

Tansy Lane Herb Farm Newsletter

May 2009

Welcome

It's spring in the country. There's a dead skunk under my growing house.

The snow finally melted, exposing all the clay pots that never got brought inside before the always unexpected first big snowfall.

The sump pump hose worked its way inside the basement. This involved knee high rubber boots and crawling under the verandah with a flashlight in the dark.

It seems like a full time job to keep the bird feeders full as chubby little mommas prepare for their new arrivals. Starlings discover the flue as a good place to enter the house and go on to terrorize both themselves and the cats. One clever little devil hid in the cupboard behind granny's teacups. This involved a cardboard box and a feather duster. Details available upon request.

But, ah, it is spring with all the promise that each new one brings. To live in a place where we would never experience this renewal is unimaginable. Mother Nature may be trying to tell us that we as well should always be in the process of renewal.

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What's New

It's been a while since our last newsletter. The most exciting news is that we are launching a new website. As well as being beautiful visually it will be full of new information on a regular basis. The newsletters will be available online. A Gardener's Blog will have musings and bits of information that may be of help to gardeners everywhere. We are very pleased to announce that there will be the opportunity to do online shopping. Now you can have your favourite

Tansy Lane products sent as presents anywhere in Canada.

A recipe section will help in using all the herbs you grow. If you email us a favourite recipe or discover a great use for a herb we will post it on our site.

Featured Product –

Reed Diffusers

There are many ways available to add scent to a room. One of the most popular now is reed diffusers. They are not only attractive but could enhance a room if only they didn't all contain artificial fragrances.

At last we are able to offer these reed diffusers containing pure essential oils instead of artificial scents ! At present the following blends are available in an attractive bottle with the reeds enclosed. The bottle has a stopper suitable for shipping purposes.

**Lavender Vanilla
Peppermint Lemon
Summer Nights**

Upcoming Events

There are some exciting events coming up this year at Tansy Lane. Mark the dates on your calendar and come spend an afternoon in the country.

Victoria Day Weekend

Fundy Studio Tour Saturday- Monday
Tansy Lane is a part of the annual Fundy Studio Tour weekend when the artisans open up their shops and studios to display their winter's work.

Sunday, May 24 – Monday May 25
10am – 5pm

Herb Sale

This is your chance to get all your herb plants and get growing advice. There will be new plants as well as field divisions. Request an order form at tansyln@nb.sympatico.ca and see what will be available.

Saturday, May 30 1pm -4pm

Country Gardens Perennial Swap and Sale

Albert County Gardeners will share plant divisions from their perennials at Tansy Lane in a swap and sale. (for details check the Events section of the website www.tansylane.com) or email tansyln@nb.sympatico.ca

Sunday, May 31 2 -4 pm

Growing Herbs For Cooking Seminar

You will learn to grow herbs for cooking. You will know which ones you can plant directly in the ground and which are best bought from plants.

Handouts with valuable information on growing will be given to all participants.

Cost: \$10 Call 734-3006 to register by May 29

Sunday, June 28 2-4 pm

All About Lavender Seminar

There is a lot of buzz about lavender these days. Come find out how to grow lavender or the many ways it can be used. Discussion will include using lavender in drinks, cookies, cakes, seasonings etc. as well as ways to use it in the home. Recipes will be available and there will be plants for sale.

Cost \$10 call 734-3006 to register by June 25

Sunday, July 5, 2-4 pm.

Edible Flowers Seminar

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about many edible flowers that you may already be growing but don't know how to use them. Discussion will include how to use these flowers as garnishes, in salads and to create stunning, cookies and desserts. Recipes will be available and there will be plants for sale.

Cost \$5 call 734-3006 to register by July 2

Sunday, July 12, 11am -5 pm

Annual Summer Festival

Join a naturopath in the herb gardens for a walk and talk . Take part in qigong and yoga. Hop on a horse drawn wagon for a leisurely trip through the woods. Be serenaded by Jim Blewett and Davis Le Blanc as you have a massage before or after a vegetarian lunch in the gardens.

Entrance fee \$5 covers all except lunch or special workshops.

Photos of past festivals will be on our website.

Summer Hours

Saturdays- at the Dieppe Market
7-am-1:30 pm unless there is a special event at Tansy Lane

Other Days – 10am -5pm or by chance or appointment. It is best to call ahead.

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