

Sheridan has lots to grow about

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at \$95 and up, depending on the size of the lot.

"Many people approach laying out their gardens and landscaping in a casual manner, buying a tree, then saying, 'Oh, just plant it here,'" says Stensson, "I always say 'you wouldn't build a house without a blueprint, so why design a garden without a plan?' I think, with a little planning, the customer can easily save the cost of the on-site consultation and more, simply by doing things in an orderly manner, and not wasting plants or resources."

Earlier in the month, more than 200 avid gardeners dropped by Sheridan Nurseries to attend a number of gardening seminars, hosted by professionals who gave basic pointers on landscaping. Although the seminars are finished for the year, Stensson said they may host more if there is sufficient demand.

Marketing Manager Valerie Stensson is excited about the new Garden Guide which the company has produced.

"We haven't had one available since 1998," says Valerie, "But we decided to bring it back, since people were asking for it."

The new guide is 112 pages, filled with information on more than 1,000 plants, and lists their requirements. In addition, there are more than 400 colour photos. The guide sells for \$4.99, available at all Sheridan Garden Centres by this weekend.

The Garden Centre is also increasing their stock of garden furniture and

ornaments, comparable to the other Sheridan outlets.

"By comparison, the Glen Williams Garden Centre is smaller than some of our others, but we can bring in any item that is handled at any of our other centres," says Karl, "If it's available, we'll bring it in."

Stensson says the Centre carries its own line of Parkwood fertilizer, custom blended to Sheridan Nurseries' requirements. They also offer a unique 'free fertilizer' plan, in which the customer buys a jug for \$2 and is then free to fill it with the water based 20-20-20 fertilizer available at the Garden Centre.

"They can refill it as many times as they want," says Stensson, "And if at some point, they don't want to take part in the plan anymore, they simply turn the jug back in for their \$2 deposit."

Exciting new varieties of plants and flowers are showing up at Sheridan this spring, and Stensson mentioned a few, like a variegated foliage Impatiens, called "Painted Paradise," and another, "Canine Scat Coleus," which produces a scent that is offensive to dogs, cats and foxes, working as a natural repellent, driving them away from the flower beds.

Sheridan Nurseries is now operating on its summer hours, which are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 9 to 5. It is located at 12302 Tenth Line, just north of Glen Williams. For more information, call 905-873-0522.

