

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

BERRY DELIGHTS

Fall and winter doesn't have to be the end of garden enjoyment. Many shrubs produce colorful and attractive fruit in the fall. Often these will persist into the winter months as well. When planning our garden include shrubs, such as Viburnum (Highbush Cranberry or Snowball), Euonymus, Holly, Cotoneaster and Dogwood, all of which produce berries for fall and winter delight.

VIBURNUM

The Viburnum family contains many flowering shrubs, but the most attractive in the landscape include the Highbush Cranberry and old-fashioned Snowball. Both shrubs are very similar in many aspects but the High Bush Cranberry has a shiny, waxy leaf compared to the Snowball. Both attain a height of 8 to 10 feet at maturity (dwarf varieties are available as well). In late spring to early summer they produce large, snowy, white flowers. The Highbush Cranberry has a flat-topped flower whereas the Snowball has a round, ball-like flower. The flowers are followed by bright red berries which the birds relish.

EUONYMUS

Euonymus belong to a group of plants that are called: Broad leaved evergreens. They have leaves like a deciduous shrub but instead of shedding them in the fall, they retain them like an evergreen. There are many varieties of Euonymus to choose from but two varieties produce the most abundant fruit; Bigleaf wintercreeper (a vine) and sacroxie (a shrub). They do produce flowers but they are not really noteworthy or showy, but the fruit is exceptional and unique. During the fall they produce pinkish fruit capsules that split open to reveal orange berries. Euonymus are relatively fast growing and very easy to care for. They grow in full sun to partial shade and perform best in well-drained soil. Due to their nature they make excellent foundation plants, low vines, or ground covers.

HOLLY

Holly is another example of a broadleaf evergreen. It is a well known shrub for its glossy green leaves and brilliant red berries. Always a Christmas favorite. There are now a few attractive varieties that are hardy in this region (zone 4-5). However, it is still recommended that you plant them in a sheltered location and a slightly acid soil (add peat moss and/or aluminum sulphate to the soil to increase acidity), and in full sun or partial shade. In addition, Holly should be planted in pairs (male: female) or groupings (1 male to several female shrubs). This will ensure abundant fruit development.

COTONEASTER

Cotoneaster is a low-growing evergreen or semi evergreen. Due to its low spreading stature it is often used as a ground cover on slopes or under tall shrubs. It grows into a dense mat which effectively reduces weed growth. It has small, oval and shiny leaves all along the sprawling stems. In the spring they produce dainty but abundant pink or white flowers followed by showy red berries in the fall. Cotoneaster grow quickly and are easy to care for.

DOGWOOD

Dogwood shrubs develop loose clusters of white flowers in the spring and by late summer they produce white or red berries that are desired by the birds. Dogwood also have colorful bark (yellow or red) which is attractive throughout the fall and winter months. These shrubs are ideal for informal hedges, foundation plantings or mixed shrub beds.

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Community service today in Acton

In order to celebrate the week of Christian Unity the Acton Ministerial Association will host its second annual community service on Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m. at the Acton Legion. The churches of Acton look forward to another great time of praise and worship of our Lord and Saviour.

This year's guest preacher is Rev. Don Posterski, vice-president of national programs for World Vision Canada.

Because of his love for Jesus

Christ and his knowledge of current social trends Rev. Posterski is a much sought after speaker. His Christian service includes work in the student ministry with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, pastoring for seven years and coordinator of Project Teen Canada.

He has written several books including, Why Am I Afraid to Tell You I'm A Christian, and Where's a Good Church?

"We're looking forward to the worship we'll have as a community on Sunday. It is a highlight of all that we do together," said Rev. Emrys Jenkins, president of the Acton Ministerial. "As well as good preaching we'll have a mass choir made up of all the Acton church choirs and lots of inspirational congregational singing" continued Jenkins.

For the children there is a worship celebration especially designed for them. This year's theme is You Are Special to God. All children are invited to come and sing and cheer at Images Creative Puppetry, a Christian puppet troupe from Stoney Creek, tell the story of Andrew the Fisherman.

Nursery care is provided for the very young.

The morning promises to be filled with praise and honor to our God. If you need a ride to this event, call any of the Acton clergy. Be sure to arrive early for the best seat.

Tooth Chatter
by ALEX TRENTON

THE VALUE OF A "SMILE"

It costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive it, without impoverishing those who give it.

It happens in a flash, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

It cannot be begged, borrowed or stolen but it is of no earthly good to anyone, until it's given away!

So if in your hurry, you run across someone too weary to smile, leave them one of yours!

Because, no one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.

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ASSIC Alert

Acton Support Services and Information Centre

ASSIC would like to thank all those who attended the volunteer appreciation party last week. We also wish to thank Pro Shooters in Georgetown for lending us their foosball table for the afternoon.

Volunteers are what make ASSIC so successful in offering programs like Meals on Wheels, Transportation, the Seniors' Luncheons, Volunteer Visiting and much, much more!

To all of our volunteers, we thank you for the hard work, time and energy you put into helping others in your community, your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19	Don't despair of your dreams. Some just take longer than others and some may materialize tomorrow.
TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20	Keep family members aware of new developments in your career. Remember that it affects them, as well as you.
GEMINI May 21-June 20	Strike a better balance between work and play. A business venture would fare better if you devoted more time to it.
CANCER June 21-July 22	Love lasts forever. You may never know how much you care for someone until they are lost. Let them know.
LEO July 23-Aug. 22	Money situation improves. Use your intellectual savvy to make greater gains in the financial arena.
VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22	Socializing will produce new contacts. Expect the unexpected. Stand by old friends but don't overlook new acquaintances.
LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22	Creativity should be explored. You may be surprised at the hidden talent within. Use it to your advantage.
SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21	Handle bad news with grace. Remember that in every cloud there is a silver lining. Look for it.
SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21	Be bold and audacious. Demand your due. Don't allow others to walk all over you. Keep your head held high.
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19	Legal matters should be turned over to a professional. Accept advice for what it is worth. Seek counsel.
AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18	Daydreaming will not solve your problems. Concentrate on the matters at hand. Stay on task.
PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20	Young person demands more of your time. Try to involve him in some of your activities and take a greater interest in his.

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