



The Glenwild Gardener



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It's time for planting and growing and getting our hands in the dirt again! Every year I get so excited to be outside smelling spring (rain, soil, new leaves) and to pick our new perennials and make all these plans that I forget how much work it is. This year is no different. I do love winter, but in years such as this with no snow, what was the point? So bring on the warmth!

An update on the garden center brings us sad news and glad news. Janet has moved south after being with us for 8 years and we will miss her very much. Julie Elliot-Schultz (Master Gardener) and Kevin Caputo are joining us and bring a lot of experience with them. We will all be here to give you the highest quality service and to help you enjoy gardening to the fullest!



Jodie MacLeus

A Recipe from the Garden

Try this herb vinaigrette with ingredients from your garden. Toss with baby lettuces or mesclun greens from a planter kept by the kitchen door. Just snip off the leaves with scissors to keep them growing. Use 1/4 cup combined total of all ingredients except oil and vinegar. Adjust herbs for different tastes.

- 1 clove garlic
- Fresh Italian Parsley
- Basil
- Tarragon
- Poppy Seeds
- Whirl in food processor, adding 1 cup extra virgin olive oil in steady stream until thick. Add 1/4 cup balsamic or other flavorful vinegar.

**“Here I view in
soften’d shadings
Am’rous flower to
flower incline...”**

**Aaron Hill
19th century
Loveliest of lovely things**



**are they,
On earth that
soonest pass away.
The rose that lives
its little hour
Is prized beyond
the sculptured flower.**

**William Cullen Bryant
1794-1878**

Diatomaceous Earth

Diatomaceous earth sounds too good to be true. We've finally found a product that will prevent slugs from destroying your garden without any chemicals (and without wasting your beer). Diatomaceous earth is an abrasive silica dust made up of tiny particles with razor-sharp edges. It is formed from the ancient skeletal remains, or shells, of algae.

It is most effective on slugs, grubs, and other soil bugs, but is digestible by earthworms, and is also harmless to animals. Put down after a light rain around the base of your plants and on the stem. It can actually also help with mildew problems.

The dust also contains 14 trace minerals, so when it is eventually washed into the soil, it can only help. The diatomaceous earth used in swimming pool filters is a different product and would therefore be useless for this application.



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Pond-tificating by Brad MacKenn



Pooled in the back of my mind, and possibly in yours, lies the childhood memory of enjoying a stream or pond in the backyard or neighborhood. Whether it was skipping stones, hunting crayfish, catching turtles, spying on water bugs, or just watching raindrops make their rings, all those hours of playing with water (or in it) have left a lasting impression on me.

It's that "watermark" that works its way into more and more of my landscape designs as I'm getting older. Maybe it's my response to its growing popularity - or maybe I want to share those memories and bring them to life in someone else's backyard. The ponds most frequently installed in today's residential landscapes are hardly big enough to skip stones in, but it is exciting to see the first frog move in, or the first water lily bloom, or to watch a waterfall become an ever changing ice sculpture in winter.

Ponds animate a space like a flag on the front of a house moving in the breeze. A waterfall, fountain or spouting statue provide background or "white noise." Whether smooth or rippled, the water surface reflects the sky or background, enlarging the perception of the garden. There are countless ways a pond may enhance a garden whether it is designed as the focal point or it is added later—possibly as a hidden treasure to be discovered within the garden.

Water gardens are fun to install and

easy to maintain if they are planned well. If you would like to incorporate a water feature into your garden or use one to begin a garden, the best locations are:

- Away from deciduous trees. The leaves are messy and bad for water quality.
- Away from areas of frequent standing water. Subsurface water will lift pond liners.
- In partial to full sun. It's needed for almost all aquatic plants.
- If you have very rocky soil or sheer ledge rock in the way, you can build a strong wall around what will become an elevated pond and never dig at all.

You will find all the pond hardware you need to get started at Glenwild Garden Center, as well as answers to all your questions. If you would like to enjoy the hobby without the hassle, our landscape department can design and install a water garden for you. You will soon see why ponds are making waves in the garden.

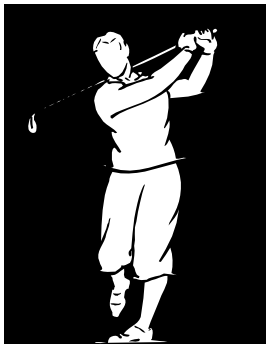
Spring Check List

- Clean, repair or replace tools (invest in *quality* made tools such as Snow & Neally)
- Always make sure soil is prepped before planting - Till, add compost, manure, etc.

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- Prune Azaleas & Rhododendrons *after* blooming
- Fertilize spring bulbs as they mature for stronger blooms
- Buy a bird house this year and watch the baby birds
- Put Lady Bugs in your garden for a non-chemical way of getting rid of aphids. (available end of April)

Golfing at Glenwild Greens



Glenwild Greens is a challenging 9 hole par three golf course gracefully draped over the hill above Glenwild Garden Center. Each fairway is surrounded by a wooded rough and a charming gazebo sits next to the pond. The golf course, even though small, is not a small challenge to accomplished golfers. The fairways are narrow and hilly and provide quite a bit of excitement and high use of your irons. Gift certificates are available and make a great present to the *other* hobbyist in the family.

