

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

'STANDARD' ORNAMENTAL TREES

Have you been searching for an attractive, unique tree that doesn't grow too tall? One that could be planted under utility wires, near the patio or even close to the house? Then a double grafted specimen tree may be your solution. This type of tree is referred to as a 'standard'. They have a stem three feet long or more that has been grafted onto a rootstock at ground level, and the other end has a flowering shrub, evergreen or shade tree grafted to it. In essence, there is two or more different plants grafted together that grow as one plant. This procedure restricts the trunk from growing any taller, just the head grows.

When flowering shrubs are grafted on top of the stem (trunk) the final result is an unusual, highly ornamental tree. The head of the tree (the flowering shrub) will grow to the same size and have all the same characteristics as the original flowering shrub.

Flowering standard trees readily available include: Flowering almond (pink flowers in spring), purpleleaf sandcherry (purple leaves all season, white flowers in spring), PeeGee Hydrangea (white then turning pink flowers in fall), Hybrid and dwarf Lilacs (purple flowers in spring), and many, many more.

When shade trees (Maple, Catalpa) and evergreens (Euonymas, Globe Spruce, Pine and Hemlock) are grafted as a standard they grow as a neat, well-kept ball. They appear highly trained and pruned with little or no pruning at all.

So for something unique, unusual and practical at the same time, consider a grafted standard tree.

Pest Diagnostic Clinic July 17-18

Visit the Garden Centre over the weekend to discover common garden pests and their damage.

Samples for identification welcome!

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

TUITMAN'S GARDEN CENTRE

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GEORGETOWN 375 Guelph St. (Beside Georgetown Motor Inn)

Participate in Fox run Sept. 19

The organization of the Georgetown Terry Fox run is off to a great start. The chosen route for the run extends through varied terrain throughout the town and takes place on Sunday, September 19 at 8 a.m.

Participants of all ages will be welcomed to run, bicycle, walk, run, jog or wheel on a well marked

course that stretches across 5 km or 10 km depending on the participant's ability. The emphasis is on participation and not competition or completion of the entire course.

Refreshments will be available throughout the run and there will be many pre-run and post-run activities to amuse young and old alike.

Pledge sheets will be available at your local chartered banks.

This family affair will be a perfect event in which all members of the community can make a difference by participating and donating for the benefit of Canadian Cancer Research.

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