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garden visions for over a
decade.*

Greetings!

It's been quite a summer for us so far here at OGS. Our first ever Sad Little (And Big) Plant Sale was a great success, our amazing new pond, courtesy of [Joe Cummings](#) has filled in and already looks like it's been there forever, and all the sun, rain and humidity has made the plants grow like crazy. We won't even mention how this year's thunderstorms have also had us standing up trees for hours on end.

We hope that your gardens are thriving and you're able to keep up with the weeding! We definitely have our hands full here at the nursery. Remember to take care of yourself when you're outside working in the sun. Sun protection and personal hydration are a must, and always keep an eye out for [poison oak, poison sumac and particularly poison ivy](#), which has been showing up a lot more than usual in our area this year.

We have some changes to nursery hours to let you know about, some reminders and tips for keeping your garden healthy during the hottest part of the year and info on some great new planters we just got in. There's an upcoming free seminar to let you know about, and OGS is proud to be a stop on the Rochester Pond Tour for the first time this year. So read on and we'll look forward to seeing you here at the nursery soon!

Cheers,

Al Pfeiffer, Owner
Oriental Garden Supply

P.S. - There's a print & clip coupon at the bottom of the newsletter as well - don't miss it!

Summer Hour Changes

We have changed our hours for the remainder of the summer:

Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm

Saturday, 9am - 4pm

Sunday, closed

We will keep this schedule through Labor Day (September 6) and send out an update when we change over to Fall hours.



Watering 101

This is the time of the year when gardens and landscapes are the most stressed. Sun and high temperatures are a great combination to get everything growing, but it's also the time to be more aware than usual of getting enough water to your plants. Customers occasionally come to us with clippings and pictures of plants with brown, curled up, dried out foliage and ask us what's gone wrong. The vast majority of the time, it's a very simple answer: not enough water. So what can you do to make sure your plants not only survive through the dog days of summer but continue to thrive?

One of the simplest things to do is make sure you really *look* at your garden on a daily basis and see how the plants are doing. It sounds almost too basic, but it can be easy to overlook of the most obvious signs your plants are giving you that they're stressed. Are they looking droopy? Do they seem to be "collapsing"? Are they dropping leaves, or slightly off-color? Because we look at them every day, sometimes we don't see what's right in front of us.

Another essential tool for your garden is a moisture meter. These are simple devices that you stick into the ground where they measure moisture levels at the root level. This helps to prevent both over and under watering. There are any number of different types - some with a single probe, some with a double probe, some with probes at the end of a flexible wire, others with a single inflexible rod. Essentially, a moisture meter measures the resistance to a very mild electric current in the soil. Water is a very effective conductor, so the less resistance to the electric current in the soil, the more moisture is detected. The more resistance, the less moisture is in the soil. Moisture meters can be very simple or can get pretty fancy. Most home gardeners can get by with a basic model for \$10 or less.

Take some time every day to look around at your plants, test when you need to and water when you can. Regardless of what method you use, keeping your plants from being under or over watered through the heat of the summer is vital to making sure they're healthy and strong when they head into dormancy in the fall.

New Product Spotlight



We recently discovered some amazing planters from a company called [Crescent Garden](#). Ranging from sleek contemporary styles to Asian influenced pieces to more traditional designs, we liked what we saw in their catalog so we brought some in and they're even more impressive in person. We have sizes ranging from 31" high vertical planters to 31" wide dish garden bowls and many sizes in-between. We also have pieces in a range of styles: the modern Daniel (pictured above) and [Eye Am](#) lines, the Asian-influenced [Montana](#) line, the more traditional [Nomi](#) line. They're lightweight, crack proof, fade proof, have a 10 year warranty, are made from type 2 molded polymer (which means they're completely recyclable) and if you don't like the colors we have here, can be ordered in a wide range of colors. Great for deck planters, miniature rock gardens, and so much more. What's not to like? Come in and check them out!

Upcoming August Seminar

We have a *free* seminar we're offering to our OGS Friends in August. If you would like to participate, either send us an email or call the nursery to reserve your place. Seminars are limited to 30 participants and spaces are available on first-come, first-served basis.

Divide and Conquer

Thursday, August 26, 2010, 5:30pm-7:30pm
(extreme heat/rain date: Sat., Aug. 28, 9:00a-11:00a)

The hot weather of August is the perfect time for dividing many plants in the garden. Dividing not only produces more plants for the following year, but helps plants stay strong and healthy.

Nursery Manager Chris Law and OGS owner Al Pfeiffer will be demonstrating the basic tools and techniques for creating divisions, as well as how to plant them properly and give them a great head start for next year. There will also be a discussion on choosing new plants to add to your garden landscape - which are shade lovers, which are sun lovers and which just like being in soil! Light refreshments will be provided, and afterward, participants will be invited to take some time to explore the nursery and do some shopping.



8th Annual Rochester Pond Tour

Oriental Garden Supply is proud to be one of the many stops on the [8th Annual Rochester Pond Tour](#). This is Rochester's largest pond tour, with pond owners proudly displaying over 40 ponds and water features designed by the area's best installers and some very talented do-it-yourselfers. This is our first time as part of the tour, so we hope you'll join us. We have advance tickets available at OGS for \$5; on the day of the event, they go up to \$10. Children under 12 are free. The Rochester Pond Tour is brought to you by Sunrise Aquatics and Sponsored by Northern Stone and Design Center.

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