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Spring has definitely sprung - or so you would think if you could peek into our greenhouse! We are busy planting perennials and annuals, and they are rewarding us with some early blooms on their still teensy branches. It's so great to get an early preview of what to expect this season - we're kind of a mini-Canada Blooms! We're pretty excited about our selections this year; we're growing some of our favourites, some new and interesting varieties, and we've listened to what you've told us you want and brought in some tried-and-true standards based on your wish lists. Please continue to tell us what you want; we keep a notebook at the cash register and we always make notes of your requests to help guide us when we place our orders.

Opening Thursday March 15!

Plan to stop in and see us starting March 15 (open times are at the end of this newsletter). We may still be busy in the greenhouse, but we'll have lots for you to see in the display area - mixed pots of daffodils, tulips, iris and other bulbs ready to bloom, Easter gifts, house plants and cut flowers. And don't forget, you can bring your summer containers and leave them with us - we'll plant them up so they're nice and full, ready for you to take home in May. You can also choose your containers from our wide selection; we have many different sizes, colours and styles, something for every taste.

Houseplants and Cut Flowers

This is a great time to wake up your slumbering house plants by repotting and fertilizing and reminding them that spring is finally here. We will happily repot your houseplants if you decide to re-pot using a new container from our collection - you're sure to find something that suits your décor and gets your repotted plant off to a great start. We have a great selection of houseplants; if you yearn for something new, check out our display area for succulents, tropicals, ferns and indoor flowering plants. Need a colourful bouquet for a gift or just to brighten up your home? We have lots of cut flowers in our cold room choose from our ready-made bouquets, or we'll custom design an arrangement for you while you wait.

Annuals, 2018

Come Victoria Day weekend, make us your one-stop shop for all your annuals! We have all your favourites: petunias, geraniums, portulaca, million bells, begonias, coleus...way too many to list here. Here are just a few that have caught our eye:

Morning Glory 'Blue My Mind'. Not what you'd expect, a mounding plant that is the most beautiful true blue, difficult to find in any plant but almost impossible in an annual. This does well in containers and looks great mass planted in a border, blooms all summer long and needs no deadheading or cutting back. You could say this is the perfect plant!



All photos courtesy of Proven Winners

Sedum 'Lemon Coral' Sedum (Annual). A new variety we're looking forward to featuring in some of our containers - gorgeous chartreuse foliage is a perfect way to highlight other plants. Great in containers or a flower bed, here it's used as a framework for a couple of different coleus (did we mention we have lots of them as well?). With foliage plants like these, you don't need flowers!



Supertunia 'Honey'. We love petunias for their beautiful long-lasting purples and pinks, but we are really intrigued with the lovely yellow/pink hues of 'Honey'. This soft, pretty colour will look great with contrasting deep purples and pinks or will add an extra dimension of colour combined with fiery reds and oranges. Can't wait to see this one grow!



DIY Container Planting Sessions

If you love planting your own containers, you've probably spent lots of time in past years wandering around garden centres trying to figure out how much dirt you need, wishing you could figure out the exact number of plants you need, wondering if you have enough plants and/or dirt, finding out halfway through your planting at home that you don't have enough of something, having to run out and get some more of something and not being able to find it...We understand! We have the perfect solution for you – come to one of our DIY container sessions, where you can pick and buy exactly what you need and create your own perfect container. We'll supply the dirt and you'll have an almost limitless selection of plants to choose from. Just pay for what you use - we'll even provide our opinions if you ask us (no extra charge!). We'll post DIY dates on facebook, Instagram and on our website.

Special Event May 22

We are open 6pm to 9pm on Tuesday May 22, for all those folks who are away for the long weekend and miss picking up their annuals. We will be hosting a book launch that night, so in addition to picking up all your annuals (and perennials!), stop by and say hello to the authors of a new cookbook, "**Memories and Recipes from Grace's Truck Stop**", which details the story of a local diner that used to thrive on the south side of the city in the 60s and 70s. There will be food samples and refreshments! Launch party begins at 7pm. Full details on our website and at www.gracetruckstop.ca

Spring Hours, 2018

**Thurs, March 15 to Sat, April 21
Open Wed-Sat 9am to 5pm**

**Summer Hours begin April 24
Tues-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm**

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