

# Hummingbird Season is Here



In the last couple years, it seems that the male hummingbirds are arriving earlier and earlier to claim their territories. We used to see them arrive in mid-May, but lately it's closer to mid-April. Be sure to put out your hummingbird feeders to ensure that you welcome one of Nature's most colorful and entertaining members to your yard for the season.

Check out Jonker's big selection of hummingbird feeders. These blown-glass feeders are decorative

works of art, as well as functional feeders. They come in lots of different colors to match any theme. They also make wonderful gifts.

You can easily make your own hummingbird food by adding one part sugar to 4 parts water. You don't have to add color, as it can actually be harmful.

Another great way to ensure you have hummingbirds in your yard is to plant flowers that attract them. A few examples of plants that hummingbirds love:

Crocsmia, penstemon, agastache, monarda, fuchsia, petunias, cardinal vine, butterfly bush, cleome, nasturtium, zinnia, honeysuckle, lilac, weigela, and columbine.



## Classes Next Month with Bill Bird



Mark your calendars – more detailed descriptions in May's newsletter.

**MAY 15 ... 11:00AM**

*A Beginner's Garden*

**MAY 22 ... 11:00AM**

*Kids' Corner In Your Garden*

**MAY 29 ... 11:00AM**

*Advanced Vegetable Gardening, for the Beginner!*

**JUNE 9 ... 7:00PM**

*Dressing up Your Yard for Company*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12 ... 11:00AM**

*Dressing up Your Yard for Company (reprise)*

This will be a repeat of Wednesday's presentation. Tea and light snacks will be served.

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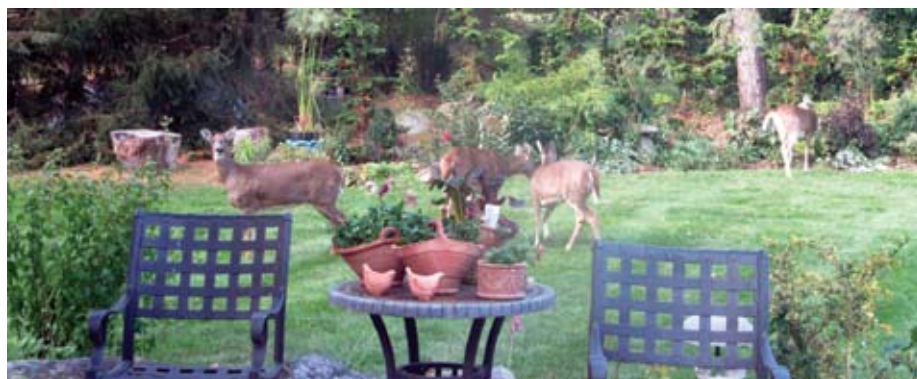
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## Here We Go Again!

Living in Michigan, we learn to love all the seasons. At least, that's the way it should be! But who can deny that spring is special? I love winter because I love to play in the snow, but I also love the emerging shoots and swelling buds, with all the promise they hold. Join us as we celebrate this beautiful new season at our 2010 Dual Spring Open Houses on April 17 and 24.

We'll have lots of specials in all departments, as well as bringing back some of your favorite gardening classes.



## Classes on the 17th:

**10:00AM - 2:00PM**

### *Landscape Design*

Back by popular demand, Jeff Zavadil, our registered Landscape Architect, will be available for questions for 4 hours during our Open House. This would be a great time to meet him, see some of his finished plans, and get some free design ideas from a professional. Bring some photos of your yard and get his input. Jeff will explain his services, and you can schedule an appointment for larger projects.

**11:00AM**

### *Opening Your Pond*

Greg and Zandra will give you some tips to get off to a good

start on the water gardening season. They'll tell you what you can do with your plants and fish, both now and later, and how you can improve your water quality.

**12:00 P.M. JULIA HOFLEY**

### *Take Back Your Garden: Stop Browning Deer and Rabbits from Devouring Your Garden*

Are you ready to throw in the trowel on your garden since you haven't seen a rose, lily or tulip bloom since you can remember? Do your arborvitae look like deer lollipops each spring? It's time to take back your garden!

This hands-on talk with slides will show gardeners how to stop  
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## Spring Garden Classes

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15 ... 7:00PM**  
*What's New in Perennials for 2010*

Barb Balgoyen from Walter's Gardens, one of the largest perennial growers in the world (and they're in our own backyard - Zeeland!) will treat us to her colorful new PowerPoint presentation of what's new in the perennial world for 2010. Our own Zandra will assist, guaranteeing this to be a not-to-be-missed happening.

