

Kollman's Greenhouse



This year our drawing features our Sensational Southwest Succulent Garden. It is a very cool planter with one tall cactus surrounded by small, assorted cacti and succulents. It's a real show piece for your sunny deck or patio.

Retail Value: \$150.00

What's Your Type? (of soil)



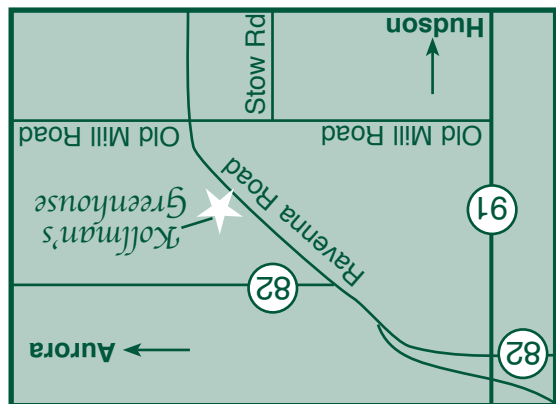
The rule of thumb is there are four types of soil types:
Sandy- light and airy yet unable to retain a great deal of moisture.
Silty- found in and around river beds, tending to be poor in drainage.
Clay- heavy, its close texture can prevent needed nutrients from reaching roots.
Loam- a perfect balance of sand, silt, clay with a healthy percentage of organic matter.

A mix of soil considered ideal is layered from the bottom up beginning with 2/5 sand, 2/5 silt, and 1/5 clay. To find your mix, dig down a few inches, scoop p a small amount and place in a jar. Add 2C water and a squirt of detergent. Put a lid on it, thoroughly shake, and let stand for 1-2 days. Soil will settle in layers from the bottom up in this order: sand, silt, clay. Compare your results with the ideal mix and adjust accordingly with minerals, fertilizer or organic matter.

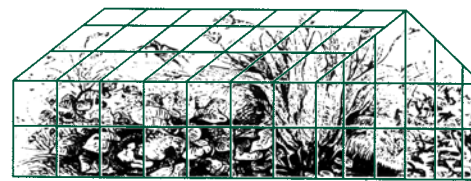
From time to time, a thorough analysis of your soil can be useful. Testing will reveal the alkalinity, or pH of your soil. A pH of 7 is neutral. Anything greater is alkaline, or "sweet". A pH lower than 7 is an acid soil, or "sour". Most plants thrive in neutral pH conditions. However, certain plants can only assess nutrients when the soil pH is in an acceptable range. For instance, Lilacs and Clematis prefer a sweet soil, and Blueberries prefer an acidic soil.

A professional analysis is preferable, particularly if you have serious problems with weak or dying plants, shrubs and trees. You will receive a comprehensive report along with solutions to your problem. Contact your County Extension Agency and they will be happy to supply you with names of testing facilities. For a quick check of pH balance, purchase a soil test kit from.....us!

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Another spring season is upon us. Finally! This has been an especially long winter with lots of cold and even more snow. Did you think you'd ever see another crocus? Early Easters give us great expectations of continued warm weather. Well, we thought this season would work out that way. Silly us- thinking we could get through April without snow! Anyway, the pansies have bloomed and are rapidly leaving the greenhouse and finding new homes in pots and porch boxes around the area. The rumble of equipment tells the story of filling flats and pots with soil, and on to the barn for transplanting all those great flowers you're planning to plant. The greenhouses are almost full, the perennials and herbs are hardening-off, and we continue to patiently wait for the weather to break, for good! We have been busy merchandising our hard goods, as well as all our plant material. Now is the time to come in and see what we've got in store for you this season. I guarantee you'll leave with a smile, and hope



WELCOME NEW GARDENERS!

This newsletter's purpose is to be fun and informative about gardening. Many beginning gardeners have signed-up to receive this, so with this in mind, here are a few suggestions to keep in mind as you begin your quest for floral beauty this season.

- ❖ Every living thing has a life span. Don't feel like a failure if a plant dies, because gardening is all about trial and error in the beginning
- ❖ Start small. Don't overwhelm yourself with a large area to plant. A new gardener needs to build up their skills through planning and executing.
- ❖ Plant a plant that suits the site. Think about sun and shade requirements, as well as soil type and drainage.
- ❖ Feed your soil first. The secret to a good garden is good soil. Know your soil type and amend as needed. Then, you can fertilize your plants.
- ❖ Flower alone does not make a pretty garden. Textures, staggered heights, foliage colors, and seasonal interest makes up a well-planned garden.