—By Ted Brown, staff writer



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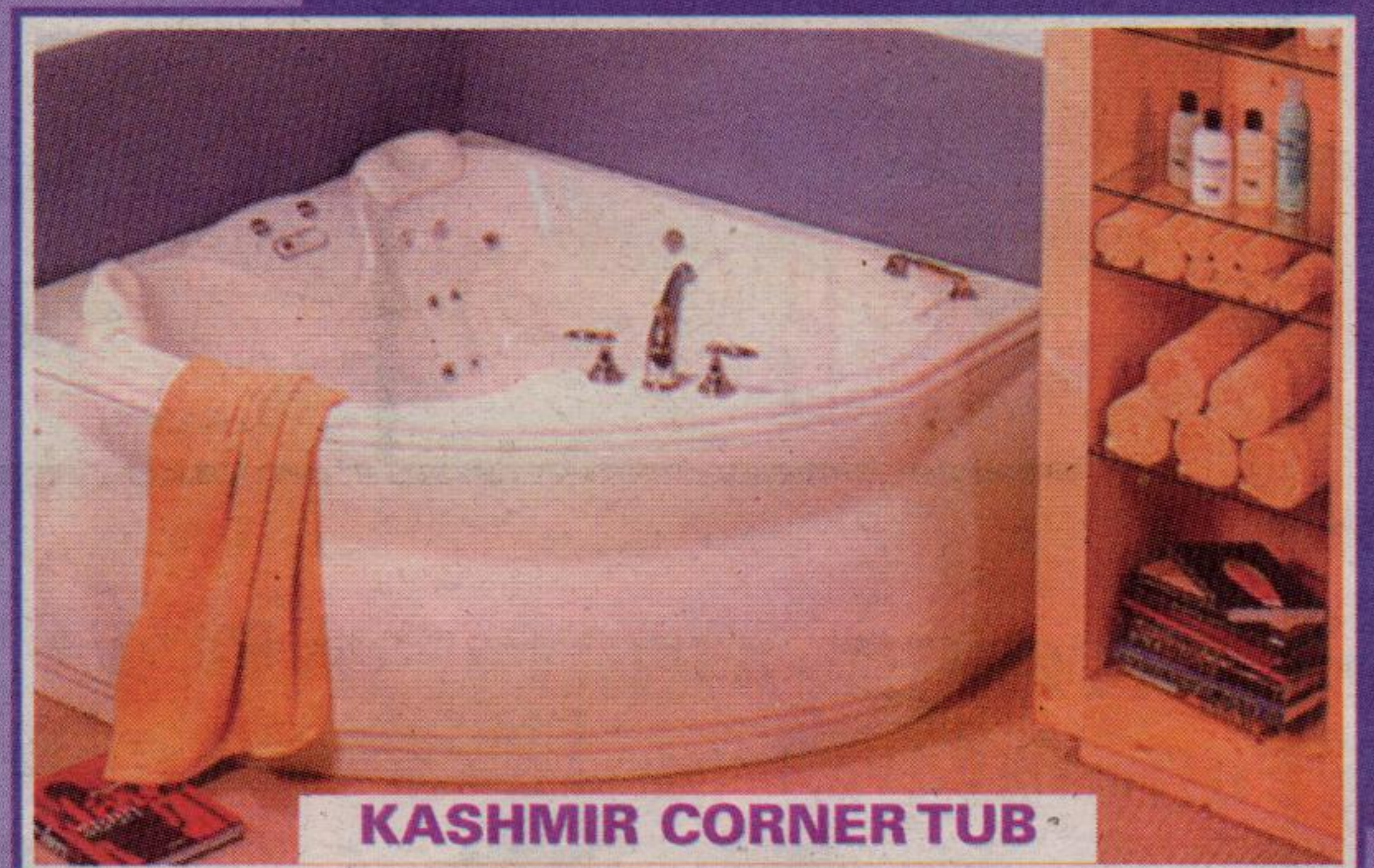
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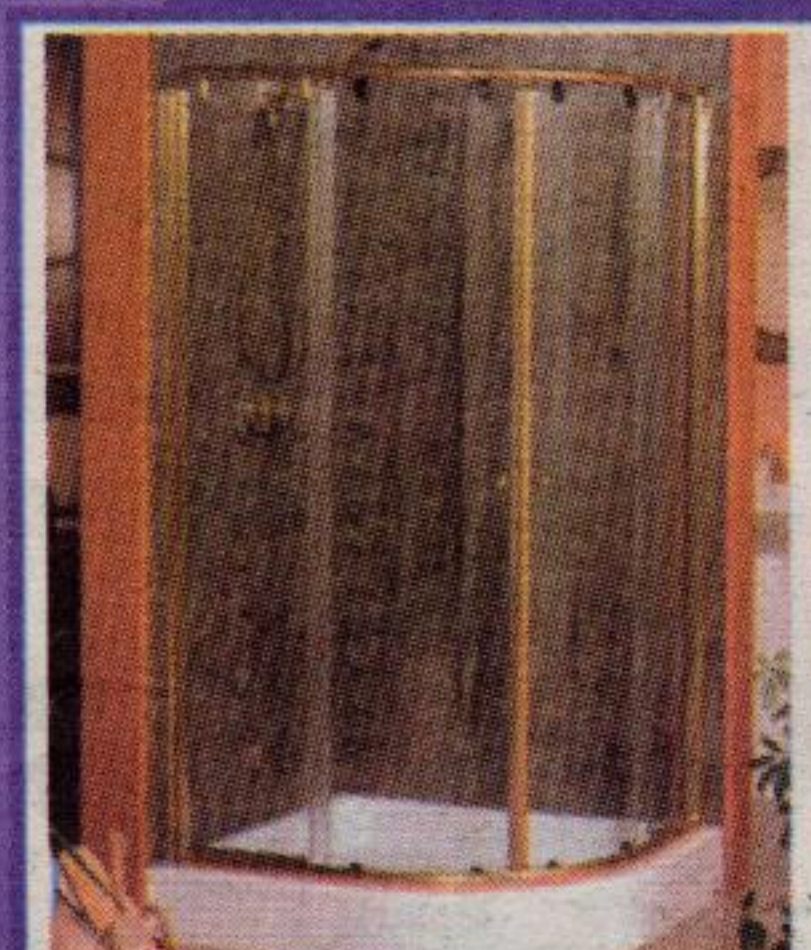
