

WHAT'S COMING UP AT SANDHILL NURSERY IN 2006



Jeepers Creepers & Oh Deer!

May 11th - 6 - 7 P.M.

It's all about the great cover-up caper. Nature used ground cover as 'earth carpets' way before we started gardening. Think of groundcover as the labor saving device of the garden. If your garden is on the deer menu, learn what plants will cause them to turn up their noses. If your favourite plants are deer-licious, there are products that can help.

Home & Garden Daze

May 6th & 7th

Visit us at *2006 Home Show at the Huntsville Centennial Centre*

These two plant-astic days will kick-start your gardening urge into high gear. Check out what's 'cool' and what's 'hot' for the 2006 garden. Tim has some words of wisdom on container gardening. Enter a draw to win gardening gadgets and more and enjoy some refreshments as we launch another Sandhill Summer.

Our friend and gardening guru Marjorie Harris will be on hand with some timely gardening tips.



Bambi Be Gone

July 8th - 12 noon - 1 P.M.

Get the goods on keeping deer away from your flowers, bulbs, shrubs and hedges. This will be a jam-packed hour of Do's and Don'ts for keeping the deer at bay. We love 'em too but not when they're nibbling on our nasturtiums.

Landscape Design Day

July 20th - 5 - 7 P.M.

Pick up some terrific tips on landscape design that's both professional and aesthetically pleasing. The Sandhill experts will touch on the key elements of design including colour schemes that will wow the gardener in you!

Decorating for Autumn is a hot new trend!

September 9th - 5 - 7 P.M.

The rich autumn palette makes fall the perfect time to decorate. Learn to create your own spectacular fall display. Take home a pretty container overflowing with harvest-time bounty. We've got pumpkins and gourds galore, oh my! It's early enough in the season to borrow Thanksgiving décor ideas from the spectacular harvest displays.

Just \$10/person so sign up early to avoid disappointment!

Sandhill Nursery's Annual Open House & you're invited!

September 23rd - October 1st

Tim doesn't rest on his laurels. Of course he's opening the door to his century-old stone farmhouse and welcoming guests into a place magically transformed into a festive wonderland. But there is always something new at Sandhill. This year the Huntsville Art Crowd will be on site in the Greenhouse with fabulous arts and crafts for holiday giving. Christmas may be three months away, but all of the sights, fragrance, and sounds of the holidays are present for an entire glorious week.

Browse, shop and sip on cider as Tim and his elves inspire you with their creativity. Sandhill is the place where Town & Country meet in a spirit of hospitality and the magic of Christmas.

A Country Christmas

November - December 24th

Breathe in the sweet scent of a freshly cut Christmas tree. Choose from simple to simply beautiful wreaths & garlands either made by nature or created by hand. Our stores brim with holiday giftware, greenery and spectacular displays that will inspire your own Christmas creativity.

Whether you're a 'holly jolly' guy or more of a 'sparkle and shine' gal, the Christmas shops of Sandhill Nursery add country-style warmth & character to your holiday celebration.

Time to Trim

- The best time to cut branches is when the tree is dormant – generally in the Fall
- In a pinch, you can cut small branches away at any time

