better plant root environment



ACID LOVERS

Creates the perfect soil conditions for plants that love acidic soil.

- Contains beneficial soil microbes plus mycorrhizae.
- 100% Organic
- Made in the U.S.A.



SPECTACULAR BULB FOOD

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PURE GOLD ALL PURPOSE

Optimum levels of continuous, essential plant nutrients for all plants in home & garden.

- Contains beneficial soil microbes plus mycorrhizae.
- 100% Organic



HOME GROWN TOMATO, VEGETABLE & HERB

Feeds veggie gardens, crops, container plantings or native backyard soil.

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- 100% Organic



NATURAL WONDER FRUIT TREE

Feeds all fruit trees, berries, and fruiting vines in containers or any back yard soils.

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TOTAL ADVANTAGE ROSE & FLOWER

Feeds flowering plants naturally to promote bigger and more abundant blooms.

- Contains beneficial soil microbes plus mycorrhizae.
- 100% Organic



PROVEN WINNERS PREMIUM CONTINUOUS RELEASE FOOD

Feeds throughout the growing season with only one application. Maximizes flowering and plant growth. Includes multiple sources of Nitrogen, along with Phosphorus, Potassium, & Iron in a 15-7-15 NPK ratio.

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Fast-acting and highly soluble formula that starts feeding immediately in container plantings, hanging baskets, and even indoor plants with a unique 24-12-17 NPK formulation. Use every 1-2 weeks.



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RATANA

Boston combines style and comfort with total relaxation giving you unbeatable luxury. Meticulously hand-woven of thick, braided resin in Smoke Grey finish, wrapped over powder-coated aluminium frames and coupled with the deep, high resilient seating, Boston has organic appeal, yet is super durable. Special orders from any Ratana collection are welcome.



hanging baskets are always a hit!

Every Spring, our growhouse is full to the rafters with the lushest, biggest, and healthiest hanging baskets. These are great for gifting as well as keeping one or two for yourself. Shown below are: **Sunshine State** and **Icelandic Volcano**



RECIPE OF THE YEAR



Sunshine State

Icelandic Volcano

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SUPREME



SALMON
CHIP



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BROWN (SMALL)



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