

Miller Farms



In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful. ~Abram L. Urban

June in the Garden

It's not to late...

...to get all those tender annuals and veggies in. Now is the time to plant corn, beans, squash, cucumbers, basil, impatiens, coleus, and marigolds. Cool weather veggies (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage...) are more susceptible to bolting at this time and should be planted in the late summer instead.

How much is to much?

It's always nice when Mother Nature helps us with the watering, but soon the summer drought will set in. New plantings should be watered weekly depending on your soil type and the weather. Over and under watering stresses plants and leaves them susceptible to disease. Fewer and longer soakings will encourage a deeper root system and that results in stronger, healthier plants.

Blackspot on Roses

Roses are beautiful and it is hard to find a nicer shrub that will bloom all summer long. Unfortunately, many are susceptible to "Blackspot". They look okay for a while, but by the end of the summer or sooner, they are practically defoliated. Determined gardeners can keep it away by regular sprayings of fungicides such as **Daconil, Funginex, or Neem** (organic). Spray every 10 days without fail.



Spittlebugs

Spittlebugs, or froghoppers, are easily identified by the frothy, white foam that protects them from predators. Wingless young feed on plant sap. They excrete a clear liquid, mixing it with the

sap and air to create their protective foam. In large numbers these insects can damage growth. They are easy to control by washing them off with a strong stream of water or hand picking.

Prune the Spruce

June is the best month to prune your conifers. This gives them a chance to flush out. A good rule of thumb

is not to remove more than 1/2 of the green growth. Avoid pruning cuts into inactive areas (no leaves or needles). Pinch pine 'candles' by half to encourage bushier growth.

Shade Hangers

Do you have a shady spot for a hanging basket? Try some of these plants: tuberous begonias, fuchsias, lobelia, impatiens, ferns, Heuchera, trailing pansies, Creeping Jenny and Tasmanian Violet. A combination of all these plants will make a beautiful basket.

Early Blight

If you grow tomatoes and/or potatoes you might have experienced this frustrating disease. It starts lower down on the plant and seemingly overnight can take over the entire plant. Leaves turn brown and wither and soon after the developing fruit are affected. It starts from the soil level with rain or watering splashing the spores up to the plant. Prevention starts early on by staking the plants so foliage does not touch the soil. Watch that your watering does splash the plants. Keep an eye out for spotted or browning foliage and pinch it off. If you have experienced this disease in previous years do not set your plants out in the same spot. Use of fungicides will help hold off the disease. Organic controls such as **Worryfree 3 n 1 Garden Spray** will aid in prevention if used on a weekly basis.

Our Favorite Tools by Mary



Having sharp pruners is as essential to gardening as having sharp knives is to cooking. I love the Diamond Sharpener. It is like a miniature kitchen knife

sharpener and stores compactly in a handy belt scabbard. It is easy to use by just holding your open pruners in your hand and holding the file so that it matches the angle of the pruners cutting edge. You only need to sharpen the beveled edge. Start to file using a circular motion. In minutes you will have a nice sharp blade. These files last for years.



***Lavender
Workshop
With Mary Barber
Saturday June 26th
at 10:00 a.m.***

Workshop Fee: \$5.00

Lavender comes in a wide variety of sizes and

varieties. We will discuss the best varieties to grow here and what they need to be successful. After that we will learn how to make lavender wands.

In Bloom...

Lavender, Sage, Flowering Maples, Fuchsias, Astilbe, Kousa Dogwoods, Deutzia, Japanese Iris, Native Azaleas, and much more.

Pony Express Days

YEE-HAW-SALE

June 2nd thru June 6th

The Pony Express Days are back! They started June 3rd with a clam chowder cook off, Fireman's muster on Thursday, Dance and car show on Friday, parade and festivities on Saturday and much more. The parade is a small town affair and fun to watch.

20% Off

- "Pony Packs"
(aka - 6 packs)
- all 4" Bedding Plants
- Japanese Maples
- Roses
- Bean Pod Candles
- Decorative Row Markers
- Eco Bamboo Sheets
- Scotts Bird Seed • Grasses

30% Off

Rhododendrons Occidentale
(Native Azaleas-Fragrant!)

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**The Blood Mobile will be at
Miller Farms Nursery
Friday June 4th from 12-5
Give a pint and receive a free 4" plant**