Blooming Treats for Shrubs

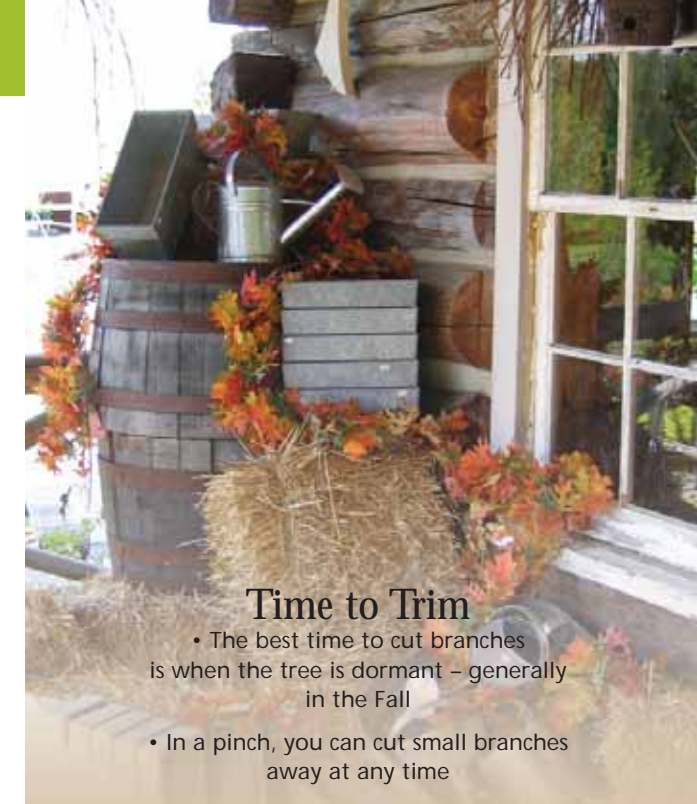
- Spring bloomers start forming buds in the Fall. Feed them during this time and you'll have your pay-off the following Spring

Lawn and Order

- Feed Spring & Summer with Green Earth organic lawn food
- Cut only 1/3 of the grass blade (the top 1/3) — it helps to crowd weeds out naturally

Garden of Weedin'

- Dig out the entire plant, taproot and all before they produce seed
- Vigorous lawns or other plantings can crowd out dandelions
- If all else fails rid your lawn of dandelions by picking the leaves for greens, the blossoms for wine and jelly, and the roots for coffee



A Message from Tim and the Sandhill Gang...



Spring fever has arrived at Sandhill and we can't wait to get our hands dirty! The bees are buzzing and we're gearing up for a fun-filled season at Sandhill.

When you're as totally passionate about plants as we are, the growing season can't come soon enough. We believe in using conventional gardening wisdom combined with a solid base of horticultural know-how of the most up-to-date varieties.

I was lucky enough to spend part of our Canadian winter on the other side of the world in the natural beauty of Vietnam. It's a country of diverse beauty, a dark history, and extreme poverty, yet the spirit of these wonderful people put a smile on my face every day. It was such a contrast to home with rich green palm and banana trees providing a backdrop for the vibrant orange of the exotic 'Bird of Paradise' plants.

On the other hand, in the cities I saw boulevards filled with marigolds, parks brimming with lantanas, cleomes and even the good old petunia! In the lush tropical climate plants spilled and overflowed over containers, edged gardens and hanging baskets. It was such a treat to see the same plants that we use back home being utilized in the same way in Southeast Asia.

It really made me think that whatever, economic, political or social situation of a country, in the end one thing is for sure... There is always the garden.

Tim's Corny Gardening Jokes:

Q: *What are strawberries when they are sad?*

A: *Blueberries.*

Q: *What tree is always unhappy?*

A: *The blue spruce.*

Q: *What does the letter 'A' have in common with a flower?*

A: *They both have bees that come after them.*

Sandhill Nursery — Then & Now

The original farm was a deeded land grant to the Spiers family in 1868. It featured mixed farming and pastureland until purchased by the Bill & Carol Adams in 1986, when Sandhill Nursery was born. The primary focus was horticulture but as greenhouses, gift shops and the expansion of the grounds for display purposes took root, Sandhill also became a popular tourist attraction.

In 2002 Tim Cantelon, a Landscape Technician & Horticulturist from Niagara College, bought Sandhill Nursery. Tim and his staff have a real passion for the business and are motivated to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with their customers. Not content to rest on Sandhill's laurels, Tim strives to add value every year through new products and exciting events and activities.

Tim brought an organic growing philosophy to Sandhill, which he believes is perfect for Muskoka. "I want to help Muskoka's natural landscape to thrive. I believe that organic practices are better for the environment and it doesn't have to be more costly to adopt them." His staff agrees: "We take great pride and pleasure in offering top-quality plants that are hardy and suitable for this climate. It's all about choosing plant materials that are in tune with the natural elements that are present here. Why fight nature? When we cooperate with the environment, we are rewarded with healthy and hardy plants that can't fail to thrive."

Visit us to learn what's hot and what's not, what's in, and what's out and mostly what's 'growing on' in Muskoka!



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