



Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday April 16th 10 AM

REMODEL, REJUVENATE, AND REINVENT'

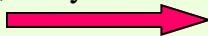
Join Scott Nannini, lead designer for Bushnell Landscape Creations, and graduate of the U. C. Davis school of Landscape Architecture for this spring Saturday clinic that will help you 'Remodel, Rejuvenate, and Reinvent' your outdoor living spaces. Also, get answers to your specific questions regarding future renovations that you would like to make

Sunday April 17th 1 to 3 PM

Join us as we welcome Farmer Fred, Lifetime Master Gardener and the host of the "KFBK Garden Show" on News Talk 1530 KFBK each Sunday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by "Get Growing" on [Talk 650 KSTE](#), 10 a.m. to Noon. Farmer Fred will be here at the nursery to answer and garden questions you might have.

Saturday April 23rd 10 AM

Bring the kids, They'll love it!!!



BENEFICIAL BACKYARD BUGS!

Join us as we welcome Angie Raskin to the nursery. Angie will focus on common insects found in our gardens. She will share a variety of live insects for close up study. Learn about their life cycles, habitats, camouflage, and defenses.

Saturday April 30th 10 AM

ORGANIC GARDENING FROM THE GROUND UP

Join us as we welcome John Williams for an informational clinic on vegetable gardening in our area. It all begins with our soil, and John will teach us how to prepare and feed our soil so it can feed us.



Get Ready, They're Coming!

If you're a lover of white and light colored roses, you know who I mean. Hoplia Beetles. There is no preventative or cure, but you can aid in cutting their numbers. Hoplia beetles lay their eggs in farm fields and pastures along fence lines where the soil is undisturbed. In early spring the adult beetles emerge from the soil and fly to gardens where they feed on light colored roses and other flowers. They are generally active from late March to early May. After feeding the adults fly back to their egg-laying sites and it starts all over again. There is only one generation a year. So how can you help stem the tide? By hand picking the beetles and disposing of them. There are no insecticides, systemic or other wise that work against them. The more we pick and get rid of, the fewer there will be to lay eggs.

Some suggest using white buckets with soapy water. The beetles are attracted to the light color, they fall in and drown. I just hand pick what I can see, cut off the blooms that have holes in them, drop them all in a paper bag, close it up and toss them in the trash. Sarah Puckett P.S. Jeannie says cut the beetle with the pruners or smash them before you put them in the bag



EARTH CARE FARMS

VEGETABLES & ANNUAL COLOR ARRIVING DAILY

If you get a chance come in and see our vegetables and annual color. We grew them on site and they are very well suited to our climate. We are also proud to announce our new line *Bushnell's private reserve Seeds*

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GARDEN JOBS - April

- ◆ Check irrigation systems. Fix blocks and leaks in drip systems.
- ◆ Fertilize any trees and shrubs not treated in March with a slow-release fertilizer.
- ◆ Check for yellowing *between* leaf veins on azaleas and camellias and apply chelated (soluble) iron if needed.
- ◆ Continue to hand pick snails and slugs. Trap earwigs and snails with rolled newspaper, unrinsed tuna cans, or pans of beer.
- ◆ Feed bulb plants after flowers fade. Do not cut back leaves until they are brown. These leaves make the food stored in the bulb for next year.
- ◆ Pinch chrysanthemums back to 12 inches for fabulous fall bloom. Cut out old stems.
- ◆ Feed citrus during bloom and fruit set. Use a low dose of balanced fertilizer or fertilizer specially formulated for citrus.
- ◆ Clean out fountains, pond bottoms, stream beds, pumps, and filters.
- ◆ Clean up outdoor furniture and bring out furniture stored over the winter.
- ◆ Cut flowers from your garden and create arrangements to enjoy indoors. Try using interesting foliage from your shrubs to enhance the bouquets.

How is your irrigation system????

Is it ready for the summer? Bushnell's, your full service landscape choice, can make sure your irrigation is up and running right. Our irrigation tech will go through your system sprinkler by sprinkler and drip by drip. Ask one of our sales staff how to get on his list or call Bushnell main office at 791-0756.

TREE WORK

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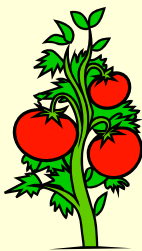
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Introducing the new 'Bushnell WebBlast'

Last year the Bushnell Team had been faithfully delivering all of the monthly newsletters and coupons to your e-mail inbox thru our old eBlast system. Now, via our new website, we have developed a new WebBlast system to deliver your monthly emails. We apologize to those of you who have tried to un-subscribe in the past. With this new system you may choose which mailing you want to receive and may un-subscribe at any time.

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