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M - F 8 - Dusk

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#### November

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*Until 12/16*

M - F 8 - 4:30

*After 12/16*

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As my three children prepare to head back to another year of school, it's almost hard to look back and believe that another summer has come and gone. And a hot and dry one it was. Whereas most kids and a lot of families can go to the pool or a favorite pond or lake to cool off and get refreshed, all that our plants at the nursery can do is hope that our staff can get to them with timely water. And I will say that in almost all cases they have. Our nursery stock still looks GREAT, and I welcome everyone to stop in and take a look. No, it's not too late to plant; and with the soil temperature being warm, Fall rains and cooler weather on the horizon, and our healthy nursery stock looking for a home, now is a perfect time to complete that landscaping work that you've been considering.

2005 has been a gratifying year for our business.

- Our unique and unusual evergreen focus has been a success, leading to a second shipment of these plants arriving here in early August. At last count, there are still quantities of over 25 varieties of these plants to choose from. My favorites: Taylor's Sunburst Pine, Balfouriana Spruce, and Rubra Spicata Spruce.

- Our potted Shrub Roses have looked healthy and beautiful all year long.

- Our inventory of Pine, Spruce, Arbor Vitae and Larch has stayed consistent all year.

- A significant change of direction in our marketing effort has put us in front of more of our customers. This change entailed the establishment of this bi-annual newsletter, a direct mail postcard, and advertising on WHBY – as well as a 1 hour call in show on the 4th Friday of every month with Steve and Joe from our nursery and Kathy Kuene and Mike Diamond from WHBY.

- Retention of all of our key employees, which means we've all gained another year of experience to share with you when you stop in at the nursery, work with one of our landscape designers, or have one of our crews working at your home.

I hope that you are benefiting from everything that we try to do for you here.

In regards to the upcoming Fall season, Steve will once again be out in Fox Valley neighborhoods doing his TREE PATROL on Saturdays, so if you see him in your neighborhood with a truck, trailer and selection of trees and evergreens for sale, he'd love to say hi to you.

We hope to see you this Fall. Thank you and Happy Planting!

*Rick Sanderfoot*

## Landscape Design Notebook

by Joe Meulemans, Landscape Design & Horticulture

*Winter.* It seems to tease us with flurries as early as late October and won't fully leave until sometime in May. So, what's happening in your yard during these bleak months?

Bleak months?! Winter can be the most beautiful season in the garden. As foliage is shed from trees and shrubs, and perennials have wilted with the frost, a whole new aspect of the landscape is exposed.

Deciduous trees and shrubs can have unique structure, interesting bark color and texture, or attractive fruits, nuts, or capsules. Many perennials will also add to the winter landscape: ornamental grasses with dried foliage and decorative tassels; dried flowers and seedheads from Astilbe, Echinacea and Rudbeckia, to name a few. And, of course, evergreens take on a more important role during winter with various forms, colors and textures.

As you ponder ways to enhance your winter landscape, consider Dogwood, Hydrangea, Barberry, Burning Bush, flowering Crab Apple, Hawthorn, Amur Maple, Juniper, Spruce, Pine, and Arbor Vitae.

By using plants such as these, the designers at Van Zeeland Nursery can help you turn a bleak winter landscape into a garden of interest and excitement.



**It's late Summer,**  
**approaching Fall! Be**  
**on the lookout for ...**

- **Dry plants**
- **Spider mites**
- **Rodents looking to create nests for the winter.**

**If you notice any of these, and you need assistance, stop in with a sample of your problem and talk to one of our professionals. We are here to help you find answers to your gardening and landscaping questions.**

*A person who cares about the earth will resonate with its purity. S. Fox*



## Winterizing Your Landscape

by Steve Van Ryzin  
Landscape Design & Horticulture

Can you feel it? The seasonal change is right around the corner. Soon we'll be raking the leaves of summer and watching the geese as they make their annual migration further south. This is also the time for us to prepare our landscapes for the challenges of the Wisconsin winter. There are three important

tasks that can help to ensure your plants' health and vigor in the coming spring.