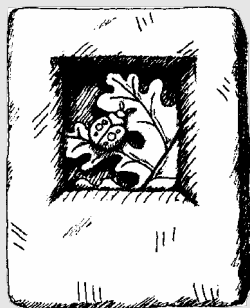




The Gift Shop at Glenwild

This unique collection of garden accessories, garden related products, and collectables will delight and surprise you. Wander through and see items such as

- *Woodstock* Chimes
- *Stone Garden* animals, angels and gargoyles
- *Carruth* stone
- *Santa Barbara* ceramics
- *Charming Tails* collection
- Table top fountains
- *Arboria* cedar arbors
- *Kinsman* hand thrown clay pots



Shade Gardening *by Julie Elliott-Schultz*

Shade gardening is one of the most rewarding gardening pastimes of all—a dark, cool spot beckons in the heat and humidity of late summer and it's about the only place we want to be. Some of us are lucky enough to have established trees that provide ample shade. For those of you who don't, the nursery at Glenwild has a variety of shade trees available, and we can help you choose the perfect specimen for your shade garden.

If, like a lot of homes in this area, you have plenty of shade, we can help you with the next step. Complimentary shrubs such as rhododendrons, azaleas and hydrangeas help define your shade garden. Perennials, planted under and around the trees, make a beautiful counterpoint to the structure of the larger plants. Hostas and ferns are the most common and easiest to care for, but there are many others equally desirable. The Lenten Rose (*Helleborus orientalis*) blooms in early spring. Sweet Woodruff (*Gallium odoratum*) blooms late in spring, and Monkshood (*Aconitum*), although poisonous, is an attractive upright plant with blue blossoms during mid-summer. Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*) is perhaps the best of all. It does well in sun or shade and has a long blooming season with tiny yellow flowers.

Annuals have their purpose in the

shade garden as well. Who can resist the non-stop color of *Impatiens*? There are *Coleus*, with its multi-colored leaves, *Browallia*, *Torenia*, and *Begonias* to compliment your landscape. Remember also, most bulbs bloom when the leaves have

not yet fully formed on your deciduous trees, and therefore will be quite comfortable in your semi-shade garden (Deciduous means they will lose their leaves in fall).

Don't forget that most shade plants have more delicate flowers and won't make a flashy showing. This is one of the most beautiful aspects of shade gardening. You must slow down to notice its quiet beauty, and so

another important question of the shade garden arises: where to sit and rest? A hammock whispers temptation each time you pass by, but a bench can be both restful and beautiful. A bird bath or pond bring birds to sing and wildlife to delight in, and a few choice pieces of statuary complete the look.

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be both restful*



Hosta, Lungwort, & Primrose

Perfect Shade Perennials

At Glenwild Garden Center, we have a wide selection of shade plants to satisfy all of us with shady yards. Here is a partial list of perennials to tempt you.

- Hosta
- Astilbe
- Helleborus* (Lenten Rose)
- Primula* (Primrose)

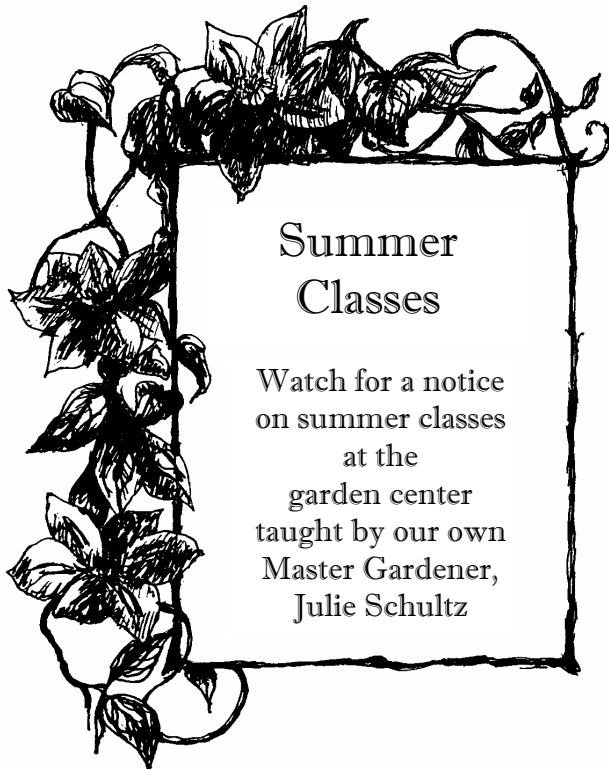
- Tricyrtis* (Japanese Toad Lily)
- Pulmonaria* (Lungwort)
- Tradescantia* (Spiderwort)
- Epimedium* (Barrenwort)
- Trillium*
- Myosotis* (Forget-me-not)
- Galium odoratum* (Sweet Woodruff)
- Dicentra* (Bleeding Heart)
- Japanese Anemone
- Aquilegia* (Columbine)
- QAA



This was one of my prayers: for a parcel of land not so very large, which should have a garden and a spring of ever-flowing water near the house, and a bit of woodland as well as these.
Horace 65-8 B.C.



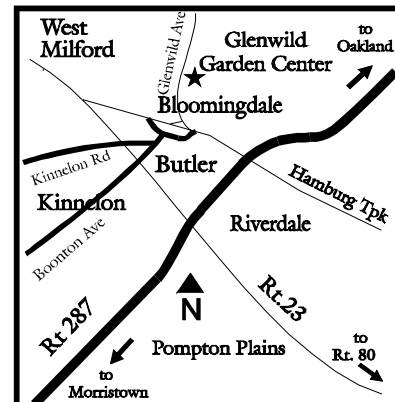
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Off the beaten path, but worth the trip

