



# green thumb gazette

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## Lawn Care Club Reminder!

It's time for your June application, so come pick up your next treatment of **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron!** For those of you not already in the club, we recommend the **Lawn Food + Iron** for right now because it contains a slow-release form of Nitrogen plus extra Iron to help your lawn stay beautiful and green without producing the excess top growth that can cause fungus problems. It comes in a phosphorus free formula of 28-0-4, and is available in bags that will cover 5,000 or 10,000 square feet. For those of you with summer weed problems, on Bermuda or Zoysia lawns, you may spot spray weeds with an application of **ferti-lome Bermuda Grass Weeder**. For Centipede and St. Augustine lawns, or any lawns with nutgrass problems, you may spray with **Image**. For particularly bad problems with broadleaf weeds such as dandelions and clover, you may use **ferti-lome Weed-Out + Lawn Food** as a substitute application instead of the **Lawn Food + Iron**.



## Disappointed with your lawn service?

For those of you who are not satisfied with the commercial lawn services you've been using, ask about our Lawn Care Club. For much less money than the services charge, we can help you get a beautiful, weed-free lawn for only a little time and effort on your part every other month. You know you are putting out the correct product, at the right time, and in the right place. Membership also entitles you to free insecticide for your lawn as a bonus for joining, and you are eligible for club discount on spreaders, sprayers, and any weed killers you might need in addition. Remember that a Lawn Care Club Membership would make a fabulous Father's Day present, too!

## June & July Lawn Care

TO FERTILIZE: **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron**  
 FOR WEED PROBLEMS : **ferti-lome Weed Out + Lawn Food**  
**ferti-lome Bermuda Grass Weeder** for Bermuda or Zoysia Grasses  
**Image** for Centipede or St. Augustine Grasses or for nutgrass problems in any lawn

**Our customers may borrow one of our fertilizer spreaders for 24 hours, free of charge.**

## Summer is upon us, judging by both the calendar and the thermometer...

... and your trees and shrubs are relying on you to supply them with enough water to thrive if we do not receive one inch of rainfall per week this time of year. Your bedding plants, especially those in containers, will need even more than that to perform their best, as will your vegetables, and we recommend watering early in the day and not at night to prevent disease problems. It's still a good time to add trees and shrubs to the landscape, and if you need to add a little color to your castle, we've got plenty of Annual and Perennial flowers available to dress up your beds and pots. Using **ferti-lome Root Stimulator** on anything you plant this time of year will get their roots off to a healthy start, and you may also fertilize your existing trees and shrubs with **ferti-lome Tree & Shrub Food** or **ferti-lome Azalea, Camellia, Rhododendron Food** according to type. Fruiting trees and berries may be fed with **ferti-lome Fruit, Citrus, and Pecan Food**, and your vegetables will appreciate your using **ferti-lome Gardener's Special** to help them produce a bumper crop. To keep your lawn green and healthy, June is the month to put out your next application of **ferti-lome Lawn Food + Iron**, and if you missed the recommended May insecticide treatment you'll want to get **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger** out ASAP to kill pests such as ants, fleas, ticks, and mole crickets in the yard. Let our experienced and knowledgeable staff help you with all the plants, fertilizers, tools, insecticides, and weed treatments you'll need to get your summer off to the "hottest" start ever.



No, it's not 4th of July fireworks, it's the new 'Queen Mum' Agapanthus from the Southern Living Plant Collection!  
 Photo courtesy GardenExpress

June hours are  
 Mon-Fri 8:00-5:30  
 Saturdays 8:00-5:00  
 July hours are Mon-Sat 8:00-5:00  
 We will close at noon on Saturday, July 3rd, and we will be closed Monday, July 5th for the Independence Day holiday.  
 Have a safe and happy 4th!

*Trees are the best monuments that a man can erect to his own memory. They speak his praises without flattery, and they are blessings to children yet unborn.*

John Boyle, 5th Earl Orrery, 1749

**Special Summer Savings!**  
**Bulbs now 25% off!**  
**Coupon inside for Palms!**



### Hundreds of Hydrangeas!

Just when we thought we'd seen it all, there's more! We just love the new dwarf Cityline series with their showy mophead blooms, and we've also got the Mystical series of mopheads this year, whose flowers change to even more beautiful shades as they age. Also new is White Diamonds, the new compact paniculata type with brilliant white blooms. They're perfect for brightening up that shady corner you didn't know what to do with!