**SATURDAY, MAY 1 ... 11:00AM**  
*Container Gardening Demonstration*

We all want containers overflowing with beautiful flowers, but sometimes we don't know where to start. Zandra, Greg, and Dena have been planting their own pots for years, and have learned quite a few tricks along the way. Join them for an informal workshop. Bring your pots. Bonus: 25% off all pots today only. Pot one up for mom, or bring her and make it together.



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### Class on the 24th:

11:00 A.M.  
*Spring Maintenance Tips. Get started right this year.*

Our experts (Dena, Zandra & Greg) will

show you the things you should do now to get your garden off to its best start ever:

- ♥ Trimming & pruning (including hydrangeas and grasses!)
- ♥ Proper mulching techniques
- ♥ Dividing your perennials
- ♥ When & how to apply Bayer for Japanese beetles
- ♥ When & how to apply repellents for deer and rabbit damage

There will be several specials running both days, while supplies last:

**\$1.00 off** all one gallon sized perennials



**\$2.00 off** each bag of bark mulches: Cypress, Pine Bark, and Pine Nuggets, (reg. price: \$7.99) no limit! Please note that these are full 3 cu. ft. bags, not the smaller bags (1.5 – 2 cu. Ft.) available elsewhere.



**\$5.00 off** Bayer Advanced Garden Tree & Shrub Insect Control (32 fl. oz. – reg. \$19.99) Now is the time to apply!



**\$10.00 off** Bayer Advanced Garden Tree & Shrub Insect Control (3 lb. granular – reg. \$39.99) Now is the time to apply!



**\$5.00 off** Bayer Advanced Garden All-in-One Rose & Flower Care (32 fl. oz. – reg. \$19.99) Fertilizes and protects your plants from insects and diseases, all with one treatment every 6 weeks.



**25% off** all pond supplies –  
Algae Fix, Micro Lift, Lily Tabs, and all the rest!

## Great New Container Soil

Zandra & Greg have used SunGrow Metro-Mix 852 (in the blue bag) for larger container gardens for the last couple years, and it works great. It's got a bit more weight than some potting soils, so it holds moisture better, and the pots don't blow over as easily. It's also great for amending the soil in your garden.

Check this issue for a coupon for \$5.00 off each 2.8 cu. Ft. bag. (reg. price - \$19.99)

### REMINDER:

Now is the time to bring in your containers for us to fill for you!



## Email is Greener!

Would you like to be on the inside track when it comes to getting notice of sales & coupons, before they appear in our newsletter or the newspaper? How about getting timely notification when your favorite plants come in, when to prune your bushes, or handy tips to save you time and money, and make your yard more beautiful? All this is available to you when you sign up for our free email newsletter.

Sign up soon at the Garden Center or email your address to [info@jonkersgarden.com](mailto:info@jonkersgarden.com) so you won't miss any tips or coupons. And remember, your email address is safe with us: we will never share your email address with anyone.





### EARLY SPRING HOURS

Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m.

Saturday  
9:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 3, 2010 JONKER'S REAR CHECKOUT  
OPENS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

### HOURS BEGINNING APRIL 19

Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. til 7:00 p.m.

Saturday  
9:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.

Sunday  
11:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.  
(May 2 - June 6)



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## Baptisia australis Selected as the 2010 Perennial Plant of the Year™

The Perennial Plant Association has announced the 2010 Plant

of the Year: *Baptisia australis* (pronounced bap-TEEZ-ee-uh aw-STRAH-lis) (common names: blue false indigo, wild indigo, or baptisia). This showy native species has been popular with gardeners for years because it is easy to grow and offers four seasons of interest in the landscape.

*Baptisia* features foot-long spires of intense indigo blue flowers in mid to late spring. After the flowers have faded, the soft blue-green foliage forms a sturdy, upright, shrub-like clump

to 3 to 4 feet tall and wide at maturity.

Taking the place of the spent flowers are 2- to 3-inch long, puffy seed pods that emerge green and turn charcoal black when they ripen in late summer or early fall. They remain into the winter, providing interest in the landscape.

Zandra loves this plant:

- It will grow in practically any sunny area, except in wet spots.
- It's exceptionally long-lived.
- "Nobody eats it!" So, if deer and rabbits are a problem for you, this would be a great plant to try.
- The beautiful blue flowers are a hard-to-find color for the garden
- The interesting seed pods are good for fall arrangements.

### COUPON

This coupon is good for **\$4.00 off**  
each full flat of pansies, no limit! (reg. \$11.99)

Coupon valid April 26 - May 2, 2010 only, while supplies last.  
Please present coupon prior to checkout.

### COUPON

This coupon is good for **\$5.00 off**  
each bag of SunGrow Metro-Mix 852, no limit! (reg. \$19.99)  
This is a great mix for container gardens.

Coupon valid until May 2, 2010, while supplies last.  
Please present coupon prior to checkout.

