

# VALLEYVIEW GARDENS

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**Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm**  
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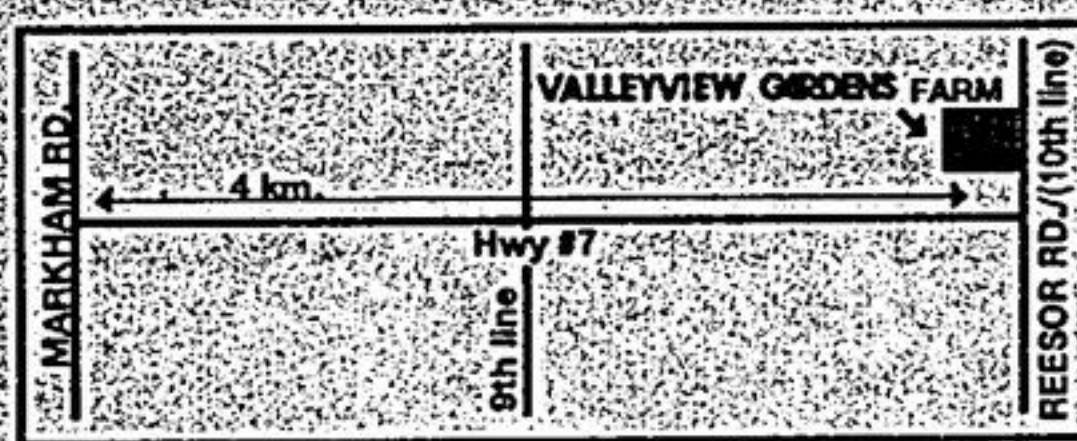


**THIS WEEKEND**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
3rd & 4th May

**TOP SOIL**  
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We sell annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets. Come in and see our quality grown plants!

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8636 Reesor Rd.,  
Markham.  
**905-471-5630**



## Keep-blooming baskets flowering

'Tis the month of May and it seems that everyone is either selling or buying plants. During this "plant frenzy" some people take a shopping list to the nursery but many others simply buy what appeals at the moment. The tendency is to purchase large blooming plants which are already pot bound. A 10-inch hanging basket covered with bloom seems like a bargain but when a plant is already at maturity in early May it may be on its "last legs" by July! If that same basket is transferred to a larger pot or even a half-barrel it would continue happily all summer because it has plenty of "root room".

Many people prefer to purchase small plants and assemble their own hanging baskets - after planting they are immediately hung to be buffeted by the winds! Instead, try leaving them to sit in a protected location for several weeks to allow the roots to become established.

Tender plants are often purchased long before they can be planted safely (May 24th being the recommended date). In the meantime they should be kept outdoors in bright light (not full sun all day) and protected from the wind. If predicted nighttime temperature is below 5 degrees they should be moved to a garage or covered with a cardboard box or an old sheet (never use plastic). Do not bring the plants into the house at night - the temperature will likely be higher than the daytime temperature. Plants prefer their nights to be cooler than their days by several degrees!

Annuals in cell packs are especially vulnerable - they may need watering twice a day. Remember that the outside edges of a full flat dry out first.

This is the perfect time to plant pansies and violas. Some people use these only for early bloom because they have trouble maintaining

them into me summer. The trick is to pick off all blooms once a week compost the spent ones and make a bouquet of the fresh ones. Mulch your pansy plantings to keep the soil cool and evenly moist.



### Let's Get Growing

Marjorie Mason Hogue

If you plan to start a new lawn from seed or to reseed some bare patches, don't wait any longer. It is imperative to get the grass established before the weather becomes hot. Before you got to purchase seed, carefully measure the area to be seeded.

Know your lawn expectations - are you aiming for the perfect carpet or a play area for children! If you have any dry sandy soil look for a blend of fescue grasses rather than Kentucky bluegrass.

Keep the seeded area moist until well established and then gradually accustom it to one deep watering per week. Before the first cutting, be sure to get your lawnmower blades sharpened.

On Saturday, May 10, I will be presenting a free seminar on Container Gardening and demonstrating the construction of the moss baskets which will be hung in downtown Uxbridge this summer. For time and location call 905-649-3532.

Send your questions and comments to:  
**Let's Get Growing**  
c/o The Tribune  
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