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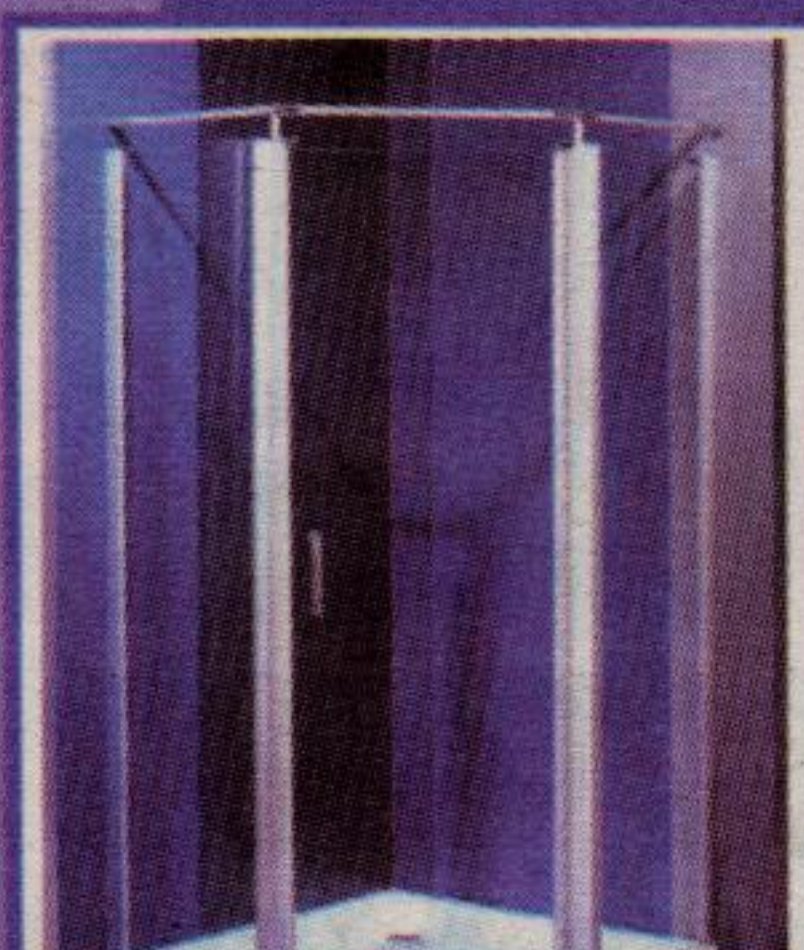
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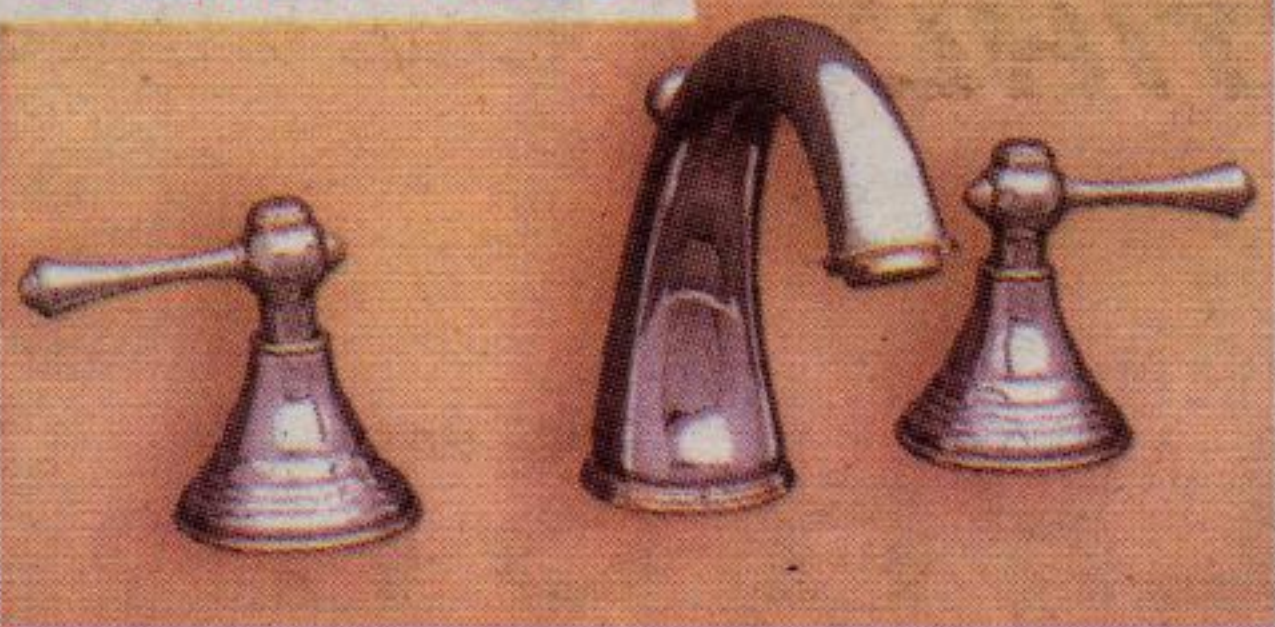


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