Mystical Ruby photo courtesy Novalis

### Hordes of Hostas!

We've got even more varieties of Hostas in stock this year! Shades of green from deep emerald to bright chartreuse, golden and cream variegation, cool blues---you name it and we've got it! Hostas make a great shade Perennial, and are perfect companion plants for the Hydrangeas mentioned above. Our newest favorite is a blue-leaved variety with rippled edges called 'Elvis Lives'. Come see Elvis and the rest of our great selection and you'll be 'All Shook Up' too!



'Blue Angel', left, and 'Elvis Lives', right

### June 20th is Father's Day!...

...And Green Thumb Nursery carries a great selection of gifts for that special man of the family! Choose from stylish and practical hats, cooling Blu Badoo bandannas, tools like the Fiskars Garden Knife, outdoor thermometers and rain gauges, a Lawn Care Club membership, or even a gift certificate in any amount for the guy who like to pick out his own toys.



### Get to know Jim Haisten and Daylilies!

Our employee spotlight this month falls on landscaping supervisor Jim Haisten. Besides being the longest serving employee (25 years!) who is not a Harwell family member, Jim is a big Alabama fan. He and his lovely wife have three tall, smart, and handsome sons, however, who either attended, are currently attending, or will attend Auburn! (Did we mention they are smart?) Go figure! Jim's pick plant for this edition of the Gazette is the Daylily. So called because the individual flowers only last one day, many offer repeat bloom for color all summer long. Now is a great time to choose Daylilies to add to your landscape while they are blooming and you can see just exactly what height and color you'll be getting. They will bloom their best if they are getting at least six hours of direct sun, and they don't like wet feet, so if you have prairie soil, amend your beds with **Green Thumb Nursery Planting Mix** to correct an overly soggy site. Fun fact: The blooms are edible and are used in several Asian cuisines.

### Worried about mosquitoes this summer?

Protect yourself and your family with bug-repellant products from Green Thumb. We've got washable, comfortable hats for men and women that ward off bugs, and we've also got bandannas (red and camo!) that offer the same protection. Convenient for tucking into your tote for the beach, we have repellent towelettes in pop-up dispensers or individual packets, as well as wrist bands perfect for a day of fishing or gardening. We've also got sprays or granules for your landscape that we recommend using before your pool parties or other outdoor activities. Let us help you give mosquitoes and other pests the "buzz off" for the entire season!



### As featured on our website...



Blue Chip Dwarf Butterfly Bush

Photo courtesy Blooming Color

Photo courtesy Invincibelle Spirit.net

New and fabulous this month are the Invincibelle Spirit Hydrangea and Blue Chip Dwarf Butterfly Bush. Invincibelle Spirit is a pink version of the Annabelle Hydrangea, and for each bush sold, a donation is made to the Breast Cancer Research Fund. Blue Chip is a deep blue flowered dwarf Butterfly Bush that is perfect for containers or for Perennial beds in smaller yards. Each provides a ton of summer color. Try them today!



Invincibelle Spirit Hydrangea

Summer flowering bulbs are now 25% off!  
Colorful favorites such as Glads, Cannas, Caladiums, Dahlias, and Lilies are still available, but shop early for the best selection!  
Prices good through July 31st.



Mac 'n' Cheese is the yellow orange of your childhood favorite!

Tomato Soup is a bright, rich, yummy red!



### If you think Mac 'n' Cheese and Tomato Soup are comfort food, you should see 'em in the yard!

They are two of the newest Coneflowers on the market, and we've got over a dozen other varieties available besides! Come see these and all the other wonderful Perennials we have in stock now! We've got Salvias galore, Shasta Daisies and Rudbeckias, Coreopsis and Artemesia, Heuchera and Astilbe, Veronica and Phlox, just to name a few. Whether you want flowers for cutting, for hummingbirds and butterflies, or just to look at, we have got you covered! Don't forget to tuck a few Annuals in with your Perennials for that extra bit of color. We've got plenty of them in stock, as well!

Photos courtesy Novalis

### Speaking of comfort food,

what's more delicious than a homegrown Tomato sandwich? Maybe Pesto dip you've made with your own Basil? There's still plenty of time to plant and harvest your own crop of fresh Herbs and Vegetables, and we've got "bushels" to choose from of both! Don't forget that lots of these can be grown successfully in containers, so don't let the fact that you don't have a 40-acre plot discourage you from enjoying the fruits of your not-really-all-that-hard labors!



Spicy hot Banana Peppers are just one of the many Vegetables we have for you to plant!

20% discount on any hardy Palm Tree!  
Choose from Sago, Windmill, Needle, Pindo, and European Fan Palms in various sizes. Easy to grow Palms make great tropical looking accents for your containers and your landscape!  
Coupon must be presented at purchase. Offer good through 7/31/10.