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A Palm Oasis



Step out your door into your own tropical paradise by adding these hardy palms to the landscape:

- **Birmingham Sabal Palm:** This particular palm has an interest-

ing history. The original Birmingham palm was brought from California and lived at the home of a Miss Alexander in Birmingham for many years. Upon her passing in 1976, the palm was transferred to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens until it died in the late 1980's. Fortunately, Bob McCartney of Woodlander's Nursery obtained seeds from the palm and sold his seedlings, keeping the legacy of this historical palm alive. The Birmingham palm is extremely cold-hardy. In fact, it has survived single digit temperatures and is considered by some to be one of the most cold- hardy palms in the world! (Pictured above.)



- **Needle Palm:** The Needle palm is a small shrubby fan palm. It has no trunk but rather spreads in a clumping form. Its cold hardiness and fast growth habit make it a popular addition to the landscape. (Pictured on right.)

- **Pindo Palm:** The rounded canopy of arching strongly curved branches makes this palm a beautiful specimen. The Pindo is sometimes referred to as the 'Jelly Palm' since, in climates further south, it produces fruit used to make jelly. (Pictured on front cover.)



Father's Day is Sunday, June 20th! Give dad a special gift from Hanna's that will always remind him how thankful you are for all he's done for you! Give him a special tree or shrub...maybe even plant it for him; let him relax in a rocking chair from Hanna's! When in doubt, a gift certificate is the way to go!

Perennials Your Garden Needs



Perennials are a wonderful investment in your garden, returning year after year to brighten the landscape with blooms in every color. Here are some "must-haves" that are blooming now:

- **Black-eyed Susan:** Considered to be classic American wildflowers, these cheerful golden blossoms

give your garden color in summer through fall. 'Goldstrum' is one of the traditional varieties bearing large gold flowers with a dark brown center. (Pictured above.)

- **Catmint:** This low maintenance perennial produces lavender blue flowers from April through September and has fragrant leaves. The 'Walker's Low' variety is lower growing and has a mounding spreading habit. Catmint is a wonderful addition to the cottage garden and makes a beautiful border to walkways. (Pictured on right.)



- **Summer Phlox:** This variety of phlox grows upright and blooms in summer into fall. Invite butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden with this stunning perennial! ('David' variety pictured on right.)



June Gardening Tips



- Water, water, water! Water new landscapes several times a week and container plantings daily. Lawns should be watered once or twice a week. Use mulch in planted areas to conserve moisture.
- Keep mosquitos and ticks away with **EcoSmart Mosquito & Tick Control**. (Safe for use

around children and pets.)

- Deadhead spent blooms in your annual and perennial gardens to promote re-blooming. Foliage may be removed from spring bulbs if it has yellowed and is becoming dry.

- To protect bees that pollinate our crop plants, spray pesticides in the evenings after bees have returned to their hives.
- Watch for leaf spots on hydrangeas. If they appear, spray with a systemic fungicide.

- The Japanese beetles are here! Use **Bayer Grub Control** on your lawn to defend against Japanese beetle grubs all season long and help the turf recover from existing damage done by the grubs. **Japanese Beetle Traps** will snag the adult beetles. **Sevin** also may be used to kill beetles on contact.



Lawn Care

Apply **Ferti-lome Lawn Food Plus Iron** June through August. This fertilizer is high in nitrogen and iron to green up your lawn quickly. A second summer application is recommended for Bermuda lawns. Water thoroughly after application.