The first task is to make sure that your plants have adequate moisture. It is very important to maintain a regular watering schedule on any newly planted tree, shrub, or perennial up until the ground freezes. The reason for this is plants continue to produce root growth until the ground freezes, which is usually around mid-to-late November.

Evergreen trees and shrubs will especially benefit from late season watering. They can lose a tremendous amount of moisture through their needles during winter. A dry evergreen is much more susceptible to winterburn or brown needles in the spring. It's a great idea to make a habit of giving all of your plants a good soaking one last time before you put your hose into storage for the winter.

The second task is to protect your plants from animal damage. Wrap young trees with tree wrap to prevent rabbits and mice from chewing the bark in the winter. Wrap the trunk up to the first branch to protect it if we get any deep snow. Rabbits and mice are especially fond of young ornamental (Flowering Crabs) and fruit trees.

### Other Plants to Check Out:

- **Blue Muffin™ Arrowwood Viburnum** - beautiful white flowers in spring, clusters of rich blue berries later in summer. 5-7' in height; 4-6' in width.
- **Korean Spice Viburnum** - highly fragrant blooms in spring, with dark pink buds that open to white flowers. A large rounded shrub with dark green foliage. 6-8' in height; 4-6' in width.
- **Sumac** - several varieties to choose from, with all providing beautiful fall color of orange, red and yellow.
- **Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry** - as a single stem or multi trunk tree, it has an interesting spreading branch pattern and attractive light gray bark. White blossoms in spring lead to sweet purplish-black fruit. Brilliant red-orange fall leaf color.
- **Emerald Carousel Barberry** - this deep green leafed Barberry offers outstanding red to reddish-purple fall foliage that turns early and remains well into the fall before dropping.

Rabbits will also tend to graze on other ornamental shrubs as well. You can prevent this by placing a cylinder of chicken wire around the base of desirable shrubs. Their favorites are Burning Bush, Purple Plum, Variegated Dogwood, Dwarf Lilacs, and Arbor Vitae. They will also eat Spireas, Barberries, Roses and, well, just about anything if they're hungry enough. The damage to the Arbor Vitae is permanent so protecting it is imperative. The deciduous plants can regrow but it is still very disappointing to lose any growth when it can be prevented.

Deer can also cause significant damage to our landscapes in the winter. They will most often choose evergreens like Arbor Vitae, Yew, and Pine to eat. This can be prevented by using a physical barrier like fencing or using a Deer repellent such as "Liquid Fence". Liquid Fence can be very effective when applied early and often throughout the winter. It is also effective against rabbits.

The final task is to protect your tender or marginally hardy plants. This would include "Endless Summer" Hydrangea and Shrub Roses. The simplest way that I've found is to take a bushel full of shredded bark and actually mound it up into the branches of the plant to help insulate it against the cold. The best time to apply the mulch is after mid November. The mulch can then be removed in the spring when it is warm enough and spread into the garden.

These tasks will help to protect the investment you've made in your landscape. Once they're complete you can just sit back and enjoy the Wisconsin winter. "Brrrrr!!!"

## Featured Plant

Our featured plant is the **Glossy Black Chokeberry**. This splendid ornamental shrub provides excellent year-round interest, with white flowers in May, followed by 1/4" black fruits that hang on well into winter. The fall color is also outstanding. Stop in and take a look; add this beautiful shrub to your landscape today!

**Glossy Black Chokeberry - Aronia melanocarpa var. elata**

Zone: 3-7

Height: 4-6'

Spread: 4-6'

Shape: Compact, rounded

Foliage: Glossy green

Fall Foliage: Brilliant Red

Answers to your fall garden questions inside!

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Check out our featured plant inside!  
It's available now at the nursery!



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