"A Rose Is A Rose Is A Rose"

This year, we are breaking out of the box and going with a brand new line of rose bushes. We are very excited to offer you a chance to enhance your rose garden or landscape with plants you can't find just anywhere!

Remember- roses do well in any soil provided they receive full sun, adequate moisture and drainage, routine fertilization, and a pH level of 6.0 – 7.0.

Double Knock-Out Rose- An enhanced garden performer with a full, rich double cherry red flower. We also will have Knock-out Red and Pink Knock-out.

Renaissance Roses- A new class of Poulsen Roses combining the strong perfume and double bloom of Antique Roses, with the repeat blooming and disease resistance of modern roses.

National Parks Series- These Poulsen floribundas require minimal care, are very disease resistant, and are cold-hardy. They are named after various national parks including Cuyahoga Valley!

Easy Elegance Roses: Garden Path Series- A series of everblooming, low-growing roses bringing a carpet of blooms to your landscape. Ideal next to garden paths.

Climbers and Ramblers- Perfect for trellises and arches

New Plants for 2005

Introductions of new annual varieties are abundant each year. Some are merely new colors of established species, and some are just plain new species. In our industry, new does not always mean "trialed" in our zone. We are careful what we offer so you can enjoy a finished product. Here are some of the new ones:



Kong Coleus- hottest new variety in mosaic, red and rose

Variiegated Wax Ivy- stunning waxy leaves while fast-growing

Spiral Rush- a corkscrew of a grass

Oxalis "Grand Duchess" – beautiful bronze foliage with yellow flowers

Musa Basjoo- Banana Tree- tender perennial for our zone

Tahitian Bridal Veil- a wonderful flowering alternative to green trailing plants

Double Wave Petunias- great wave growing habit with a double flower

Plus, we will have a large selection of 4-1/2" bedding annuals for those of you who want more established plants to start

We have lots of new perennials to grace the perennial patch this season. Here are a few to look for:

Anthemis "Sauce Hollandaise"-a marguerite that is a profuse bloomer in creamy/white

Astilbe "Ostrich Plume"- tall, arching plumes in coral/rose

Campanula "Saraastro"- low-growing rebloomer with intense purple flowers

Digitalis "Apricot Beauty"- large, nodding, peachy/apricot flowers

Echinacea "Paradoxa" -yellow coneflower with strong stems

Hakonechloa "Aureola"- Japanese Forest Grass, variegated yellow leaves, for shade

Helleborous- the Perennial Plant of the Year 2005

Shrubbery

Back By Popular Demand!

Flowering shrubs with fragrance and flowers- that's what you asked for last year, and that's what we'll have this year. We'll be offering a selection of beautifully maintained shrubbery in 3 gallon containers that will be sure to enhance your landscape. Care tags for each plant will be attached, for easy assistance in planting and maintaining your shrub.

Here's a tease of a list:

- Azalea
- Forsythia
- Hibiscus
- Hydrangea
- (including Endless Summer and Big Daddy)*
- Rhododendron
- Lilac
- Viburnum
- Weigela
- Spirea
- Potentilla
- Mugo Pine
- Boxwood

Q & A:

Simple Answers to Frequent Questions.

What is an Antique Rose?

Cultivars identified before the introduction of the first hybrid tea rose in 1867.

What is Stevia?

A calorie-free herbal sweetener 250-300 times sweeter than sugar.

What annuals self-seed?

Cosmos, asters, nasturtium, alyssum, cleome, snapdragon, petunia, gompherena, Johnny jump-ups.

Why won't my clematis bloom?

The plant is immature and hasn't reached full-flowering size (can take 3-5 years).

A nutrient imbalance - usually too much nitrogen. Use a slow-release fertilizer.

Untimely pruning- Early flowering cultivars form flowers on previous year's growth.

If pruning removes that growth, the plant will not flower.

What shrubs are fragrant?

Lilac, Vibernum, Roses, Magnolia, Honeysuckle

Why did my plant die?

