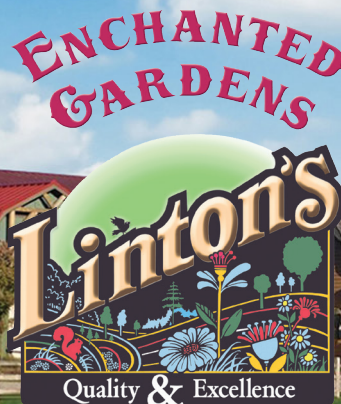




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Center Glow Ninebark



The Garden Cafe is open,
and the first Chef's special is **The Cobb Salad for \$11.99, drink included.**

A perfect springtime lunch!

Spring is in the air, and Easter is on its way!

All throughout the Conservatory and the Floral & Interior Decor Shoppe, you'll find little touches of springtime.



In the Ladies Boutique:

Ocean blue lightweight dress with white floral accent by Simply Noelle. Paired with a white lacy cover up by Umgee.
New fashion also by Umgee: a pretty pink romper with a scalloped neckline paired with a Charlie Paige multi layered beaded watch and sunhat.



Just flew in for spring:
Isn't this Gold-O Bird House adorable?
Many varieties are available in the secret garden.

New for this year:

Aged old world ceramic pottery with a removable drain plug. Available in two sizes. Also shown: rubber paint finish contemporary pots. They feature a removable drain plug for indoor or outdoor use. Soft satin finish available in black and white. Perfect size for a "drop and go" finished look



Dear Mr. Smarty - I am anxious to get my Spring pruning done early. I am new to gardening, can you get me started?

- signed, Ready to get growing

Dear Ready: Sure! But first, do your homework before the Spring rush. Read about pruning times for the shrubs and trees you'll work with. There are many reasons to prune. Decide if you are pruning to rejuvenate an old plant for new growth, trim for shape, salvage a damaged plant, or simply promote new blossoms.

Branches and limbs that appear dead, may actually not be. Live branches are limber, whereas dead ones are brittle and break. Start by sampling a small section of bark which may reveal active green growth beneath. Delay most pruning chores until just before the end of dormancy. You don't want to disrupt a plant's internal chemical messengers which signal it to grow as the weather warms. Try to reduce moisture loss at cutting wound points. This is important to the survival of new growth during late Spring. Cells don't normally form scar tissue over pruning cuts made in Winter. In warmer weather, however, healing occurs quicker, as active growth returns during the seasonal cycle. Slope cuts so snow melt and rain water will drain off. Don't use tree paint or wound sealer, as they don't promote wound closure or prevent decay. Reserve them for use on cuts for branch diameters larger than 2 or 3 inches.

Juniper are best pruned in late Winter, just prior to Spring warming. Other needed evergreens and conifers prefer very early Summer for maintenance pruning. They usually only produce one flush of new growth. Plants that will tolerate dormant pruning are: Smoke Tree, some Summer-blooming Hydrangea varieties, some Rose varieties, and Cotoneaster. Recent findings indicate that dormant pruning of Oak trees during Winter helps to greatly reduce Oak Wilt believed to be spread by fungus carried by insects during warmer weather.

Not all trees and shrubs can endure severe removal of excessive growth. Many prefer gradual rejuvenation, called "renewal pruning", done over 2-3 years. Those that can tolerate hard pruning are: Hydrangea, Lilac, Forsythia, multi-branched Dogwoods; some Spirea, Weigela, and Potentilla. Purple Sand Cherry, Burning Bush, Viburnum, and Witchazel like a gradual trim. Spring blooming items are best left alone until after flowering completes. Early pruning can reduce their display. For fun, try forcing some branches of these like: Forsythia, flowering Quince, flowering Almond, or Redbud. Non-traditional shrubs can be forced too. Red Twig Dogwood, Hickory, Cherry, European Birch, Peach, or Red Maple will produce surprising and unique results. Forcing not only provides colorful enjoyment out of season, but gives insight into what you might like to plant next when the weather warms.

Signed, Mr. Smarty Plants