Sometimes plants die for no earthly reason. Get over it! Don't obsess over it! Dig it up and plant another. Gardening is a learning experience!

Donald Trump, Where Are You?

If you are the new "apprentice" fundraiser for your organization, give us a call. We supply fundraisers in the Spring (annuals),

Fall (garden mums) and during the Holiday Seasons (poinsettias & spring bulb plants and lilies). We will be happy to guide you through the process. We promise not to fire you! And for those groups that have trouble finding a chairman to run the sale, contact us about a voucher sale.

It is a trouble-free and maintenance-free way to raise funds.

Reel It In- New lines for 2005

We have a new line of containers that Rosie thought would be different and exciting- another "break out of the box" item. They come in interesting shapes- round with floral designs, tall and round, pyramid shapes, squares, and traditional window boxes. The color is the greatest: Zinc and Copper! Very cool. Very classy.

Iron Door Mats - Antique white and bronze in open-weave designs that are oval, half-moon, and rectangle. Also suitable for wall hangings.

Flutters Collection - Fiber-optic lights in butterfly shapes. Add ambiance to your patio, deck, or porch in the evenings. Fun for campgrounds, too!

Wind Spirals with colorful glass orbs within

Glazed bird baths in soft earth tones

Forest Faces - Hilarious features to bring life to your trees- and lots of laughs

Sisal and woven baskets at fabulous prices!



Timely Tips For A Butterfly Garden



Just like any other specialty garden, it takes thought and planning for a garden designed to attract butterflies. It's a must to set aside a special area, and preferably one that is near your patio, deck or porch so you can comfortably enjoy the show.

1. Provide host plants for the caterpillar. You can't have a butterfly without a caterpillar, and they need food too. Here are a few food groups: Viburnum, Meadowsweet, Hollyhocks, Parsley, Zinnias.
2. Provide nectar plants for the adults: Coneflowers, Asters, Violets, Coreopsis, Butterfly Bush, and Asclepias Tuberosa are a few.
3. Provide abundant sunshine: Butterflies are cold-blooded. Use flat rocks to absorb the sun to allow for a perching place.
4. Provide a drinking area: Butterflies cannot drink from open water sources. Allow for mud puddles or wet sand in shady nooks where they can land and drink.
5. Provide shelter from high winds: This is easily accomplished by landscaping the perimeter of the garden with attractive trees and shrubs.

You Better Shop Around...the Sale Corner

Great buys abound in the Sale Corner this spring. Check out the terra cotta porch boxes at **20% off**. The Fleur de Lis design is classic. And everybunny likes a bunny motif. You won't be disappointed in this lighthearted design on a 24" box.

Other buys worth 50% off or more:

- Natural Twig Wreaths
- Small Statuary
- Poly-Lite Pottery
- Misc. Pottery
- Decorative Gazing Balls
- Odds 'n Ends

Kollman's Koupon

10% OFF Any Single 10" Hanging Basket

Not valid with any other discount
Coupon must be presented at time of sale
Coupon expires 5/31/05



Let's face it. It's just not fun to have to stake plants. We don't like watching the plant grow into the "need zone" for the supports. So we put it off until they absolutely need it, and it becomes an even bigger chore, not to mention a danger to the plant's root system.

Tip of the day: Do it early, do it now! Then forget about it. Your reward is a better-looking flowerbed throughout the summer, and one that is much more maintenance-free.

TYPES OF STAKES AND SUPPORTS

Bamboo Stakes: Tall, straight plants can be secured to the stake placed close to the stem. Tie the plant loosely to the stake (twisties work great) so the stem is not pulled tight against the stake. Plants with large, top-heavy flowers need to be tied all the way up to the flower.

Spiral Stakes: These are great for annuals and perennials that vine. Some vegetables, too!

Footed Support Grids: These usually have 3-4 legs. They should be placed about 4-6 inches above the plant as it emerges through the ground. Slowly raise the grid by the legs as the plants grow through the grid. Once the buds have set, Do Not Disturb!

Side Supports: Great for Shastas and Coneflowers. These are half-moon support stakes that allow the plant to lean forward a bit, but not fall over on other plants or soil.

Peony Rings: Stake over the plants as they emerge, and allow to grow through the ring. The peony remains upright with the very beautiful flowers remaining visible.